

Information about the Anoka Technical College Tobacco Use Policy Task Force

A task force appointed by John Cacich, VP for Academic & Student Affairs, held its first meeting on January 28, 2010 to review the college's tobacco use policy. The task force, comprised of students, faculty and staff, will meet throughout the spring semester to review the current tobacco use policy, evaluate the benefits of making changes to the policy, review the policies of other Minnesota colleges, particularly those in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system, and assess campus interest in providing additional tobacco cessation services.

There is a national trend toward adopting tobacco-free campus policies. In the United States, 176 colleges and universities have adopted tobacco-free policies while another 205 have adopted smoke-free policies. In Minnesota, there are 22 tobacco-free or smoke-free campuses – 13 of which are MnSCU campuses.

The Anoka Technical College Tobacco Use Policy Task Force will be seeking input from students, faculty, and staff during the coming months. **Regular updates will be posted on the campus website. If you have questions about the process or would like to share your opinion, contact one of the task force members listed below.**

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