Tobacco Policy Task Force Meeting Summary – December 6, 2012

Following the Tobacco Policy Task Force Workshop, the committee determined the best direction to proceed was to focus on gathering factual information to identify and understand the issues related to reviewing any tobacco policy, current or future. To open up the fact-finding phase, committee members were asked to pick a specific issue or area they would like to explore and generate some background information to share with the rest of the Task Force. Each committee member presented their “areas of interest” research findings to the task force.

**Tobacco Area of Interest:**

- Jim Triplett – Tobacco sustainability efforts – developing countries
- Rita Girth – National, state, and local tobacco statistics
- Kafui Alomenu – Effects of second-hand smoke (student views)
- Bert Patrick – Tobacco Free campus polices
- Barb Circle – Tobacco Policy comparisons
- Mike McCracken – Tobacco Policy enforcement
- Connie Malle – Tobacco policy and trends
- Debbie Amershek – Effects of smoking in the workplace
- Serif Uran – Financial aspect of tobacco usage
- Ashley Hedden – Effects of second-hand smoke
- Cathy Lee Arcunio – Physical effects of tobacco use
- Natalie Cullen – Tobacco compliance and enforcement
- Chris Kelly – History of tobacco use Tobacco use at PSU
- J.T. Knoll – Communication and Cessation
- Val Engstrom – Tobacco statistical information

An open discussion between the task force followed the presentations and the committee identified 4 phases of action necessary to meet the objectives of their mission and develop a final recommendation.

4 phases of Tobacco Policy Task Force action:

1. Information gathering/fact-finding research related to tobacco issues
2. Message Framing and Dissemination of tobacco information
3. Assessment of local knowledge and perceptions of tobacco
4. Analysis and Recommendations

After reviewing the Tobacco Policy Task Force website and Facebook page, a communications sub-committee including Rita Girth, Barbara Circle, Kafui Alomenu, and Chris Kelly was formed to create a FAQ section for the website. This sub-committee would generate a drafted FAQ document and would share with the Task Force members via Zimbra briefcase for their review.
The meeting concluded with the intention to schedule the next Task Force meeting shortly following the start of the spring semester.