

## **Smoke-Free Campus Policy and Implementation Procedures**

### **I. Policy**

California State University, Fresno is committed to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for the students, faculty and staff of this campus. The United States Surgeon General in his 1996 report on Involuntary Smoking concluded:

- Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers, and
- The simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke.

The Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen, a substance known to cause cancer in humans. The EPA does not recognize a safe level of exposure to Group A carcinogens.

The legislature of the State of California and the public through the initiative ballot have enacted legislation banning smoking from workplaces and all buildings accessible to the general public throughout the state. Consistent with this trend the Trustees of the California State University have enacted regulations banning smoking from within twenty (20) feet of buildings. The Trustees have further authorized campuses to limit smoking to specified areas or ban smoking on the campus altogether.

In light of these findings and actions,

1. The University shall be a smoke free campus except for officially posted designated smoking areas effective April 1, 2003. In addition, the use of smokeless tobacco in any form is strongly discouraged and shall not be permitted in any classroom or other enclosed facility.
2. Smoke-generating tobacco products shall be not be sold or distributed in any manner on campus either in vending machines, the student union, the Kennel Bookstore, or any other campus area. This prohibition includes free samples distributed by vendors or event sponsors. Advertising and sponsorship of campus events by tobacco companies shall be discouraged.
3. This policy shall apply to all University facilities, owned or leased, regardless of location, athletic facilities, the amphitheatre, and all state and auxiliary vehicles.
4. This policy pertains to students, faculty, staff, administrators, visitors, and the general public attending campus events.

5. The designated areas shall be within a reasonable distance for access by students, faculty, staff, administrators and visitors as determined by the appropriate administrator.
6. The campus shall make available to students, faculty, staff and administrators information about smoking cessation programs.

## **II. Implementation procedures**

This policy and campus maps showing designated smoking areas shall be made available to all employees and students through appropriate campus Web sites and publications. Signage shall be visible at all designated areas and directional signage identifying designated areas shall be posted where needed.

To give people a reasonable amount of time to adjust to the new policy the following implementation schedule will be used:

April 1 – June 30, 2003	Advertise the new policy and post the designated smoking areas
July 1, 2003 – Sept 30, 2003	Begin requiring smoking only in designated areas with reminders issued to those in violation of the new policy
October 1, 2003	Full enforcement of the new policy

Smoking cessation resources advertised to students, faculty and staff will include the campus Health Center, California Smokers Health Line, and Employee Assistance and Development. These will be announced regularly on University Web sites and in publications such as the Journal and materials that reach students at least once a year.

Current designated smoking areas include:

- Ag Operations*, near storage area on north side of the yard
- Alumni House*, east side near parking lot
- Athletics facilities*, in designated areas
- Between *Conley Art and the Joyal building*, northwest corner of parking lot B, near portable
- Education building*, last bench on south end toward the corner of Maple and Shaw
- Engineering East*, southeast side, near fire hydrant
- Music building*, south side of curved cement bench near the “Three Graces”
- Music building*, southwest corner of amphitheatre area
- North Gym*<sup>1</sup>, northwest corner of the grass area near the Annex
- O’Neill Park*, near one of the tables
- Plant Operations*, under water tower on east side at existing bench
- Between *Psych/Human Services, McKee Fisk, Social Science, and Family and Food Sciences*, at the two benches on the north side of that area

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<sup>1</sup> An additional area either to the west or south of the North Gym may be added to this list at a later date

*Residence Dining facility*, at the camphor trees north of the sun dial  
*Residence halls*, in designated locations outside of Graves, Sequoia, and Sycamore halls, and on the outside patio of the Atrium  
*Satellite Union*, near the southwest corner of the cement area, last table  
Between *Science and Business buildings*, halfway between each building  
*Speech Arts*, north side in front of theatre at the two benches  
*Student Union*, west side of the patio to the north of the Student Union

Requests for modification to these areas should be submitted to the Vice President for Administration.

Questions and problems regarding this policy should be handled through existing administrative processes including Facilities Management and the Vice President for Administration.

The success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers.