

To the Le Moyne Campus Community,

In 2011, Le Moyne's Student Government Association (SGA) contacted the administration regarding the possibility of changing the College's smoking policy. Specifically, the SGA wanted to explore eliminating the use of tobacco products on our campus in support of the OneLeMoyne strategic priorities.

A study team was developed comprised of employees, students and representatives of Sodexo, Excellus and the American Cancer Society to research the issue and make recommendations to the President's Council. During the summer of 2012, faculty, staff, administrators and students were surveyed regarding their tobacco use and whether or not they would support a policy change. The team also researched other colleges and universities that had already adopted smoke-free/tobacco-free policies and other agencies regarding policy trends and options.

Upon completing these activities, the study team developed a range of options, which included a recommendation to change the campus policy. This information was initially presented to the President's Council for consideration in October 2012.

On April 10, 2013, the SGA voted to adopt a smoke-free, tobacco-free policy. This resolution included a target date of July 1, 2015, as when the campus would become smoke-free and tobacco-free and a proposal that the time between the resolution and effective date would be used to provide communications and support for smoking cessation. Additionally they proposed that a committee of faculty, staff, administrators and students assist with the transition to a smoke-free, tobacco-free campus.

Following discussion during a meeting of the President's Council on May 8, 2013, the recommendation was made to adopt and implement a campus-wide smoke-free/tobacco-free policy based on the SGA resolution. This policy was approved by the President's Cabinet and will be made effective on July 1, 2015.

Our campus-wide implementation plan will commence in conjunction with the [Great American Smokeout](#), a national event on Nov. 21 sponsored by the American Cancer Society. In addition to this kick-off event, our implementation plan – which will run for the balance of the 2013-14 academic year – will include additional information and education, regular campus communication and outreach, and smoking cessation support.

While education, cessation and communication will continue during the 2014-15 academic year, we will also begin to initiate changes, including new campus signage and the gradual reduction to acceptable smoking areas.

For additional information about this policy, a more detailed description of the implementation plan, and timeline, and where to find smoking cessation support, [visit the Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free webpage](#).

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we begin to make Le Moyne a smoke-free/tobacco free campus.

*Sincerely,*

*President's Cabinet*