Alcohol Policy Workshop
Revised – Spring 2011
Alcohol Use Among College Students – Current Trends

- Alcohol is the most pervasively misused substance on college campuses (Perkins, 2002).
- 599,000 college students are unintentionally injured due to alcohol use.
- More than 97,000 college students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault annually.
- 1 in 4 college students report academic consequences of drinking: missing class, doing poorly on tests or papers, and receiving lower grades.
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- 1,700 college students die annually from alcohol-related unintentional injuries & motor vehicle crashes.
- 2.1 million college students reported driving while intoxicated in 2002.
- 400,000 college students reported having unprotected sex while intoxicated in 2002.
- Heightened policy awareness stems from numerous reports of student death, overdose, and convictions involving drugs and alcohol.
The purpose of this policy is to educate the University of South Carolina – Columbia on the expectations and guidelines regarding the use of alcohol.
I. Campus Alcohol Policy

Governed student consumption, possession, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages (including beer, wine and distilled spirits) on the:

- University of South Carolina Columbia campus
- in or at any University owned or controlled facility
- and by Members of the University community
Intent of the Policy

Students of lawful drinking age, and those under the lawful drinking age, may socialize together where beer or wine (and in some limited cases) where distilled spirits are present.

*NOTE: Distilled spirits are not permitted at student social events.

However only those individuals who are 21 years of age or older may consume, serve, or possess beer or wine in a low risk manner.

*NOTE: Policy is subject to change to comply with new local, state, or federal laws or changes in University operating procedures.
II. Definitions

- Student
- Faculty Member
- Staff/Administrator
- Campus
- Off Campus
- Alcohol Event Registration
- Behavioral Intervention Team

*NOTE: Please consult the Alcohol Policy (Number: STAF 3.02) for full definitions*
II. State Laws

Information regarding the State Laws is available on the SAPE website.

http://www.sa.sc.edu/adp/docs/WhatAreYouPreparedToLoseBrochure.pdf

*NOTE: This information is also hyperlinked in the Alcohol Policy on the USC website – www.sc.edu
IV. General Guidelines for the University Community

A. No person **under the age of 21** may purchase, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverage anywhere on the University of South Carolina – Columbia campus.

B. Persons of age **may not sell or give** any alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age.

C. Persons **and their guests** 21 years of age and older may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in individual campus residence hall rooms or apartments on campus, **but NOT** in the **COMMON AREAS** of a residence hall on campus.
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D. Common source containers of alcohol are not permitted on campus at ANY time (e.g. kegs, coolers, and similar containers of Alcoholic Beverages intended to serve as a source of such beverages at a party or other gathering).

E. Alcohol Event Registration – All events sponsored by any entity that involve alcoholic beverages in University owned or controlled facilities must be registered through the Department of Student Life using the Alcohol Event Registration Form.

(This form can be found on the SAPE website: http://www.sa.sc.edu/sape/programs.htm)
H. Alcohol Event Approval Form

Beer and wine is permitted in the following areas:

- Academic facilities (with approval by sponsoring Academic Dean/Department Head and Director of Student Life)
- Alumni House
- Capstone Campus Room and Keystone Room
- Designated Carolina Coliseum Facilities
- Daniel Management Center
- Designated Russell House Facilities (Room 322/326, Ballroom, Witten Room)
- Faculty House
- Gressette Room
- Koger Center Donor's Room, Lobby & Rehearsal Hall
- McKissick Museum
- President's House
- Residence Hall room or apartment (guidelines set by Office of Resident Student Learning)
- Top of Carolina
- Designated Williams-Brice Stadium Facilities
- Women’s Quad Social Room
- Visitor's Center
- Other facilities may be approved on a per event basis. (Application for approval made through the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee) at least 2 weeks prior).
- Other Housing facilities may be approved on a per event basis. (Application for approval made through the Director of Residence Life in the University Housing Office at least 2 weeks prior to the event).
Consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits by individuals or groups is **prohibited in all public areas** of University owned or controlled facilities and grounds, including but not limited to:

- Residence hall lobbies
- Studios
- Study rooms
- Community baths
- Kitchens
- Hallways
- Decks
- Patios
- Roadways
- Horseshoe
Guidelines for Registering Events: Registration Process

A registration process is **required** for any function involving the consumption of beer and/or wine for student group events.

Social events on campus are **registered** to ensure that activity sponsors receive educational information regarding the lawful and low-risk planning and hosting of social events.

Your organization must pick up an **Event Registration Form** and walk it through for proper signatures prior to your event!
Event registration also assists campus agents in providing operational support for event management and controlling the number of events in any one specific area.

Spontaneous gatherings for an unregistered event where beer, wine or distilled spirits are present is a violation of the campus alcohol policy.

No student organization or individual may register more than one event involving the presence of beer or wine in any one weekend.
IV. General Guidelines for the University Community

F. Any container of alcohol being transported **must be sealed** while on University premises.

G. No person, organization, or corporation may sell any kind of alcoholic beverage on the campus of the University, unless there is an alcohol permit to do so.

H. No alcohol may be served or consumed in any University building or open space except as provided in the Alcohol Event Registration Form.
1. Group Events

Prior to registering any student social activity on campus where beer or wine is present, members of the organization must attend a one hour Alcohol Policy Workshop:

- Executive officer
- Student member
- USC faculty/staff advisor to the student organization

The registration of any student social/academic event where beer or wine is present must be approved through the Department of Student Life.

Activities in the residence halls where beer or wine is served must be registered with the Office of the Director of University Housing before being reviewed by the Department of Student Life.
2. Off-Campus Event Registration

- USC has a responsibility to ensure that a safe environment exists in which students can pursue their academic and personal development.

