Appendix C: Environmental and Economic Impact of Tobacco Use

Local committee research:

- In response to complaints that secondhand smoke was entering buildings, committee members reviewed the locations of UCM designated smoking areas and compared their location with building air ventilators. The current designated smoking areas are in compliance with International Mechanical Code guidelines which states that designated smoking areas must be a minimum of 10 feet away from a ventilation system. The additionally identified campus locations where individuals were observed smoking outside these designated smoking areas, shown in the picture below. The committee concluded that the causes of smoke entering buildings are that designated smoking areas are located outside building entrances, and also because individuals are smoking in non-designated areas.

- Facilities, Planning and Operations committee members interviewed staff and determined it requires the equivalent of a .50FTE employee to clean the cigarette butts, smoke residue and smokeless tobacco sputum on campus: 16.5 hours per week to clean building entry doorways and 8 hours per week for grounds clean up.

- The committee requested but was not able to obtain aggregate figures for UCM tobacco-related health insurance claims.