TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS POLICY

No person shall use tobacco, tobacco product(s), and/or tobacco substitute(s) on any property owned, operated, or managed by the College including – but not limited to – buildings, parking lots, vehicles, and fields/lawns. This policy applies to all forms of tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco substitutes, and tobacco delivery devices – regardless of whether the delivery device is being used with tobacco or nicotine. Hereinafter, the use of the word “tobacco” in this policy and in any procedures which are developed shall encompass all the products listed in “Definitions” below.

The only exceptions to this policy are (a) smoking/tobacco cessation products such as nicotine patches, gum, physician-prescribed medications, or similar approved product and (b) exceptions expressly permitted by the College President or designee.

Definitions

Tobacco, tobacco, tobacco product(s), and/or tobacco substitute(s):

- Cigarettes, cigars, cigarellos, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, dissolvable tobacco, other smokeless tobacco;
- Nicotine;
- e-cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems, hookahs, and other devices whose products are inhaled and/or which produce a vapor;
- any product which is designed to mimic the act of smoking without using actual tobacco or nicotine;
- any tobacco-, nicotine-, or smoking-related product which has an actual or potential effect upon a non-user;
- any tobacco-, nicotine-, or smoking-related product existing at the time the policy is adopted; and
- any tobacco-, nicotine-, or smoking-related product which may be developed in the future.

Vehicles

This policy applies to all vehicles operated, idling, or parked on campus including College-owned vehicles, College-owned golf carts, other College-owned motorized equipment, delivery/business vehicles, and personal vehicles.

Smoking Cessation Product

The intent of this policy is to encourage the students, staff, and visitors to quit using/consuming the products prohibited on campus by this policy; therefore, legitimate smoking cessation products are permitted. Preference will be given to any such product approved, endorsed, and/or provided by local, state, and federal agencies such as the Food & Drug Administration and the Allegany County Health Department.

Education

The College shall purchase or produce signage of sufficient quantity and quality to inform all persons on campus about the policy. Signage shall be posted in prominent
locations on all campus locations/property, and information about the policy and smoking cessation opportunities shall be included in relevant publications and electronic media. When appropriate, the College will promote education to students, faculty, and staff about the health risks associated with tobacco and related products; when funding is available, the College will provide smoking cessation resources to students, faculty, and staff. The College encourages all consumers/users of tobacco to quit; those who do not shall be responsible for locating an alternate location to consume/use tobacco, and the College accepts no liability for their choice to consume/use tobacco on non-College property.

**Enforcement**

All students, faculty, and staff share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. Informal enforcement may be used via courteous reminders for first time violators. Formal enforcement for students, faculty, and staff who repeatedly violate the policy or who fail to comply with informal measures may occur via the Code of Student Conduct (students) and the College Human Resources Manual (employees). Campus visitors who fail to comply with informal measures may be asked to leave College property and may not be permitted to return.

Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to permit or authorize the use of smoked/inhaled drugs including, but not limited to, marijuana; illegal drugs and/or the unauthorized use of legal drugs are not permitted on any property owned, operated, or managed by the College, nor is any person permitted to be on College property under the influence of drugs (or alcohol).