

TIME-LINE REGARDING SMOKING POLICY AT MHCC

10-12-88	Board policy proposed revision states that tobacco products are not permitted in classrooms, College facilities or College vehicles. Tobacco products are permitted in designated areas only.
10-18-88	Board policy revision states that smoking is permitted in areas designated by the College in compliance with the Clean Air Act. These areas are; the Keg, College Center Lounge, Vista Dining Room, the Coffee Shop, hallways and professional office space.
May 1989	Board policy revision dealt with changes regarding the alcohol and drug policy.
10-25-90	President forwards the Board's request for information from the College Associations regarding the smoking policy at Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC). Recommendations for change or improvement will be considered.
11-30-90	The Advocate conducts a readers' survey regarding the current smoking policy. Of those persons responding the results were as follows. 10 - Keep the current policy 6 - Ban smoking 11 - Ban smoking in buildings 4 - Designate smoking zones
12-4-90	Business Communications students prepare a report for the Board detailing a survey they conducted regarding the campus smoking policy. 100 people were surveyed. In accordance with their results, the students recommend a ban on indoor smoking.
12-12-90	The College Associations respond to the Board's request for information. Associated Student Government - Support designated smoking areas Support prohibiting smoking in offices and buildings Do not support a campus ban on smoking Classified Association - 81% Support a more restrictive policy 19% Support an unchanged policy 30% Support a smoke-free campus Confidential Association - No recommendations made Faculty Association - 47% Support a smoke-free campus 34% Support ban on indoor smoking 13% Support designated areas - not offices classrooms, conference rooms, or indoor hallways 17% Support the current policy Management - 75% Support the current policy 25% Support campus-wide non-smoking Supervisors - No change recommended. Suggest re-emphasizing the current designated areas
1-29-91	Business Communications students forward survey (12-90) to president.
2-5-91	President's Council reviews Association surveys. Council also asks Food Service Committee to discuss the idea of a smoke-free campus.
2-13-91	Board discussion regarding the smoking policy. The current policy is re-affirmed.

3-14-91	Gary Nichols forwards a recommendation to President's Council. Suggests changing some designated areas to non-smoking. These areas include dining areas, offices, office work areas, and indoor hallways.
3-26-91	President's Council reviews need for more input regarding current smoking areas: dining rooms, some work areas, hallways, and individual offices. Council decides to develop a process to gather additional information from students and staff, regarding the smoking policy.
9-3-91	President's Council unanimously approves revisions to Board Policy. The changes approved relate to alcohol use. The tobacco use policy is included in this document but remains unchanged. The policy is forwarded to the Board for approval.
9-23-91	Board meeting discussion of Board policy.
9-23-91	Faculty Association memo to the Board regarding change in Board policy states that a change in smoking policy would be a unilateral change in working conditions, which would constitute unfair labor practices and a need to be brought to the bargaining table for discussion.
10-7-91	President memo to Faculty Association states that the (9-91) change to Board policy was not related to smoking.
10-10-91	The Board and the administration discuss the smoking/non-smoking issue and determine to continue the consideration of changes to the smoking policy. The president states intention of meeting with the association presidents.
May 1992	Safety Council receives a Safety and Health Concern Card regarding exposure to second-hand smoke. A newspaper article attached to the card stated the Labor and Industry Review Commission ruling that second-hand smoke caused a permanent disability.
5-23-92	Safety Council recommends that the President's Council reinstate the smoking review committee.
6-2-92	President's Council directs Karen Reynolds to work with Safety Council to develop recommendations based on a study of current smoking policy and recent concerns regarding it.
July 1992	Safety Council meeting reviews smoking regulations at other colleges. A subcommittee is formed to study the issue. This subcommittee includes Karen Reynolds, John White, and Nancy Getch.
8-19-92	Subcommittee brings draft of recommendations regarding the smoking policy to the Safety Council for review and changes.
8-31-92	Revisions to subcommittee recommendations prepared and distributed to Safety Council members and the president.
September 1992	Safety Council members discuss recommendations with their areas of representation. Input from staff received.
10-15-92	Safety Council recommends expansion of designated smoking areas to include all covered walkways and deletion of enforcement criteria.
10-23-92	Safety Council passes recommendation to ban smoking in all outdoor, covered walkways and specified designated smoking areas.
11-9-92	Safety Council sends formal recommendation to President's Council.
11-17-92	President's Council sets up a six-point plan for receiving additional input before the smoking policy changes are forwarded to the Board for consideration.
1-7-93	The Advocate conducts a survey regarding smoking on campus. Responses are as follows. Should indoor smoking be eliminated? Yes 61% No 39% Should MHCC be a smoke-free campus? Yes 45% No 21% Are current policies fair? Yes 61% No 39%
1-28-93	Associated Student Government (ASG) sponsors panel discussion conducted in the Vista Dining

