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Policy: 601.3 Tobacco Use

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Introduction and Purpose

Tobacco use and secondhand smoke have been identified by the Surgeon General to be the cause of preventable diseases. Additionally, in 2009, the Montana legislature decreed that the "right to breath smoke-free air has priority over the desire to smoke" (Montana Code 50-40-102). It is the policy of Great Falls College MSU (GFC MSU) to promote the health, wellness, and safety of all employees, students, guests, visitors, and contractors while on campus. The purpose of this policy is create a healthier, cleaner campus living and learning environment on the campus. Therefore, all use of tobacco on the GFC MSU campus is restricted to the designated smoking area.

Definition

For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include any tobacco product, including but not limited to any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, hookah, and all forms of smokeless tobacco and any nicotine delivery device that has not been approved by the FDA for cessation (e.g., e-cigarettes).

Policy

- A. The use of tobacco (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco and all other tobacco products) by students, faculty, staff, guests, visitors, and contractors is prohibited on all properties owned or leased by GFC MSU, including:
 - a. all interior space on the GFC MSU campus;
 - b. all outside property or grounds on GFC MSU's campuses, including areas such as walkways and parking lots, except in the designated smoking area(s);
 - c. all vehicles leased or owned by GFC MSU;
- B. Smoking is allowed only in the designated smoking area(s).
- C. Advertising, sale, or distribution of tobacco is prohibited on GFC MSU's campus.
- D. Tobacco industry and related company sponsorship of campus groups, events, individuals, and departments is prohibited. This includes scholarships, sponsorship of faculty positions, and recruiting for employment.
- E. Littering any university property with the remains of tobacco products is prohibited.
- F. Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events, and cultural events using GFC MSU facilities are required to abide by GFC MSU's tobacco-free policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating the policy to attendees and for enforcing this policy.

Compliance

All college employees, students, visitors, guests, and contractors are required to comply with this policy, which shall remain in effect at all times. Refusal to comply with this policy may be cause for disciplinary action in accordance with employee and student conduct policies. Refusal to comply with the policy by visitors, guests and contractors may be grounds for removal from campus.

Exceptions

The following activities may be conducted as exceptions to the policy subject to advance approval as indicated.

- A. The use of tobacco products in laboratory and classroom instruction/experiments, or for artistic purposes. All research, educational, and/or artistic purposes that involve the use of tobacco on campus must be approved in advance by the CEO/Dean or designee. Such use must be preceded by reasonable advance notice to the public. Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit research on tobacco companies or tobacco products.



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- B. Specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities by American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 1996 and 1996a allow for the use of ceremonial tobacco. All ceremonial use exceptions must be approved in advance by the CEO/Dean or designee.