

Governance Executive Summary
Advice, Discussion, Information Item

Agenda Title	University of Alberta - Clean Air Strategy
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Proposed by	Andrew Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Presenter	Andrew Sharman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) Andrew Leitch, Internal Audit and Risk Management Kevin Friese, Assistant Dean, Health and Wellness, Student Services

Details

Office of Administrative Responsibility	Office of the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	In response to a General Faculties Council motion, to present to GFC a proposed Clean Air Strategy to confirm it meets its goals and expectations prior to a recommendation to the Board of Governors.
Executive Summary (<i>outline the specific item – and remember your audience</i>)	<p>Recommendation The University of Alberta prohibit smoking and vaping of all products on all campuses effective September 1, 2021. Although the prohibition would apply to university residences, there would be exemptions for ceremonial use.</p> <p>Background In March 2018, GFC asked university administration to “develop a clean air strategy to minimize student, staff, and faculty exposure to smoke from cigarettes, inhaled cannabis, vapes and hookah pipes.” President Turpin struck a working group in the autumn of 2018 to develop and propose a clean air strategy as described by the GFC motion.</p> <p>Process The co-chairs, Andrew Leitch and Kevin Friese, requested participation from units and organizations across the university, including Dean of Students, Risk Management Services, University Relations, FoMD, GSA, SU, NASA, AASUA (elected not to participate), PDF Association, CSJ, South Campus, Enterprise Square, First People’s House, and the School of Public Health. A representative of GFC was included at GFC’s request.</p> <p>Early in its deliberations the working group adopted a number of principles to inform their recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The university acknowledges that tobacco causes illness and death and that reducing its use serves the health interests of our community and beyond • Members of our community should be protected from the nuisance and possible health effects associated with second hand smoke and vapour • Any effort to reduce smoking on campuses should take a harm reduction approach designed to reduce the negative consequences of smoking and vaping while maintaining an

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	<p>attitude of respect and non-judgement toward those who use tobacco and related products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any effort to reduce smoking on campuses should promote supports and services to help those who are trying to quit • For the purposes of this strategy, vaping will be treated the same way as the associated substance when inhaled (e.g. smoking cannabis = vaping cannabis). <p>Based on its year-long consultation and deliberations, the working group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met 12 times • Evaluated smoking and vaping policies of post-secondary institutions across Canada and the US • Through the School of Public Health, conducted a telephone survey with several Canadian institutions that had introduced smoking and vaping bans • Received a literature review of smoking enforcement challenges authored by the committee member from the School of Public Health • Conducted a survey, which was completed by 3,519 members of our community, including faculty, students, and staff • Updated GFC and the President’s Executive Committee • Presented to and received feedback from Students’ Union • Presented to and received feedback from the Non Academic Staff Association <p>Highlights of findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11.2 percent of survey respondents indicated they smoke or vape on campus at least occasionally with 54.5 percent of that number smoking or vaping once or more each day • 40.2 percent of survey respondents indicated that second hand smoke or vapour bothers them “very much” • The community, as a whole, strongly favours some form of additional restrictions with 49 percent favouring a total prohibition and 35 percent favouring permitting smoking and vaping only in designated locations • The most common themes among comments on the survey concern the adequacy of the current policy; concerns over enforcement, health impacts, and freedom of choice; and consideration of those with mental health or addiction issues • Although 95 Canadian universities and colleges are completely smoke free, only four of our peers in the U-15 are smoke free (Dalhousie, McMaster, Queen’s, Western) <p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GFC to consider a formal recommendation to the Board of Governors at its February 22, 2021 meeting. • The Board of Governors consider the recommendation for implementation on September 1, 2021.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop communications and change plan
Supplementary Notes and context	<p><i>The motion approved by General Faculties Council on March 19th, 2018 read:</i></p> <p>THAT General Faculties Council direct administration to develop a clean air strategy to minimize student, staff, and faculty exposure to smoke from cigarettes, inhaled cannabis, vapes and hookah pipes.</p>

Engagement and Routing (Include proposed plan)

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Working Group includes: Dean of Students, Risk Management Services (including EHS), Graduate Students' Association, Students' Union, PDF Association, Non Academic Staff Association, Campus Saint Jean, South Campus, Enterprise Square, University Relations, School of Public Health, First Peoples' House, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry • Discussion at PEC-O • Discussion at PEC-S • Meeting with NASA Executive • Presentation to Students' Council • Discussion at Grad Students' Council • Campus wide survey of all stakeholder groups
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Strategic Alignment

Alignment with <i>For the Public Good</i>	<p>19. OBJECTIVE</p> <p><i>Prioritize and sustain student, faculty, and staff health, wellness, and safety by delivering proactive, relevant, responsive, and accessible services and initiatives.</i></p> <p><i>i. Strategy: Develop an integrated, institution-wide health and wellness strategy, which increases the reach and effectiveness of existing health and wellness resources, programs, and services, and promotes resilience and work-life balance</i></p>			
Alignment with Core Risk Area	<p>Please note below the specific institutional risk(s) this proposal is addressing.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolment Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty and Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Funding and Resource Management <input type="checkbox"/> IT Services, Software and Hardware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Change <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Infrastructure </td> <td> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship with Stakeholders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reputation <input type="checkbox"/> Research Enterprise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Student Success </td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolment Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faculty and Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Funding and Resource Management <input type="checkbox"/> IT Services, Software and Hardware <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Change <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Infrastructure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship with Stakeholders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reputation <input type="checkbox"/> Research Enterprise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Student Success
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Legislative Compliance and jurisdiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Faculties Council Terms of Reference • GFC Executive Committee Terms of Reference 			

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