	<p>Room. Present are pro-smoking and anti-smoking students, as well as an American Lung Association representative and the College Safety Officer.</p> <p>During the discussion, student representatives voice a willingness to pay for the ventilation of a coffee room designated as a smoking area. Asked if one room for indoor smoking was too much to ask for.</p> <p>Maintenance information suggests that the cost of reworking the ventilation system to create a designated smoking room would be prohibitive.</p> <p>Space considerations would also be restrictive.</p>
2-11-93	Board votes and unanimously passes changes in the MHCC smoking policy.
May 1993	All indoor smoking is banned on campus. Tri-fold brochures "Where Can You Smoke on Campus" are developed by College Advancement. Signage is placed at the entrances to all buildings noting the elimination of indoor smoking.
September 1993	The new campus smoking policy goes into effect. Smoking is banned in all covered areas, except as designated. Signage was placed on the concrete pillars of all campus entrances.
5-13-94	Safety Council reviewed the MHCC smoking policy, smoking behavior and a national study of campus smoking policies. Non-compliance and litter are a problem throughout the campus. The Safety Council voted and approved the recommendation to ban smoking on the MHCC campus and forwarded the recommendation to President's Council.
6-8-94	President's Council forwarded the Safety Council recommendation to ban smoking on campus to the MHCC Board. The Board requested that this recommendation be distributed and processed among the members of the College staff and student groups before a proposal is given to the board for consideration. The Classified Association collected input from its members, and information is on file with the Safety Officer.
Spring-Summer 1994	Additional signage delineating smoking and smoke free zones was placed throughout the campus on the concrete pillars, approximately 130 signs.
Fall 1994	A-frame signs were placed throughout campus delineating smoke-free zones from smoking areas. Public Safety has begun enforcing the smoking rules by patrolling the areas where smokers "illegally" congregate.
Fall 1995	Additional A-frame signs have been placed on the upper walkways and lower covered walkways to educate and discourage smokers from using these areas. The cafe atmosphere in front of the bookstore has been eliminated. The tables have been moved to the sunken smoking area beneath the library.
2-23-96	Safety Council reviewed a communication student's complaint/suggestion to move the designated smoking area beneath the library because the smoke is drifting into this area, exasperating respiratory problems and damaging radio equipment.
4-12-96	Safety Council sent recommendation to President's Council: define limits of the designated smoking areas so that building entrances are smoke free, eliminate smoking outside Community Services, move smoking area outside of the Vista to the west end of the outdoor patio - smoke drifts into Vista, survey campus groups to determine campus climate towards present smoking policy and consensus to change to a more restrictive policy.
5-7-96	President's Council approved the Safety Council's recommendations regarding changes to the smoking areas with the following additions: extend the "no smoking" area to the front of the Center as well, ban smoking under the covered area between the radio stations and the planetarium. President's Council also agreed that a total ban on smoking should be pursued and requested that the Safety Council immediately draft a no smoking policy for the College, circulate it to each employee association and the student government to secure reactions and, as soon as these comments are received, take them, and a proposed "no smoking policy, to the President's Council.
5-31-96	Safety Council drafted proposed smoking policy: Smoking will be banned within MHCC buildings, campus malls, campus vehicles, and walkways and entrances to buildings. Smoking will be allowed only in the parking lots and within smoking kiosks.

