

Tobacco Free Campus Task Force

Meeting            April 20, 2015            3:30 p.m.

Attendees:        Michelle Goff, Walt Mason, Sherrie Helms, Tracy Woods, Vicki Sherrod, Stacey King

Purpose of meeting: to answer the three questions presented by Dr. Boehmer –

1. Update President Boehmer about work of the task force – the task force last met September 9, 2014. New Policy went into effect 10/01/14 (USG Policy). Signage was placed at two locations on campus (entrance roads). Email and poster communication promoting the new policy was administered by Student Life.

Dr. Boehmer asked for an update of the committee's work in October. (Copy attached). Specifically, Dr. Boehmer requested that the Task Force recommend practical guidelines for the following:

- a. What will role of our police dept be? (Tabled due to the absence of a Chief)
- b. Will we enforce outside ban in parking areas? (Yes but enforcement will be difficult)
- c. Will we enforce smokeless tobacco ban at baseball/softball games? (Yes but coaches will need to fully engage themselves with the effort)
- d. Will violations by students be referred to student conduct? (Yes. New sanctions have been put into the student code of conduct).
- a. Will violations by faculty/staff be referred to supervisor? (Yes if people will step up and actually report their coworkers)

The task force recognizes that the enforcement of this policy is difficult.

Action Items - (1) additional signage is needed around campus (at ballfields, in parking lots, at tennis courts, and adjacent to Housing particularly in the parking lot). A total of eight additional signs will be ordered and installed

(2) Email reminders will be sent from the TF in August and January of each year to all faculty and staff

(3) Email, text and poster reminders will be sent at the beginning of each semester by Student Life

2. To decide whether the task force needs to be continued for the next year or discharged – the TF feels that we should continue in order to carry out the items listed above. Several members have left their employment at EGSC. It was suggested that the new Chief of Police (or his designee) serve on the TF, as well as a representative from Statesboro. M. Goff will contact Caroline Joyner for a nomination.
3. To decide whether it is needed to convert the task force to a standing committee – the TF feels that we should remain as a task force.