

**Binghamton University
Tobacco Free Campus Initiative**

Timeline for Approval of Policy

What is the legislative history related to Tobacco-Free SUNY legislation?

2012

- SUNY Board of Trustees approved a resolution (6/12/12) supporting legislation mandating all state-operated campuses be tobacco free by January 1, 2014
- Assemblymember Glick introduces A.10683 at the request of SUNY pursuant to the Board of Trustees resolution (6/14/12)
- A.10683 referred to Assembly Higher Education Committee but was not considered; No Senate Sponsor

2013

- Senator Hannon introduces S.4853 at the request of SUNY pursuant to the BOT resolution (same as A.10683)
- Assemblyman Mosley introduces A.7277 following consultation with Assemblymember Glick since Mr. Mosley had a similar bill introduced – A.6620
- A.7277-A is reported from the Assembly Higher Education Committee and referred to the Assembly Codes Committee where it was not considered further.
- S.4853-A was not consider by the Senate Higher Education Committee.

2014

- S.4853-B/A.7277-B (Hannon/Mosley) were amended for the 2014 legislative session
- A.7277-B was reported from the Assembly Higher Education Committee and referred to the Assembly Codes Committee where it was not considered further
- S. 4853-B was not considered by the Senate Higher Education Committee

2015

- S.4322/A.2326 (Hannon/Mosley) were amended for the 2015 legislative session
- A.2326 was referred to the Higher Education Committee
- S.4322 was referred to the Higher Education Committee

2016

- S.4322/A.2326 (Hannon/Mosley) were amended for the 2016 legislative session
- A.2326 referred to Rules - Rules report Cal. 516 Reported
- S.4322 referred to the Higher Education Committee

SUNY will continue to work to support this legislation in the 2016-17 budget cycle.

Binghamton University's Timeline and History

- **February 1, 2016**
 - The Tobacco Free Campus Initiative Committee holds its first meeting. Committee consists of 31 members from across many constituent groups at the University. Undergraduate and graduate students are represented. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee representative is Professor Gary Truce.
- **March 2016**
 - A draft Tobacco-Free policy is developed and presented to the committee for review.
- **April 4, 2016**
 - Committee opens up the draft policy to the entire campus for a three-week open comment period. Following is the Dateline messages that was sent to the campus on April 4 and April 20, 2016:

[Campus seeks input for Tobacco-Free policy/procedures](#)

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To help encourage this culture, and to be proactive before it is required on all SUNY campuses, the University is developing a tobacco-free policy to be implemented in August 2017, and seeks input from the campus community on how best to move forward. Two broad-based campus committees – one for policy and one for education and prevention – have been meeting and have drafted language for campus review. The committees ask that any feedback on the draft language [be provided via e-mail to the committees by Friday, April 22, 2016](#). [Find the draft online](#), along with [frequently asked questions](#).

In addition, a research-based survey will be conducted in the near future to gather information on current tobacco use in all campus populations to help determine how best to support members of the campus community who currently use tobacco products when a policy is in place.

- **April 22, 2016**
 - Committee receives copies of all the comments from the three-week comment period.
- **May 4, 2016**
 - Committee meets and makes adjustments to the draft policy based upon suggestions received during the comment period.
 - Committee votes on whether or not to recommend the policy to Senior Staff (23 individuals vote in favor, 1 individual against, and 1 abstention).
- **May 10, 2016**
 - Senior Officers Group approves the draft policy

- **May 13, 2016**
 - The following Dateline is sent to the campus advising of the approval of the policy and its effective date:

[A message about the Tobacco-Free Campus policy](#)

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To help encourage this culture, two broad-based committees have been working to develop a tobacco-free policy to be implemented for Binghamton University. A draft policy was released to the campus in April for comment. Many students, faculty and staff provided comments which reflected both sides of the issue. The committees have reviewed and considered all the comments and have made a recommendation to the senior officers group to implement the policy. On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, the senior officers group approved this policy, which will be effective **August 1, 2017**.

We understand that our move to become tobacco-free is a sensitive and difficult one for some. Know that, as Binghamton University becomes a tobacco-free campus, we will do all we can to support those who use tobacco products to eliminate their dependence on them, if they so desire. This includes making smoking cessation programming and non-prescription smoking cessation devices (patches, gum, lozenges, etc.) available to faculty, staff, students and our auxiliary services partners' employees.

Over the next year, as we all prepare for the transition to a tobacco-free campus, we will continue to provide information and educate the campus and visitors about the policy and its impact. [Visit our Tobacco-Free Campus webpage](#) that includes the new policy, FAQ's and other resource material. Continue to check this website over the next year as it will be updated with new resources as they become available. [Questions or issues can be addressed via e-mail](#) and we will respond to you in a timely manner.

Senior Officers Group:

James Broschart, vice president for advancement
Gregory Delviscio, associate vice president, Communications and Marketing
Sheila Doyle, executive director of the Binghamton Foundation
Patrick Elliott, athletic director
Valerie Hampton, chief diversity officer
Terry Kane, chief of staff, President's Office
Michael McGoff, senior vice provost and CFO
Pamela Mischen, faculty advisor to the president
JoAnn Navarro, vice president for operations
Donald Nieman, executive vice president for academic affairs and provost
Brian Rose, vice president for student affairs
Bahgat Sammakia, vice president for research
Barbara Scarlett, University counsel
Harvey Stenger, president

- May 2016 to Present
 - Efforts have focused on communication, signage, student and faculty/staff outreach, educational programming, tobacco cessation classes, nicotine replacement therapy, etc.

The University's Tobacco Free webpage can be found at: <https://www.binghamton.edu/tobacco-free/>.
A link to the policy is also on the webpage.