6-3-93	Proposed draft policy was circulated to associations and student government asking them to poll their members and return responses by June 30, 1996
6-11-96	Office of the Vice President creates a smoking taskforce to identify locations of College smoking area in the context of the draft smoking policy.
6-19-96	Supervisory association supports the draft smoking policy as it pertains to the main campus, consideration of the Thompson and Maywood sites should be examined so that policy changes reflect the extremely restrictive smoking policies of federally funded programs.
6-25-96	Smoking task force met to receive update, determine signage, smoking kiosk location and develop a plan of action. Smokers and non-smokers were evenly represented.
6-27-96	Smoking taskforce conducts a walking tour to identify possible location for smoking kiosks. Results and recommendations sent to Office of the Vice President.
6-27-96	Student government submitted sixty signatures asking to delay consideration of the changes until Fall term when a representative student population is on campus.
7-1-96	Classified Association reported that 27 responses were received, 17 supported the draft smoking policy and 10 supported the current policy.
7-3-96	Responses were forwarded to President's Council No response from the Faculty Association or the Management Association
7-10-96	First consideration presented to College Board to change Board policy, <u>Use of Tobacco, Intoxicants, and/or Controlled Substances</u> : add to policy "Individuals smoking in non-designated areas are subject to citation and fine. Fines shall be set at an appropriate level by the president."
7-24-96	Final approval was granted to change Board policy so that the smoking policy can be better enforced. Plans are in place to educate students and staff of the policy change prior to issuing citations. (Fines will be \$15) Smoking courtesy card developed to hand to smokers who are smoking in smoke-free zones and directing them to the designated smoking areas.
7-29-96	Management Association received five responses: four favored the draft policy, One favored the present policy. Three of the five favored encouraging the smokers to be more responsible smokers and take the concerns of the non-smokers into consideration.
7-31-96	Safety Council reviewed the smoking task force recommendations and input from Dr. Becker and approved the recommendations of the task force with minor changes in the locations of the smoking kiosks.
8-1-96	Safety Council recommendations forwarded to Dr. Becker for President's Council review.
8-22-96	Dr. Becker reported that after a meeting with the president and student leadership it was determined that installing any other smoking facilities should be held in abeyance until enforcement of the existing smoking policy has any effect. We do need to move ahead with installation of the no smoking signs and new ash urns. Dr. Eleanor Brown has been charged with the appointment of a committee, comprised of staff and students, which will reach a consensus on the College's future smoking policy.
9-10-96	New "Where Can You Smoke on Campus" (blue) tri-fold were designed to reflect the changes in designated smoking areas (5-7-96 President's Council) and the \$15 fine for disregarding the smoking policy. Brochures were distributed to departments.
9-23-96	Advocate runs several articles detailing the changes in the present smoking policy and the summary of the summer's activities to implement the proposed changes
12-9-96	Dr. Brown's task force recommendations were sent to the president. Maintain the current smoking policy; install nine additional kiosks within the mall areas, at Industrial Technology, Aquatic Center, and Maywood. Designate the south end of the Coffee Shop patio and the south side of the Vista Dining Center patio as smoking areas. Relocate the smoking area under the St. Helen's room to a kiosk in the mall. Relocate the smoking kiosk by the Student Center to the mall area by