- USC cannot monitor the environment external to the University campus.

- Student organizations are registered or recognized to function only on the USC campus unless otherwise contracted or agreed to by standard written University procedures.

- Student organizations are not authorized to use the USC's name in the organization's name.
2. Off-Campus Event Registration (cont.)

- Student organizations are not authorized to represent the University, or to use the USC's name to enter into agreements, contracts or as leverage to gain goods or services.

- Student organizations should be referred to as: (Student Organization's Name), a registered organization at USC.

- USC views student organizations as private affiliations, and does not endorse the mission, goals or purpose of those organizations.

- While off-campus events are not registered, the student organizations or individuals may be held responsible for their actions off-campus as stated in the Carolina Community.
IV. General Guidelines for the University Community

I. Events hosted by a University entity on campus and where students are present must purchase and serve alcohol through the contract of a licensed third party vendor
V. Guidelines for Students

Students (as defined in section II.A) must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and the General Guidelines for the University Community (section IV) as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances (sections III and IV). Students should also be aware of FERPA/Parental Notification, Off Campus Accountability and Sanctions.
A. FERPA/Parental Notification

The University may disclose the result of a disciplinary proceeding to a part or guardian so long as the student is under the age of 21 at the time of the incident and the proceeding has resulted in a violation of University drug or alcohol policies, or any federal, state or local law following a sanction that places a student on housing or conduct probation (official notice that any additional offense may affect the student’s ability to live on campus or attend the University), or that results in removal from University Housing or the institution (e.g. housing removal/relocation, suspension, or expulsion).

- following the second violation of University policy regarding alcohol.
- following any incident in which the use of alcohol has resulted in hospitalization. Notification will come from the Behavioral Intervention Team Chair or designee.

*NOTE: For additional information or for a Consent to Release Information waiver, refer to the Office of Student Judicial Programs.*
B. Off-Campus Accountability

Student arrested off campus may be subject to University disciplinary action when their conduct violates University standards. Failure to report this information to the Office of Student Judicial Programs can result in a “Failure to Comply” charge and may result in further disciplinary action.
C. Sanctions

- Student organizations and/or students are responsible for abiding by the University Policies & Student Code of Conduct and state/federal laws both on and off campus.

  - **Failure to do so may result in criminal, civil, and University proceedings and sanctions.**

- Students and student organizations that are in violation of the law are also violating the Student Code of Conduct and can be held accountable under both separate systems.

- Violations of this campus Alcohol Policy as well as other regulations contact in the *Carolina Community* will be referred to appropriate University offices.
C. Sanctions (cont.)

Sanctions for the violation of University policies are based upon the severity and frequency of the violation.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to:

- Completion of educational and risk reduction programs
- Fines
- Community service
- Probation
- Individual screenings
- Research papers
- Educational counseling groups
- Suspension of student organization status
- Suspension from use of University facilities for a designated time period
- Other appropriate probation conditions in order to maintain one’s student or organizational status
VI. Guidelines for Student Organizations

A. Student organizations hosting an event must adhere to the General Guidelines for the University Community (section IV) as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances (sections III and IV).

B. Co-sponsorship with an alcohol distributor, charitable organization or tavern (an establishment generating more than half of its annual gross sales from alcohol) where alcohol is given away, sold or otherwise provided to those present is prohibited.

C. Guidelines for promoting can be found in section VIII.
VI. Guidelines for Student Organizations

D. Funds:
   1. No student activity fee or other University collected fee will be used to purchase alcohol for use either on or off campus.
   2. No other funds of an officially recognized student organization deposited or administered through the Student Organization office may be used to purchase alcohol for use either on or off campus.

E. All University sponsored events on campus involving the use of alcohol must register through the Alcohol Event Registration process. (section IV.E).
VI. Guidelines for Student Organizations

F. Student and student organization that are in violation of the law are also violating the Student Code of Conduct and can be held accountable under both separate systems. Violations of this campus Alcohol Policy as well as other regulations contained in the Carolina Community will be referred to appropriate University offices.

G. These rules are minimum standards. Student organizations and groups are free to adopt standards that go beyond the minimum requirement of this policy, and are encouraged to do so.

H. Sanctions (please refer to section V.C)
VIII. Guidelines for Faculty, Staff, Administrators and University Guests

A. Faculty, staff and administrators must adhere to the General Guidelines for the University Community (section IV) as well as the Drug-Free Workplace Policy (http://hr.sc.edu/policies/drugfree.pdf)

B. Guest occupying University buildings and facilities must abide by University policies and the policies and procedures of the University caterer and University facility.
VIII. Promotional Guidelines

A. Advertisements that promote or allude to alcohol use as an incentive to attract students (including bar nights, free alcohol, drink specials, etc.) are **prohibited in all campus publications and media**.

B. Promotional materials posted or distributed may **not glorify, edify, promote or support the use, sale, or consumption** of alcohol and illegal drug products. These materials may not display trademarks and/or brand names of alcohol or illegal drug products.
C. The printed (or alluded to) advertising message for student organization’s event may **not promote consumption, the presence of any quantity, the frequency of consumption, or the price of any alcoholic beverages.**

D. If a non-University source is utilized for the support of advertising an event, **the content of the advertisement or promotion must clearly promote the student or campus organization’s name and function as the central message.** This includes all flyers, posters, newspaper ads, banners, endorsements, sponsorships, etc.
Substance Abuse Prevention and Education:

- Prevention and Education Programs
  - Peers Impact 803
  - Campaigns
  - Presentations to student organizations and residence halls

- Substance Free-Events
  - Gamecock Tailgate Parties

- Environmental Strategies

- Resource and Information Center

- University Policy Enforcement
Substance Abuse Prevention and Education:

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