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Karpagam Academy of Higher Education (KAHE)

Smoke-Free Campus Policy – 2023

(version 2 -Revised)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a smoke-free environment at Karpagam Academy of Higher Education (KAHE) to protect the health and well-being of students, staff, faculty, and visitors. This policy aims to eliminate exposure to tobacco smoke and discourage the use of tobacco and related products on campus.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all individuals on KAHE premises, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, visitors, and guests, across all areas of the campus, including buildings, grounds, vehicles, and other property managed by KAHE.

3. Policy Statement

KAHE is committed to creating a healthy, safe, and supportive environment that promotes the well-being of the entire campus community. To this end, KAHE will maintain a 100% smoke-free campus, prohibiting the use of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and all other smoking devices.

4. Definitions

- Smoking: Inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other tobacco product, as well as any smoking equipment or device.



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- Tobacco Products: Products that contain or are derived from tobacco and are intended for human consumption, including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, vaping devices, and smokeless tobacco.
- Campus Premises: All KAHE-owned, operated, or leased buildings, facilities, grounds, and vehicles, including parking lots, open spaces, and all other campus property.

5. Policy Guidelines

Smoke-Free Zones:

- Smoking and the use of tobacco products are strictly prohibited in all areas within the KAHE campus, including but not limited to:
 - Indoor and outdoor facilities
 - Student hostels
 - Faculty and staff housing areas
 - Campus vehicles
 - Playgrounds, gardens, and recreational areas
 - Parking lots and walkways

Signage and Awareness:

- Appropriate signage will be displayed at key locations around the campus to indicate that KAHE is a smoke-free environment.
- Information about the smoke-free policy will be included in student orientation, employee onboarding, and campus communications to raise awareness.

Health Promotion and Support:

- KAHE will offer resources and support to individuals seeking assistance to quit smoking or using tobacco products. Counseling services, access to tobacco cessation programs, and information on health resources will be made available to all students, faculty, and staff.





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6. Smoke-Free Campus Committee (SFCC):

To ensure effective implementation and compliance, KAHE will establish a Smoke-Free Campus Committee (SFCC) comprising:

- Dean, Student Affairs
- Registrar
- Deans of Various Faculties
- NCC Officer – Member Secretary

The SFCC will oversee the policy's implementation, ensure adherence to smoke-free standards across campus, conduct awareness programs, and review policy effectiveness periodically.

7. Enforcement and Compliance

Responsibilities:

- All KAHE community members, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors, are responsible for adhering to the smoke-free policy and encouraging a smoke-free environment.
- The SFCC, in collaboration with campus security, will oversee the enforcement of this policy.

Violation and Disciplinary Action:

- Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action. Penalties may include:
- Verbal or written warnings for students, staff, and faculty.
- Fines or other sanctions for repeat offenders.
- Visitors or contractors found violating the policy may be asked to leave campus premises.

Reporting Violations:

- Students, staff, and faculty members are encouraged to report any violations of the smoke-free policy to campus security or the SFCC.



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8. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the latest public health guidelines and KAHE's institutional goals. Updates or amendments will be proposed by the SFCC and approved by the KAHE administration.

9. Conclusion

KAHE is dedicated to creating a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone on campus. By enforcing a smoke-free campus policy, KAHE demonstrates its commitment to promoting public health and well-being. We appreciate the cooperation and support of all members of the KAHE community in upholding this policy.

Approved by: 44th meeting held on 30.12.2023 of the BoM of Karpagam Academy of Higher Education



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