

January 16, 2018

MEMORANDUM

To: University Community
From: Robert A. Underwood, President
Re: **Smoke Free UOG**



Hafa Adai,

On behalf of the University of Guam, I welcome each and every one of you back for our first official Fañomnåkan semester! With so much activity at the start of a new semester, I want to take the time to remind our Triton Community to keep our campus free of smoking, vaping, and tobacco.

The University of Guam has been a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus for many years. In September 2013, the University updated the Tobacco Free Policy to include electronic cigarettes and vaping. Since then, there has been a decrease in smoking violations on campus but it continues to persist in certain areas.

A new public law (P.L. 34-1), which became effective on January 1, 2018, now prohibits the use of and sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products, including electronic cigarettes, to persons under 21 years of age. This means that smoking violations not only carry possible disciplinary action from the University, but now may also lead to penalties under Guam law.

I ask each person in our Triton Community and all visitors to our campus to act responsibly and observe a #smokefreeUOG. Our policy is strong and our enforcement will be as strong during this semester. We will disseminate detailed information on the policies and processes. We will issue citations and disciplinary actions will follow for repeat offenders for both staff and students. Our primary purpose is to improve the health of all Tritons and our goal is to ensure a smoke-free UOG.

Everyone is free to ask individuals to stop smoking on campus. To report those who resist or refuse to stop and to report violations, please contact the Safety and Security Office at 735-2370 or G4S Campus Security at 888-2456.

Your commitment and contributions to the University of Guam are what makes this University GREAT. I am looking forward to working and serving with you this Fañomnåkan semester.

Biba UOG!

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