Tobacco Free Campus Overview

Michigan Technological University Fall 2012

Timeline of how we got to where we are today

- 1994 University Senate passes Proposal 16-94
 Recommendation for a Smoke Free Campus
- 2000 Board of Control Policy 15.6 states, "Smoking is prohibited except where permitted by the administration."
- 2005 Smoking areas near building entrances are designated.
 Campus maps with designated smoking areas are created and distributed to campus.

- 2007-12- Over period of 5 years smoking/tobacco free campus discussion occurred 14 different times at Student Commission Meetings.
- 2007 All university residential living areas are designated smoke free.
- 2010 Smoking/tobacco use survey is sent out to all students in spring/summer to all students/faculty and staff.
- ▶ 2010 Working group established to review findings of survey; explore potential solutions; provide recommendations to the Executive Team.

Smoking/tobacco survey

administered spring/summer 2010

- ▶ 45% response rate (161 faculty/408 staff)
- Do you smoke?
 - 6.3%, yes, often
 - 4.2% yes, occasionally
 - 4.2% yes, rarely
 - 85.3% no (never, once did)
- Do you use chewing tobacco?

3% yes (often, occasionally, rarely) 97% no (never, once did)

- ▶ 36% response rate(2141 ugs/281 gr)
- Do you smoke?

6.5%, yes, often7.5% yes, occasionally9.3% yes, rarely76.7% no (never, once did)

Do you use chewing tobacco?

8% yes (often, occasionally, rarely) 92% no (never, once did)

Faculty/staff

Students

Smoking/tobacco survey cont.

How do you feel about secondhand smoke?

1% I like it

18% I am indifferent

81% I do not like it

Do you think smoking should be permitted on campus?

40% yes

50% no

10% I am indifferent

How do you feel about secondhand smoke on campus?

2% I like it

29% I am indifferent

69% I do not like it

Do you think smoking should be permitted on campus?

40% yes

45% no

15% I am indifferent

Faculty/staff

Students

- ▶ 2011 spring Recommendations received from the group:
 - Initiating a comprehensive educational campaign
 - Designating specific areas on campus where tobacco use is permitted
 - Posting consistent signage to communicate policy
 - Conducting educational programs aimed at prevention/cessation
 - Encouraging peer accountability/self-policing
 - Developing a 3-5 year plan to assess impact with goal of becoming a tobacco-free campus community

- ▶ 2011 –Exec Team asks small group to review recommendations resulting in two options:
 - Option A construct smoking shelters, develop campus education plan, new/additional signage, cost \$107k
 - Option B new/additional signage, education, anti-littering campaign, cost \$20k

After Exec Team review, decision is made to proceed with becoming tobacco free in 18-24 months.

▶ 2011-12 — Another task force is established to determine how to proceed with becoming a tobacco-free campus.

Recommendations include:

- Announce that the University will go tobacco-free in May 2013
- Develop a comprehensive awareness campaign, educational programs, cessation and timeline for implementation

- 2012 Summer/Fall- Tobacco Free Campus Team is established; representatives include:
 - Bill Bulleit, Civil Engineering, University Senate
 - Kevin Cashell, Graduate Student Government
 - Jim Condratovich, Facilities Management
 - Brett Hamblin, Engineering Fundamentals
 - Reginald Hicks, Inter-Residence Hall Council
 - Renee Hiller, Human Resources
 - Audrey Johnson, Public Safety/Police Services
 - Eli Kartunnen, Undergraduate Student Government
 - Travis Pierce, Housing & Residence Life
 - Dennis Walikainen, University Marketing & Communications
 - Les Cook, ex officio

Next steps – fall 2012

- Exec Team has charged tobacco free campus team to move ahead with goal of becoming tobacco free fall semester 2013 Reasons- 3-5 year plan recommends total tobacco free, rising health care costs, litter/trash, welcoming campus environment
- Ask University Senate to review/revise Senate Policy 16-94
- ▶ Launch education/communication campaign, November 2012
- Plan cessation/education prevention, spring/summer 2013