

Smoking forum brings policy change closer

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Changes to Clackamas' smoking policy were the subject of an open forum Monday in CC127 where ASG representatives met with faculty and students to discuss what direction they will take.

Eleven people attended the forum including College President John Keyser, ASG President Bryan Fuentes, Jaime Craig, an environmental affairs officer for ASG, three faculty members

and only one other student who wasn't affiliated with ASG or The Print. Though the forum was publicized and open to all, smokers were surprisingly absent.

Craig is heading the committee that will decide how to address the many complaints the college has received concerning second-hand smoke, especially around building entrances.

As reported in the Nov. 29 issue of The Print, many people on campus object to smoking around doorways and high traffic areas because they

have to walk through those areas to get to their classes.

"There has been a fair amount of dissatisfaction with second-hand smoke that people have had to tolerate," said Keyser. "The statistics that I've read about the potential damage of secondary smoke are pretty scary."

Katie Hovanic, circulation coordinator at the library raised the issue of GED students smoking in front of the Dye Learning Center. Hovanic and others have noted that, not only do these students create a considerable

amount of smoke and litter due to smoking at the entry way where other students must travel, but some of them aren't even old enough to smoke.

"I don't know why they don't enforce the minimum smoking age requirement," said Hovanic.

"We just don't have the manpower," answered Craig. "We don't have anybody who is willing to go do that as part of their job."

According to Larry Dexheimer, assistant administrator for Public Safety, about three years ago Public Safety had a zero tolerance policy. If they found underage youths

smoking, they took their cigarettes. In response to requests by the instructors of some of the Tri-City Alternative Programs, Public Safety took a less active approach to enforcement against underage smoking.

"If we started, we could probably be down there [at Dye] writing tickets all day," said Dexheimer.

For some time, ASG has been working on a plan to re-structure the schools smoking policy with the possibility of making clearly designated smoking areas and covered shelters to shield smokers from the weather without their having to smoke under covered entrances.

In the few responses from smokers that The Print received from a poll it conducted last November, the consensus of smokers was that they would cooperate with these kinds of policy changes. ASG has heard similar assertions from smokers.

"We did have people that called us and said they were smokers and weren't going to quit, but would be very willing to work with designated areas if that was what the campus decided," said Fuentes.

The goal of the re-structuring isn't as much to restrict smokers to designated areas as much as it is to keep them away from buildings, eaves and doorways, said Fuentes.

ASG is looking at a course of action

similar to the one Mt. Hood has been working on since 1988. After various policy changes and area changes, Mt. Hood now has designated areas for smoking with about 13 covered shelters that consist of refurbished Tri-Met bus shelters. Mt. Hood also implemented a \$15 fine for smoking in restricted areas.

Last November, ASG had a few areas they were looking at as designated areas though they haven't specifically chosen any yet.

"We haven't decided for sure. If you have a better idea of what we can do to solve this problem, we'd like that input also," said Craig, speaking to anyone this policy would affect. "Designated smoking areas just seem like the best option for us at this point."

As well as designated areas and covered shelters, ASG also plans to eventually institute a fine for smoking in restricted areas. The fine would only go into effect after awareness of the new policy and restricted areas is well established.

After Monday's forum, ASG plans to take the next steps toward implementing these measures. Along with restrictions, ASG has discussed making programs which help people quit smoking more available. ASG hopes to have a proposal for changes to the smoking policy ready to present to the President's Council by May.



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Clackamas students and faculty discuss problems with the current smoking policy and plans for the future.

English Instructor Jeff Knorr says goodbye to Clackamas

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English Instructor Jeff Knorr, who has been on sabbatical since the beginning of the school year, will be moving to Sacramento after serving the college since 1994 and will be missed by many.

"Jeff is a great teacher. The students like and respect him," said Tim Schell, English instructor. "He is a great colleague and we became very good friends. His leaving will be a huge loss for the college

and English department."

Knorr's leaving is due to his wife's job relocation and according to him, it is a bitter-sweet move.

"I love Clackamas and I absolutely loved teaching here. I'm going to miss how friendly the campus is. I might never teach at a campus like this again," said Knorr.

"Leaving is very difficult. It's a sign of what a good place Clackamas is. I will never be able to say thank you enough to all the people who made it an incredible place."

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After his move, Knorr wants to continue teaching and he is planning on applying at a community college.

Clackamas will remember Knorr and his poetry.

"When hiring a new person, if we can get someone half as good

as Jeff, we are lucky," said Schell. "I know he will go on having a successful career. We will be reading his poetry here at Clackamas."



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Jeff Knorr, an English Instructor at Clackamas since 1994, is leaving due to his wife's new job in Sacramento. He hopes to continue his teaching career there.

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