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Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus OIT-30-035

Oregon Tech seeks to promote the health and well-being of the entire campus community. In that spirit, as scientific evidence on the health risks of tobacco use and secondhand smoke are well documented and Per Executive Order 12-13 1. c. in which the Oregon University System is encouraged to develop policies that prohibit the use of tobacco products on campus. Oregon Tech adopts the following policy that students, staff, faculty, visitors, and all others affiliated with Oregon Tech are entitled to and will be provided a tobacco-free environment to study, work, teach, and otherwise participate in University activities.

- a. Effective Fall Term 2013, all campuses associated with Oregon Tech including the Klamath Falls campus and the Wilsonville campus, will become Tobacco-Free. This means that use of any type of tobacco is prohibited.
- b. This policy applies to students, staff, faculty, administrators, visitors, and any other individual associated with Oregon Tech.
- c. Distribution and/or promotion of tobacco products on campus will be prohibited.
- d. Smoking cessation assistance will be made available for all faculty, staff and students of Oregon Tech.

The University's expectation is that all faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus will adhere to this policy. The University understands that the success of this policy will depend on the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of smokers and nonsmokers. Faculty, staff and students have a collective responsibility to promote the safety and health of the campus community and therefore share in the responsibility of enforcement. Individuals observed using tobacco are to be reminded in a professional and respectful manner of the university policy. Oregon Tech reserves the right to initiate disciplinary procedures against any individual found to be in repeated violation of this policy.

A tobacco free awareness program and implementation plan has been established to inform employees, students, and visitors of the following:

- a. Existence of and content of this policy for maintaining a tobacco free campus.
- b. Dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke to all those affiliated with an Oregon Tech campus.
- c. Availability of tobacco cessations programs for employees and students.
- d. Penalties that may be imposed for tobacco violations.

Resources:

Office of the Governor, State of Oregon, Executive Order No. 12-13. ACHA Guidelines: Position Statement on Tobacco on College and University Campuses. Tobacco Policy Statement from the American Lung Association. Oregon College Health Association Statement in Support of Tobacco-Free College and University campuses.

Recommended by:

Faculty Senate – May 7, 2013

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