

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty and Staff

FROM: Robert A. Altenkirch

RE: Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Policy

DATE: February 5, 2016

Last fall the campus community, the Faculty and Staff Senates, and the Student Government Association were asked to review a draft smoke- and tobacco-free policy for UAH. Based on the feedback received, UAH will become a smoke- and tobacco-free campus, joining approximately 1,500 smoke-free, and about 1,000 tobacco-free, campuses throughout the U.S. and half of the state universities in Alabama. The approved policy, 06.06.08 Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Policy, is now posted on the UAH Policy and Procedures website, <http://www.uah.edu/policies>.

Implementation of the Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Policy will begin May 31, 2016, the first day of summer classes. Between now and May 31, signs will be installed around campus indicating the campus is smoke- and tobacco-free.

The Employee Health Clinic and the Student Health Center will provide, upon request, tobacco use cessation information, materials, and referrals to all interested faculty, staff, and students. Human Resources will provide smoking and tobacco use cessation classes.

As stated in the policy, "The success of this policy depends on the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of smokers, non-smokers, and users of tobacco products. All members of the University community share in the responsibility for adhering to and enforcing this policy. All faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors, and other individuals on campus who are in violation should be reminded that UAH is a smoke- and tobacco-free campus and asked to comply with this policy."

Thanks,

Bob