

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE
GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

2000 SERIES ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS SERVICES

C. General Campus Policies

2240 Tobacco Free Campus

Monterey Peninsula College is a tobacco free campus. The use of any form of tobacco products on college premises except for educational and cultural purposes is prohibited. The Superintendent/President of the College shall be responsible for establishing procedures to enforce a tobacco free campus.

See Administrative Procedure 2240 -- Tobacco-Free Campus.

Reference: California Government Code 7596 et seq;
California Labor Code 6404 and 6404.5

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Revised and Adopted:



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
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To whom it may concern,

The official opinion of ASMPC is that BP 2240 Tobacco-Free Policy not be instated. The current phase of the movement towards a tobacco-free campus has not been effective; There should be action taken to better aid students in identifying designated smoking areas, revising where designated smoking areas are located, installing more ashtrays, and the next phase should not be initiated.

It is recognized that there is indeed fault in students towards the current policy. It is also recognized that there are no consequences for not adhering the current policy. Trustee Daniel Cervantes has met with security and reported that, currently, there is no ticket/citation for smoking in non-designated areas (the students are only asked to move to the parking lot). Since students do not face any disciplinary action for violating the current policy, they are willing to take the risk of being asked to move to the parking lot. Last month, AB 795 was passed. This bill allows the Governing Board to set a fine for smoking in non-designated areas with two conditions: First, the fine cannot exceed \$100; Second, the funds generated by the fines must be used to support this bill (used to help upkeep enforcement, start rehabilitation groups, etc.). ASMPC highly encourages that the process be initiated to instate such a fine as soon as possible.

This is also tied in to another issue concerning ASMPC: enforcement. It is believed that the enforcement presented in this phase of the process has been inadequate up to this point, not that security officers are not confronting students that are smoking in non-designated areas, but that there is very little consequence to violating this policy and there are not that many security personnel to help enforce. AB 795 should help with part of the issue. With all the budget cuts and everything else, hiring more enforcers most likely will not be feasible. The following excerpt is from the notes of the November 9, 2010 meeting of the Administrative Services Advisory Group: "Given the history and

original intent of the current Smoking Policy, it is believed that the campus should continue to move in the direction of a non-smoking campus (to include parking lots). This latter option would come at no cost to the district, however it is recognized that it may be **largely** unenforceable." The emphasis is at the end of this excerpt 'largely unenforceable'. It does not seem proper to adopt a policy that is expected to be largely unenforceable by any means. ASMPC is not in support of moving to a Tobacco-Free campus, but does realize that enforcing such a policy is going to be near impossible and believes that enforcing the current policy will be more effective/attainable with the recommendations mentioned in the first paragraph.

Since this is such a controversial issue, a large amount of input is needed from sources on both sides of the spectrum. There was a survey that was conducted in 2009 regarding the smoking policy. It asked various questions such as "How effective is the current no smoking policy?"; "How would you feel about moving to a smoke-free campus, including parking lots?"; "What is your age/gender?" The survey is was a great idea, the questions and responses were well prepared. A big problem with this survey is that the greatest number of responses for any 1 question is 264, vastly smaller than the number of students on campus on a daily basis. ASMPC would like to be reassured that both sides of this controversy are being considered carefully and equally.

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From: Sigrid Klein
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 3:59 PM
To: Linda Pridmore; Carla Robinson; Suzanne Ammons
Cc: Carsbia Anderson
Subject: BP 2240 Comments from SSAG

BP 2240 was discussed at a second reading today in the SSAG meeting.

A summary listing of comments/recommendations from SSAG are as follows:

- Keep as is
- Enforcement (currently difficult to enforce)
- Move designated area and provide more ashtrays (Have architect design a smoking area)
- Signage
- Cessation Support

ASMPC strongly stated that BP 2240 Tobacco Free Policy should not be implemented. Enforcement for smoking in non-designated area is non-existent and should be enforced with fines levied on violators.

Concerns were voiced that it is unreasonable and unfair to ask staff to go off campus within a 15 min break to allow for a smoke. The present policy cannot be policed and Phase 4 should not be implemented. An additional comment also was that smokers infringe on our health benefits.

Carsbia will be at the College Council meeting where he can explain in more details the responses from different groups surveyed, i.e. ASMPC, CSEA, Staff meetings, other campuses.

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Subject: RE: BP 2240 Response from ASAG

From ASAG's meeting of Monday, Nov 14 2011...please find the following summary of comments, recommendations:

- 1) Current Smoking policy is unenforceable, but does offer smokers an option.
- 2) Under phase 4, we could anticipate lost productivity time if staff had to leave campus.
- 3) Best to keep policy much as it is, however, modify to include "designated area" (also recommendation of H&S Committee).
- 4) Encourage peer pressure (students and staff) as enforcement effort, inclusive of smoking cessation programs as option.

I will include the above info for College Council's meeting today and review of BP 2240. Let me know if we need to do anything else.

Suzanne