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The Board is committed to providing students, employees and the public with a safe and healthful campus environment. The use of tobacco and unregulated nicotine delivery products on the property or premises of the College's campuses is determined to be detrimental to the health and safety of students, employees and visitors. Accordingly, the use of tobacco and unregulated nicotine delivery products shall be prohibited by students, employees and visitors in all campus buildings, facilities and vehicles owned or leased by the College, as well as on the property or grounds of the New Bern Campus and the Havelock-Cherry Point Campus except for specifically designated official smoking areas.

The advertisement, promotion, sale, or distribution on any College campus or at any College events of tobacco and unregulated nicotine delivery products, including non-tobacco merchandise promoting or advertising tobacco or unregulated nicotine delivery products, shall be prohibited. Student organizations shall be prohibited from accepting money or gifts from companies promoting the use of tobacco or unregulated nicotine delivery products. Advertisements promoting the use of tobacco or unregulated nicotine delivery products shall be prohibited from appearing in any College publications or placed on any College property. For the purposes of this Policy, "tobacco" means any type of tobacco product including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, bids, hookahs, smokeless tobacco or snuff of any type including spit and spitless tobacco. "Unregulated nicotine delivery product" means any product, substance, or device containing nicotine that has not completed clinical medical trials and is not recognized by the Food and Drug Administration as a medically acceptable tobacco use cessation product. Unregulated nicotine products include any type of electronic cigarettes, e-cigs, vaporizers, pipes, and similar items that are designed to deliver nicotine, among other substances, to a user in the form of a vapor that is inhaled and exhaled or through any other non-medically approved method.

Smoking, including the use of unregulated nicotine products that produce vapor, shall be permitted on campus grounds only in specific, designated official smoking areas. All students, employees, students and visitors shall adhere to this Policy and restrict their use of tobacco and unregulated nicotine products to such designated areas while on campus.

The President is authorized to establish those College Procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this Policy.

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