Amended smoking policy at IUB took effect Sept. 1

Smoking on the IU Bloomington campus is prohibited within 30 feet of buildings.

IUB Chancellor Sharon Brehm has approved an amendment to the campus smoking policy that was presented by a task force of students, faculty, staff and administrators. The amendment took effect Sept. 1.

All building doorways and fully or partially enclosed walkways connecting buildings are to be smoke-free, along with areas near open windows and ventilation systems. Smoking is prohibited on university owned or leased property within 30 feet of building entrances, exits, partially or fully enclosed walkways, open windows and ventilation systems.

“We'll phase in the policy during the next two months. I want to make this transition as smooth as possible for smokers and non-smokers,” said Brehm. “We want to align with the ordinances recently passed by the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, and create a healthier environment on campus.”

The two-month transition period will allow students, staff and faculty members to become more familiar with the policy and will permit time for preparation of appropriate signage for buildings and other necessary changes. Buildings and vehicles owned or leased by the university have been smoke-free since November 1993.