RCC Board policy restricts tobacco use on campus

The Rogue Community College Board of Education voted in March to adopt a new policy restricting tobacco use on campus. Effective July 1, smoking will be permitted only in designated smoking areas.

“The board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students and visitors,” said RCC President Peter Angstadt. The board had considered two other versions of a tobacco policy: a ban on all tobacco use, including smokeless products, and a ban on smoking.

But after months of surveying students and staff, the board opted to designate certain sites for smoking. A task force currently is working to identify several locations on each campus where smoking will be permitted.

All college employees, students, visitors, and contractors will be required to comply with the new policy.

The policy may not apply to specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities. However, the president of RCC or a designee must approve any exceptions in advance.

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