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MEMORANDUM

TO: Campus Community
FROM: Robin C. Capehart, President
DATE: September 7, 2011
SUBJECT: Smoking Policy

For several years the University has debated about requesting the Board of Governors to change the “Smoking Policy” to “No Smoking on Campus.”

The current Policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, contracted personnel, vendors, and visitors.

The base of the policy is as follows:

- Smoking and smokeless tobacco products are prohibited in all campus vehicles, campus buildings, including classrooms, lecture halls, laboratories, offices, work areas, lounges, restrooms, athletic facilities, residence halls, apartments, and within twenty (20) feet of all campus entrances, exits, and windows.
- Smoking and smokeless tobacco products are prohibited in all partially enclosed areas such as covered porches and walkways, breezeways, walkways between sections of buildings, exterior stairways, and landings.
- Smoking and smokeless tobacco products also are prohibited during a particular event or activity scheduled in the area (such as bleachers or row seating at commencement or athletic events).
- Smoking and smokeless tobacco products or carrying lighted smoking products also is prohibited in outside areas where people will be standing in line or waiting in crowds.
- Lit tobacco products must be extinguished and tobacco residue must be placed in an appropriate ash can or other waste receptacle located outside of non-smoking areas.

The University finds the last item of the policy, essentially “proper disposal” to be frequently violated. More importantly, the dangers of second hand smoke – lung cancer and heart disease - impact non-smokers. Effective today, the University will begin a ninety (90) day period during which smokers’ compliance with the above policy will be monitored. If there is not a substantial improvement in adherence to the Policy guidelines, the Board of Governors will be asked to consider changing its policy to “No Smoking on Campus.”