Policy Number: 449
Policy Title: Tobacco on Campus

**AAPC:** This policy should also include smokeless tobacco products. Students often leave their “spit” cups in classrooms for others to clean up. The Council believes the policy should also include the enforcement of the policy and that this enforcement should not fall to staff and faculty, who have been told in the past that it was their responsibility to enforce the policy, which has resulted in confrontations with students. The Council believes it is the responsibility of Public Safety to enforce this policy. The Council also questioned why we haven’t moved to a smoke-free campus and whether or not we are complying with local ordinances in all instances.

**POLICY**

Smoking of any material or use of any smokeless tobacco products of any material is prohibited in all enclosed areas of Georgia Perimeter College (GPC), including hallways, elevators, offices, restrooms, seminar/meeting rooms, and all other spaces owned or leased by the college. Smoking is **prohibited outside any doorways and also prohibited in college vehicles, and any outside areas adjacent to a GPC facility whose configuration and/or other physical circumstances allow smoke either to enter and affect the internal environment or to adversely affect the environment of those entering or exiting the facility.** In addition, the sale and distribution of tobacco products is not permitted on campus.

[AAPC: The Council thinks the much more straight-forward language of “doorways” is more appropriate instead of having to establish whether or not the internal environment is being adversely affected.]

**PROCEDURE [AAPC: This is policy, not procedure.]**

All employees are expected to be familiar with and abide by the guidelines set forth in this policy. All contractors, vendors, business consultants, and the general public visiting the college for any reason shall consent to this policy as well.

**Exceptions**

Any area designated as a “smoking area” located outside in “non-work” areas away from the main entrances of buildings.

PPAB Approval Date: ______________________
Policy Council Review Date(s):
FAPC: 9/20/12