

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Committee: Advancement

Date of Meeting: March 16, 2010

Agenda Item: Resolution Regarding Tobacco Use on College and University Campuses

Proposed
Policy Change

Approvals
Required by
Policy

Other
Approvals

Monitoring

Information

Cite policy requirement, or explain why item is on the Board agenda:

College and university officials are unclear about the board's position on efforts to restrict smoking and use of tobacco products on campus. The resolution would clarify the board's support for these efforts.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Trustee Rice and committee members

Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:

See attached

Background Information:

See attached

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ACTION ITEM

Resolution Regarding Tobacco Use on College and University Campuses

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities regarding tobacco use on college and university campuses.

Whereas, the dangers of tobacco use have been well documented by the United States Surgeon General since 1964; further, that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has designated environmental tobacco smoke a Class A carcinogen, estimating that exposure causes 3,000 annual lung cancer deaths and finding that passive smoking has significant adverse effects on respiratory health; and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota long has sought to curb the effects of first and second-hand smoking, including passage of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 144.411-.417, in 1975; and

Whereas, the use smokeless tobacco also poses health risks and the risk of nicotine addiction; and

Whereas, students from a number of colleges and universities within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system have sought to place more restrictions on smoking and tobacco use on their campuses; and

Whereas, in addition to Minnesota Cl

Smoking Policies

Under the Minnesota Clean Air Act, smoking has been prohibited in public places, except in designated smoking areas and for a few other exceptions, since it was enacted in 1975. In recent years, many of the 32 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities have been adopting more restrictions on smoking and tobacco use. Some institutions are tobacco free. This is part of a national trend.

In Minnesota, the impetus for placing more restrictions on smoking has often come from students. For example, students at Vermilion Community College circulated a petition to eliminate smoking from the classroom building entrance, signed students up for a smoking cessation support group,

Before deciding to become smokefree, Minnesota State University Moorhead officials surveyed students and employees. The survey showed most students and employees recognize smoking and secondhand smoke are health issues, that the number one place that students and employees are regularly exposed to secondhand smoke is on the campus, and that most students and employees supported a smoke-free campus. Below is a rundown of smoking policies as supplied by the campuses.

Anoka Technical College

Use of any tobacco product is banned in buildings and college vehicles. Smoking is allowed in one designated area outside.

Alexandria Technical College

Use of all tobacco products is prohibited in all campus buildings and college vehicles. Smoking is also prohibited outdoors, except in designated areas. Revised 2006.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cam8.3(j)-4.6snns8.0014 Tct is

**Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical, Red Wing,
Winona**

The college provides a tobacco-free environment in all buildings and college vehicles. Use of tobacco products is not permitted within 75 feet of buildings except in designated areas. Policy revised 2004.

Minnesota State Community & Technical College,

Rochester Community & Technical College