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RE: Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Implementation Committee

Dear Colleagues,

In a letter, dated January 9, 2012, President Yudof announced to all Chancellors that the University of California (UC), as a national leader in healthcare and environmental practices, is ready to create a smoke/tobacco-free environment on all of our campuses. To that end, he has asked each Chancellor to form a committee charged with the task of crafting and implementing a smoke/tobacco-free policy on their respective campus within the next 24 months.

I would like to thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of the UC Riverside Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Implementation Committee. The charge of this committee is two-fold: 1) to craft a smoke/tobacco-free policy tailored to the needs of this campus, and 2) to implement the policy before January 2014 in a manner that in

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its enforcement is primarily educational, with an emphasis on identifying and providing cessation resources.

In addressing these objectives, the following key elements need to be present to maintain a smoke/tobacco-free environment.

- Smoke/Tobacco-free means that smoking, the use of smokeless tobacco products, and the use of unregulated nicotine products (e.g., “e-cigarettes”) must be strictly prohibited in indoor and outdoor spaces, including parking lots, and private residential space on campus.
- The policy must apply to all UC Riverside facilities, whether owned or leased.
- Sales and advertising of tobacco products must be prohibited in buildings owned and occupied by the University.


All committee members will be provided information related to the policy proposal, FAQs, associated research used, as well as other relevant resources. One of the members of this committee, Wellness Program Coordinator Julie Chobdee, served on the Smoking Policy Subcommittee of the System-Wide Occupational Wellness Group. Her insights should serve as an invaluable resource to this committee.

Dr. Victor Rodgers, Professor of Bioengineering, has agreed to serve as chair of the committee, and Julie Chobdee will serve as vice chair. Finance and Business Operations Policy Analyst/Information Officer Tim Willette will provide staff support to the Committee.

I would also like to announce that the first inaugural meeting for the Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Implementation Steering Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in 4127 Hinderaker Hall.

Please contact Tim Willette at tim.willette@ucr.edu or extension 2-8246 to let him know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy P. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy P. White
Chancellor