To: Patrick Hagen, Chair, Faculty Senate  
Les Hollingsworth, Chair, Academic Staff Senate  
Johnathan Predaina, President, Student Senate

From: Carol Sue Butts  
Chancellor

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Subject: Smoking Policy for the Academic and Administrative Sector of Campus

Current policy designates the entire academic and administrative sector of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville campus as a smoke-free zone. The current policy is as follows “Effective August 25, 2008, the entire academic sector of the UW-Platteville campus is a smoke-free zone. This includes both inside of buildings and outside, on the campus grounds.” (See http://www.uwplatt.edu/university/documents/cleanAir.html.)

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the Faculty Senate and the Academic Staff Senate recommended continuation of current policy. Student Senate recommended revocation of current policy and a return to the previous policy which was as follows:

In accord with actions taken by University governance bodies, The University of Wisconsin-Platteville prohibits smoking in any academic or administrative building. Smoking within 25 feet of any entrance or exit or within 25 feet of any external air handling unit will be a violation of this policy.

Given that there is no legal or practical way to enforce current policy, effective June 1, 2010 that policy is suspended pending changes to Wisconsin State Law and/or Administrative Code that would allow for its enforcement. For the duration of this suspension, UW-Platteville’s policy on smoking inside and outside academic and administrative buildings will revert to previous policy (italicized paragraph above).

This action makes no change to smoking policy in or around UW-Platteville’s residence halls.

Thank you for your and your Senate’s attention to this matter.

cc: Chancellor’s Cabinet Members