



## MSU BILLINGS GOES TOBACCO FREE THIS SUMMER

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To: MSU Billings Colleagues  
From: Dr. Rolf Groseth, Chancellor  
Re: Tobacco free initiative at MSU Billings

Over the past two years, the units of the Montana University System have been addressing the issue of tobacco use on campuses, reviewing current policies and practices and recommending changes. We at MSU Billings have been doing the same thing.

During the 2010-11 academic year, I asked Student Health Services Director Darla Tyler-McSherry to assemble a team to do the appropriate research, conduct the necessary forums and take the appropriate steps to make MSU Billings and its campuses tobacco free. This group developed a draft and sought input on the process. The draft recommendations gained support from students, staff and faculty groups and, on Feb. 12, 2012, forwarded the "Montana State University Billings Tobacco Free Campus Policy" for my review.

I have reviewed the draft policy with the University Cabinet and it has been given preliminary approval for implementation on **Aug. 15, 2012.**

The policy makes sense on a number of levels and the larger question is now settled. MSU Billings will soon be one of more than 250 college and universities to become tobacco free.

However, before we move forward, I would like to have students, faculty and staff take a final look at the main points of the final draft that include details on reporting and compliance issues. Mostly, I want to make sure the final details are understandable to everyone.

Please review the documents at the MSU Billings University Relations or Student Health Services websites. Send any questions to Darla by March 30.

Thank you for your time and your cooperation on making this policy work.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rolf Groseth  
Chancellor