



The University of Vermont

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TO: The UVM Community

FROM: Tobacco Free UVM Steering Committee
(Jan Carney, MD and Tom Gustafson, EdD, Co-Chairs)

RE: Tobacco Free UVM Update

The Tobacco Free UVM Committee has continued to meet on a regular basis. We want to provide you with an update about the status of our work and intention to continue to move toward becoming a tobacco free university.

There are several recent developments you should be aware of:

1) The January 1, 2015 target date for implementation of the campus-wide tobacco free initiative is being postponed. After careful consideration and deliberation, we think it is important to take additional time to receive more input from the campus, develop recommendations for a coherent and workable policy, and provide further information and assistance to those who wish to stop using tobacco. In addition, a baseline survey of tobacco use prevalence and patterns is underway. It will be completed by the end of the 2014 Fall semester.

2) Cessation Program Information. Detailed information about free and reduced cost tobacco cessation programs may be found at: www.uvm.edu/tobaccofree/quit

3) Tobacco Free UVM Open Forums. Open forums for interested faculty, staff and students will be held at the following times and locations this semester:

Thursday, October 23, 12:30-1:30 pm, Given E131, Carpenter Auditorium.

Wednesday, November 12, noon-1 pm, Davis Center, Livak Ballroom

Thursday, November 13, 4-5 pm, Davis Center, Livak Ballroom

The forums will provide opportunities for general comment, and they will also focus on thoughts and reactions from the attendees with respect to the list of draft recommendations that have been approved by the Tobacco Free UVM Committee. These draft recommendations may be found here: www.uvm.edu/tobaccofree/recommend. We encourage all who are interested to come to the forums and express their ideas, thoughts, and concerns.

4) Venues for Written Feedback. Feedback also may be submitted electronically here: tobaccofree@uvm.edu, or in writing to: Lisa Young, 300 Waterman Building.

5) Next Steps. The Tobacco Free UVM Committee plans to submit a report to the President by the end of the Fall, 2014 semester. More information, including a proposed implementation date, when appropriate, will be forthcoming after review and consideration of that report is completed.

The Tobacco Free UVM Steering Committee is committed to implementing a tobacco free campus environment. We are also committed to take the time necessary to accomplish this complex task thoughtfully and well. Please feel free to visit our website for more information: www.uvm.edu/tobaccofree/

Thank you.