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STATEMENT:

Smudging and other ceremonial use of smoke and tobacco on VIU premises must have prior appropriate approvals and be conducted in a controlled environment.

A smudge is burned primarily for purification of the physical location and of individuals, and to help create a positive mind set. Typically, the amount of material is small and the smoke associated with this ceremony lasts a very short time.

In addition to ceremonial use, smudging is also an integral part of general Aboriginal cultural practice such as the start of meetings, counseling sessions, and other events and occasions including, but not limited to, pedagogy. When used for this latter purpose, the classroom in which the class is conducted is included as part of the purification process.