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## 1.0 RESPONSIBILITY

- 1.1 The Director of Alumni and Community Events (ACE), or designee, is responsible to monitor the application of and compliance with these procedures for events and conferences scheduled and managed by ACE.
- 1.2 The Athletic Director (for the Rhodes Athletic facilities and campus athletic events) will ensure the application of and compliance with these procedures for applicable events.
- 1.3 The Director of the Department of Public Safety is responsible to maintain order at venues in which the consumption of alcohol is occurring.
- 1.4 The University's exclusive food services vendor is responsible to maintain the required licenses and insurance for the sale and service of alcohol to patrons at University events and conferences. In the case of a change of the University's food service vendor, the transfer of such license will be made to the new vendor in accordance with the established vendor agreement. In lieu of or in addition to the vendor's responsibilities, the University may opt to secure a license to sell and serve alcohol at one or more location(s) on campus.

## 2.0 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ALCOHOL

- 2.1 To secure approval for the purchase of alcohol at an on-campus event or conference (whether a University or non-University event), the sponsoring party must complete an [Alcohol Authorization Form](#) and submit it with the [Space Reservation Form](#), with all required signatures to the appropriate department director.
- 2.2 University funds may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

- 2.3 Except as noted herein, all alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the University's food services vendor which is licensed and insured.
- 3.0 PERMISSION FOR SPONSORING PARTY TO PROVIDE ALCOHOL ON SUNDAYS
- 3.1 The University's food services vendor's alcohol license does not permit the sale of alcohol on Sundays. If the sponsoring party wishes to provide alcohol for an event on campus on a Sunday, prior written approval must be granted by the Director of Alumni and Community Events and the local manager of the University's food services vendor. If approval is received and if desired, the sponsoring party may request that the University's food service staff serve the provided alcohol to the event patrons.
- 3.2 Permission for the consumption of alcohol on campus at a Sunday event is granted in exceptional circumstances only. The type of event, number and ages of expected attendees, and duration of the event will affect this decision.
- 3.3 In accordance with the liquor license, under no circumstance may any alcoholic beverage be permitted to be removed from the approved area of the event. Except for Sunday events or events in a Downtown Outdoor Recreation Area as described below, no alcoholic beverages may be brought into an event by an individual.
- 3.4 The sponsoring party (includes approved University sponsor) will be responsible to provide adequate supervision to ensure adherence to the University's alcohol procedures and for the actions and behaviors of those attending the event.
- 3.5 All student events in which alcohol is served must have an adequate number of adult chaperones that may include University faculty, and/or staff, as determined by the Director of Alumni and Community Events or designee. The type of event, number and ages of expected attendees, and the duration of the event must be considered.
- 3.6 No one under the age of 21 is permitted to purchase, possess, serve, or consume any alcoholic beverage.
- 4.0 DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR RECREATION AREA
- 4.1 During approved special events, alcoholic beverages are permitted to be brought into university buildings located in a Downtown Outdoor Recreation Area (DORA). This must be in accordance with the municipal DORA legislation, including limiting the policy to beverages in legitimate DORA cups purchased at participating DORA locations.

4.2 Approval to host events in a facility covered by DORA legislation must follow all relevant approval processes as described above including approvals from the Director of ACE, Director of the Department of Public Safety, and the university Director responsible for the facility in which alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

4.3 The Director of the Department of Public Safety will determine what safety considerations are necessary for the approved special event.

4.4 During normal operation of a facility located in a DORA, alcoholic beverages will not be allowed on the premises.

## 5.0 SECURITY

5.1 SSU's Department of Public Safety (DPS) must be informed of all events where alcohol is present. The number and types of officers (Security and/or Police) required at each event, if any, will be determined by the responsible department director, and/or the Director of ACE in consultation with the event organizer and the Director of DPS. The sponsoring organization will be separately billed for the security time and cost of materials.

5.2 All sale and use of alcoholic beverages on University property will be monitored by and subject to inspection by the Department of Public Safety, Director of ACE or designee, or the applicable University dean or sponsoring department director.

5.3 Intoxicated individuals will not be served or permitted to possess alcoholic beverages and are subject to being ejected from the event and University property. This determination may be made by the liquor license holder or the appropriate University representative.

## 6.0 VIOLATION OF POLICY OR PROCEDURES

6.1 A student who violates the alcohol policy and/or related procedures addressing the consumption and/or sale of alcohol will be subject to the disciplinary provisions described by the [Student Conduct Code](#).

6.2 An employee who violates the alcohol policy and/or related procedures addressing the consumption and/or sale of alcohol will be subject to the disciplinary provisions described by the applicable policy or collective bargaining agreement.

## 7.0 VIOLATION OF LAW/ DISRUPTIVE OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR

Any individual found to be illegally purchasing, selling, and/or consuming alcohol, or who is intoxicated, disruptive to others, or believed to pose a threat to him or herself or

others while on University premises at University or non-University-sponsored events will be subject to the action(s) deemed necessary by the Department of Public Safety and/or local law enforcement agencies.

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