



Students' Union Council

Cannabis Legalization Briefing & Consultation

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Presentation Outline

1. Background & Current State
2. Planned Community Consultation
3. Questions for Consideration
4. Next Steps
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Background & Current State

- Legal to sell and buy recreational cannabis and cannabis oil in Canada July 1, 2018 (pending government approval)
- Also legal to sell and buy cannabis seeds and grow cannabis plants.
- Cannabis “edibles” cannot be sold legally for at least another year.
- A working group supported by an advisory working group of university student and staff stakeholders is well underway in the work of identifying issues that may affect the university when the legislation comes into effect.

A Few Issues to Date

Who enforces?

Student Groups

Current
policy?

Research controls

Smoking/using on
campus???

Sale on campus?

Testing?

University reputation

Workplace safety

Public Health

Using in Residence?

Code of Student
Behaviour

Plants in Residence?

Accommodation

International students and travel

Background & Current State

Key Considerations

- The safety of all members of the university community
- The academic and personal development of students
- The ability of staff to work to their potential
- The university's stated values
- The reputation of the University of Alberta as a leading post-secondary institution in Alberta and Canada

Background & Current State

U of A Evaluating the Following Policy Decisions

- Consumption
- Growing of Cannabis.
- Sale and distribution
- Use of Cannabis in the Workplace
- Education & Health Promotion
- Enforcement
- Research



Planned Community Consultation

- SU Council - Today
- GSA Council - Briefing Note
- North Campus Town Hall - Fri, March 16 (12-1 PM, ECHA 2-490)
- Campus Community Engagement Survey - Fri, March 16
- Board of Governors - Fri, March 16
- GFC Council - Monday, March 19
- Augustana Campus Community Consultation (date TBD)
- CSJ Community Consultation (date TBD)

Questions for Consideration

- **To what degree do you support or oppose smoking or vaping cannabis on university property?**
- **Where should the university permit smoking and vaping of cannabis?***

* Please note that proposed legislation would prohibit cannabis use in vehicles, near hospitals, schools and child care facilities, near playgrounds, sports fields, skateboard and bicycle parks, zoos, outdoor theatres, outdoor pools and splash pads.

Questions for Consideration

- If smoking and vaping were to be permitted on university property, during what hours should it be permissible?
- If the legislation permits it, would you support the sale of cannabis on university property?
- Other considerations?

Next Steps

- Survey Closes March 30th
- Working Group Draft Recommendations Report
- Recommendations Submitted mid-April
- Recommendations Review & Implementation May - July



Next Steps - Other Considerations

- Code of Student Behaviour
- Human Resource Services Workplace Substance Use Policy
- Residence Considerations



Questions?



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