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35 36 It is the responsibility of all members of the LSU Eunice community to comply with the Tobacco Free Campus Policy in order to foster a safe and healthy environment for all. Members of our University community are empowered and expected to professionally and respectfully inform others about the policy in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness and encourage compliance. A violation of this policy is defined as any form of tobacco use on University property and will be handled in a manner that is consistent with university procedures.

- 1. The use of any tobacco product in any form is **prohibited** on all LSU Eunice facilities and property effective January 1, 2014. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, visitors, and individuals affiliated with the university by contract (including non-employees, such as vendors and independent contractors).
- Organizers and attendees at on-campus events such as, but not limited to, conferences, meetings, lectures, social events, cultural events and sporting events using LSU Eunice facilities will be required to abide by the Tobacco-Free Campus Policy. University offices and personnel responsible for reserving facilities shall be responsible for informing event organizers of the policy.
- 3. Littering the remains of tobacco products or any other disposable tobacco product on campus is also prohibited.
- 4. All tobacco industry promotions, marketing, distribution, and programs or events that promote the sampling and/or sale of tobacco products and tobacco related merchandise (including logo containing items) are prohibited on all university property and at university and student organization/group sponsored events.
- 5. Definitions and Examples:
 - a. *Tobacco*: All tobacco-derived or tobacco-containing products which include but are not limited to: cigarettes (clove, bidis, kreteks), cigars and cigarillos, pipe, hookah-smoked products; smokeless tobacco, also known as oral (spit and spitless, dip, snus, chew, snuff, orbs, etc.); vapor emitting and all other types of e-cigarettes.
 - b. **University business or event:** University-sponsored or sanctioned activity or event that is wholly or partially funded by the University or any of its departments, units, or organizations.
 - c. **LSU Eunice facilities and property:** all facilities or property owned, occupied, or maintained by the University including, but not limited to:
 - All interior and exterior building space and grounds on the LSU Eunice campus.

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ii. Facilities and property include administrative and academic buildings, athletic and recreational facilities, housing facilities, physical plant facilities and any buildings or grounds used for LSU Eunice related activities.

iii. All vehicles owned and maintained by LSU Eunice, including but not limited to physical plant vehicles; Campus Security vehicles; buses, vans, cars/trucks used to transport students, faculty, staff and/or visitors on University business.

Policy Compliance and Enforcement Procedures

The policy will be included in the Faculty/Staff Handbook and the Student Handbook/Code of Conduct. Violations of University policies are subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

It is the responsibility of supervisors to facilitate and enforce compliance among all employees under their supervision or contract managers to ensure that contractors comply with the policy. All members of the LSU Eunice community are expected to identify and address those in violation of the new LSU Eunice Tobacco-Free Policy.

Sanctions for student violations will be addressed by the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services; staff violations will be addressed by appropriate supervisors; faculty violations will be addressed by Program/Division Heads. Beginning in Fall 2014, consequences of violating the policy may include, but are not limited to:

- Referral to immediate supervisor or Student Affairs office for verbal/written warning.
- 2. Referral to administrative area head for more formal/written reprimand which may be included in the employee or student's file.
- 3. Referral to Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for counseling services.
- 4. Campus Security may impose a fine of \$25 to any person found violating the policy.

SOURCE: Louisiana statue, Section 1.R.S. 40:1291.23 (Development of Smoke-free policies)