

Section 6: University Policies

Smoking in State System Building and Facilities

It is the policy of the State System to respect the preferences of both the non tobacco user and the tobacco user in State System buildings and facilities, but when these preferences conflict, the preferences of the non tobacco user shall prevail.

All State System buildings and facilities are to be maintained as non-tobacco using buildings. This includes all Academic Buildings, Residence Halls, and Athletic Facilities (i.e. courts, tracks, pools, fields, etc.). The Student Memorial Center, owned by Student Services, Inc. shall remain a non-tobacco using building.

In recognition of the health hazards of environmental tobacco use for the non tobacco user, tobacco use shall be restricted in State System building and facilities as provided in guidelines propounded by the Office of the Chancellor. The right of an individual to protect his or her health shall take precedence over an individual's desire to smoke **or use tobacco. Because of the known short-term and long-term health consequences of second hand smoke as well as the sanitary hazards of spit from dip and other tobacco products, students have the right to be able to walk, live, and be educated in clean, smoke-free and tobacco free environments. Students also have the right to file complaints to university officials when individuals are breaking the said policy or using tobacco in non tobacco using areas.**

In recognition of the needs of the tobacco user, the use of tobacco shall be permitted in designated smoking area. **These designated tobacco use areas will be located at least twenty feet away from all entrances of all buildings. Tobacco use within twenty feet of any building, court, field, etc. is strictly prohibited. The designated tobacco use areas will be located in a convenient spot for the tobacco user yet far enough away to prevent harm to any other student's, faculty's, staff's, or administrator's health. Restrictions of tobacco use on campus include the following:**

- 1) **Smoking and/or smokeless tobacco use is prohibited in all University academic buildings, residence halls, sporting facilities, and the Student Memorial Center.**
- 2) **Smoking and/or smokeless tobacco use is prohibited twenty feet around all entrances and exits of the above locations.**
- 3) **Smoking and/or smokeless tobacco use is prohibited on sidewalks, streets, or other pathways that carry heavy loads of traffic.**
- 4) **Smoking and/or smokeless tobacco use will be allowed in designated smoking sections.**

If students, faculty, staff, and administrators are found to be violating any of the above rules, the following actions may be taken upon them:

- 1) Written warning of violation if using tobacco inside academic buildings, residence halls, sporting facilities, the Student Memorial Center.**
- 2) Monetary fines of \$20.00-\$100.00 can be charged to those violating the policy.**
- 3) Monetary fines of \$100.00-\$500.00 can be charged to those littering on campus property of tobacco products.**

Tobacco use areas shall be designated that are convenient, adequately ventilated, and operationally feasible.