



SUBJECT:	Physical Plant		
POLICY:	607.1 Smudging on Campus		
PROCEDURE:	607.1.1 Smudging on Campus		
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Introduction and Purpose

Smudging is a sacred practice used by some indigenous peoples of the Americas that involves the burning of traditional medicines. In support of the cultural integrity of our Indigenous/Native American students, faculty, staff, and guests, and in accordance with the 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Great Falls College has developed this smudging policy.

Policy

This policy is established for smudging in college-owned buildings. Every effort will be made to honor smudging.

Personal Smudging

Prior notification for personal smudging conducted within the Native American Enrichment Center is not necessary.

Ceremonial Smudging (indoors)

Prior notification of indoor ceremonial smudging is necessary. The event organizer must submit a written notification to the campus event coordinator and follow procedures detailed in procedure 607.1.1.

Outdoor Smudging

Prior notification for smudging outdoors is not necessary. Indigenous/Native American students, faculty, staff, and guests may practice smudging ceremonies in all outdoor spaces on college property.

This policy shall supersede policy 601.3 Tobacco Use.

Definitions

Campus Event Coordinator: Great Falls College staff member responsible for reserving space and ensuring proper set-up for events.

Event Organizer: person requesting reservation of campus space; the event organizer is responsible for an event, from beginning to end.

Reference

[1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act](#)