

Tobacco Coalition Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2013

A Tobacco Coalition meeting was convened on March 20, 2013, at 11:05 a.m. in the Greenup Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr., University Union, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Amanda Woolard, Assistant Director for Health Education & Promotion, presided.

Attendees: Dr. Sheila Baker, Health Service; Lee Ann Bryant, Coles County Health Department; Gary Bulla, Biological Sciences; Eric Davidson, Health Education Resource Center; Dan Deeken, Facilities Planning and Management; Laura Humphreys, Health Education Resource Center; Derek Markley, President's Office; Amanda Woolard, Health Education Resource Center

Senate Bill 2202

Derek Markley, Chief of Staff for EIU's President's Office, presented information to the coalition today regarding EIU's position in relation to Illinois Senate Bill 2202. He explained that EIU views this bill as an autonomy issue. Campus would like to keep centralized state legislation to a minimum. Therefore, EIU is opposing the bill. As an institution with our own governing bodies we would like to make the policy for this happen locally. If the bill does go through campus will comply as quickly as possible. There was discussion about how this affects the efforts of the coalition moving forward. Dr. Markley advised the coalition to continue to look for a broad base of support for this initiative. The coalition will take the information collected and present it to CUPB as previously requested by Dr. Perry. In addition, continued efforts to collect information on a smoke/tobacco free initiative will continue (i.e. communication with other schools on efforts and progress).