UNIVERSITY SMOKING POLICY

PURPOSE

1.00 The university is committed to providing a safe and healthful environment for its employees and students. There is a solid body of medical evidence which indicates that exposure to second-hand smoke is hazardous to health and can cause disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers. To fulfill its responsibility to providing a safe and healthful environment, the university endeavours to control involuntary exposure to harmful substances produced by smoking by restricting smoking within and on university property.

2.00 Provincial legislation and municipal by-laws have been enacted to regulate smoking in the workplace and in post-secondary educational institutions. The university must comply with the law. In addition, as an educational institution, the university should not endorse or condone practices which harm health, and should provide leadership to the community by endeavouring to eliminate a controllable health hazard.

DEFINITIONS

3.00 Structure means outdoor patios; stadium area including seating, track and storage facilities; fountains; bike shelters; bus stops and shelters; and any other fixture as prescribed.

JURISDICTION/SCOPE

4.00 This policy has been instituted pursuant to input from the broader university community. The Vice-President Finance and Operations is responsible for implementing the University Smoking Policy.

5.00 This policy applies to all users of the University of Victoria Gordon Head Campus including employees, students and visitors.
POLICY

6.00 Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes, is prohibited outside of any designated smoking area on university-owned or leased property including:

(a) within any university-owned or leased buildings (including all student and family residence and facilities), in any building owned by the University but occupied by other parties, and Structures as identified by signage at the entrance or in the vicinity of the Structure; and

(b) within any university owned or leased vehicle.

7.00 The Vice President Finance and Operations may designate smoking areas.

8.00 The Facilities Management Department will, in accordance with municipal, regulatory and legislative requirements and with this Policy, place appropriate signage as required.

9.00 Exceptions to the restrictions in this policy may be granted for traditional and ceremonial events at approved times and places.

AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS

(i) Approving Authority – Vice-President Finance and Operations
(ii) Designated Executive Officer – Vice-President Finance and Operations
(iii) Procedural Authority – Vice-President Finance and Operations
(iv) Procedural Officer – Vice-President Finance and Operations

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 3962

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

Residence Life Community Standards
Family Housing Rental Agreement
APPENDIX “A”

Designated smoking areas on UVic campus
Effective Sept. 1, 2011

See pdf version of policy for map
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For more information visit www.uvic.ca/smoking.