	<p>Cosmetology. Eliminate smoking at the end of the wings.</p> <p>Enforcement: Begin with a warning campaign the first two weeks of the term. Public Safety issues warning tickets/cards. Target one day a week or month as the "surprise" day for ticketing smokers. Implement an awareness/education campaign to publicize smoking areas and the date when ticketing will begin.</p>
12-11-96	Dr. Brown presented the smoking task force recommendations to the Board. The President's Executive Team will review and approve them at their January meeting prior to Board approval.
1-97	Facilities obtains Tri-Met kiosks which will be refurbished for smoking kiosks
10-30-97	Facilities reviews placement of smoking kiosks and recommends nineteen (19) smoking areas. Eleven of these are new smoking kiosk locations.
Summer of 98 and 99	Kiosks are refurbished with new Plexiglas, wood and paint.
Fall 1999	Kiosks are installed at the north end of the Allied Health Mall and between Allied Health and the Business Wing, mall level. Facilities Management anticipates installing three per month. When all the smoking kiosks are installed, smoking at the end of the wings will be eliminated. Additional A-frame signs will be needed to inform staff and students of this restriction.
Summer 2000	Kiosks are installed in the mall areas. Where Can You Smoke on Campus Brochure modified and smoking has been eliminated at the ends of the wings (noted in the Quarterly Safety Tips).
May 6, 2001	MHCC Safety Council sent a recommendation to President's Council to exchange the smoking area under the Allied Health, St. Helen's room with the smoking kiosk in the Allied Health Mall area; prohibit smoking within 25 feet of building areas; and eliminate smoking at the ends of all the wings.
May, 2001	Students submitted a petition with 2000+ signatures for a "Smoke Free Campus" to the College Board. Bill Becker sent a staff memo detailing the present smoking policy and asked the staff to send comments and suggestions to the College bulletin board by June 6, 2001.
June 22, 2001	<p>The president and the MHCC Board reviewed the petition, comments and suggestions and proposed the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revise the current policy and procedures to specifically identify the areas in which smoking can occur. (for example: no smoking within 50 feet of any building) 2. Provide more spacious shelters for those who wish to smoke. 3. More clearly sign the campus regarding areas in which smoking is allowed. 4. Continue to monitor and, if necessary, ticket individuals not respecting the designated smoking areas.
July 11, 2001	MHCC Board newsletter: After gathering input from staff and students and surveying surrounding hospitals and colleges, administration determined that completely prohibiting tobacco use from College property would alienate a significant number of staff, students and community members. Therefore, the President recommended that the current policy on tobacco use remain in place, with renewed emphasis on stricter enforcement of its guidelines, improvements to smoking shelters so that they are used and better signage to inform smokers of smoking and non-smoking areas.
Fall 2001-Winter 2002	<p>50 smoke free zone signs and maps of designated smoking areas posted throughout the Gresham campus</p> <p>51 stainless steel ash urns purchased and installed</p> <p>16 additional smoking kiosks installed at the Gresham and Maywood campuses</p>
Summer 2002	100 18" x 20" "Smoking Prohibited within 30 feet of the Building" signs purchased and installation begun.
September 2007	Campus Pride Taskforce recommends removal of deteriorated smoking kiosks in the main mall and along Cherry Tree Walk. One to two smoking kiosks remain in each lower mall. Designated smoking areas at the Keg Patio, west side of the Vista, in front of the College Theater and the Jazz Café patio

	are eliminated in preparation for the January 2008 Oregon Law changes that prohibit smoking within ten feet of a building entrance. Smoking is restricted to the designated smoking kiosks, only.
May 2008	<p>The two smoking kiosks in the main courtyard were removed as a safety precaution to assess their structural integrity. Main courtyard becomes the only smoke free area on campus and can now accommodate smoke free activities in the future. Several articles were published in the Advocate, student newspaper, asking why there was no announcement of their removal.</p> <p>There are plans to relocate smoking kiosks in the lawn area north of the "Flying Together" sculpture. Visual Arts was approached for interest in working to beautify the kiosks as a student project.</p>
August 2008	Andrew Epstein, American Lung Association met with Janine Johnson and Robert Cox to discuss the possibility of the ASG supporting a Tobacco Free campus.
January 29, 2009	The MHCC Safety Council met with representatives from the American Lung Association, Multnomah County Health Department and Clark Community College, the first college in our area to become smoke free. The information and steps toward becoming smoke free were published in the Safety Council minutes and distributed to all College employees.
March 11, 2009	<p>MHCC Board Meeting- Public Input: Andrew Epstein, American Lung Association reported the results of a casual survey (14 responses) asking if MHCC should become a tobacco free campus, and Rebecca Geary, a student nurse and lung cancer survivor described her battle with lung cancer and suggested that MHCC become a smoke-free campus.</p> <p>Geary, who has only one lung, said, "I can't get from the parking lot to the science department without being forced to breathe second-hand smoke." She added, "And what about the Head Start children that occasionally get a field trip across the campus -right through the smoke?"</p>
April 8, 2009	<p>Public Input received on whether the College should become tobacco free.</p> <p>The College Board directed Dr. John "Ski" Sygielski to form a task force to determine the feasibility of implementing a tobacco free environment.</p>
May 13, 2009	<p>Public Input received.</p> <p>The MHCC Board unanimously passed a resolution to become a Tobacco Free campus as of January 2, 2010. College president Dr. John "Ski" Sygielski formed a task force under the direction of June Jacobs, Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives and Board Relations, to develop the implementation plan. A broad cross section of College employees and students were invited to participate in the process.</p>