

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

## **Policy 158 Tobacco**

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<b>Date:</b>	July 22, 2024
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Marilyn Meyer
<b>Steward(s):</b>	Drew Burke
<b>Policy Process:</b>	Regular
<b>Policy Action:</b>	<b>Revision</b>
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### **Issues/Concerns (including fiscal, legal, and compliance impact):**

The *Utah Clean Air Act* was amended in May of 2023 (Utah Code 26B-7-503), and it has been 20 years since this policy was last revised. New revisions are needed to ensure greater compliance and promote a healthy work environment. These revisions will enhance productivity by minimizing smoke-related disruptions, illnesses, and absences and have a positive effect on UVU healthcare costs.

### **Suggested Changes:**

Currently, the policy has no information in the definitions and procedures sections. The revisions will include more detailed information in the following areas:

1. Policy language will be added to comply with updated state law related to e-cigarettes, vaping, and smoking paraphernalia (e-devices, pens, hookah, etc.).
2. Definitions will be added to the policy to provide clarity and ensure a shared understanding of terms and concepts, improve communication, and reduce misunderstandings (for example, smoking in or near buildings and enclosed indoor place; use of tobacco, cigarettes, hookahs, cigars, e-devices, vape pens, etc.).
3. Procedures will be added so individuals know how to report concerns and potential violations to ensure incidents are handled consistently and fairly.
4. Procedures will be added for handling law or policy violations and ensuring a fair, safe environment for students, faculty, and staff.



5. Policy language will be added to include the limited exemption from the statute for “American Indian tribal” religious ceremonies.

**Requested Approval from President’s Council:** Requesting Entrance into Stage 1, regular policy process.

**Proposed Drafting Committee:** Drew Burke, Alexis Palmer, Anthony Garcia, Victoria Lyons

**Target Date for Stage 1 Draft to Enter Stage 2:** 9/2/2024

**Target Date for Board of Trustees Review:** 11/15/2024