



## **POSSESSION & CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL POLICY**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Purpose**

This policy is designed to regulate the possession and consumption of alcohol on campus by members of the University Community and by recognized university organizations and departments. The privilege of consuming beer or wine is extended with the expectation that these activities are to be held under conditions which complement the orderly operation of the University. Off campus groups and organizations contracting with the University for use of facilities are also subject to these regulations.

This policy also seeks to provide alcohol education and awareness and promote human wellness while fostering the most learning-conducive environment for our students, our campus community, visitors and guests. Further, it is the intent of this policy to also provide indication of sanctions and reprimands that may be associated with behavior or academic issues related to possession and consumption of alcohol as a CSUDH student.

#### **Prohibited Possession or Use of Alcoholic Beverages**

The possession, sale, serving or use of distilled spirits on campus is prohibited at all times except within the privacy of individual living units in University Housing for residents 21 years of age and older. The possession, sale, serving or use of beer or wine on campus is also prohibited at all times, except as allowed under the alcoholic beverage license managed by the CSUDH Foundation Campus Dining Services or within the privacy of individual living units in University Housing.

#### **Restriction Based Upon Age**

California State Law imposes criminal penalties for the possession or use of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age and for persons who furnish, give, sell or cause to be sold, furnished or given away, any alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21. (State Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, Sections 25658 - 25665.)

#### **Definitions**

- “Serve” means to give away or provide at no cost.
- “Sell” means to give or exchange for money, tickets, tokens or anything else of value, directly or indirectly.
- “Appropriate University Official” shall include a University Police Officer or the administrator assigned to be present at the event or his/her designee, or if the occasion should require it, any administrator senior to the designee.
- “Closed Catered Events” means events catered by the Campus Dining Services that are by invitation only.

## **Authority**

This policy is promulgated under the authority of the California Education and Administrative Codes, subsequent resolutions and standing orders of the Board of Trustees and Chancellor of the California State University, and responsibility of the President of the University for the general welfare of the campus.

The CSUDH Office of Student Life, a service of the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, is the designated University unit charged with daily Campus Life Policy oversight and enforcement.

## **CONDITIONAL USE OF BEER AND WINE**

### **Campus Organizations**

Officially recognized campus organizations, (staff, faculty, auxiliaries, and administrative) may sponsor an event on campus at which beer and/or wine is served. In sponsoring such event, the organization and its members accept the following responsibilities and conditions:

1. To observe all applicable state laws and university policies, including compliance with the application procedure.
2. To maintain decorum appropriate to the University setting. The sponsoring organization shall cease serving beer or wine at the request of an appropriate university official;
3. To limit participation to the membership of the sponsoring organization and its invited guests only and for a specific time frame only;
4. To refrain from advertising to the public, on or off campus, the availability of alcoholic beverages;
5. To provide for the distribution of non-alcoholic beverages other than water at any event where alcoholic beverages are served;
6. To assure that no minor or intoxicated person is served alcoholic beverages;
7. To assure that consumption and service of the beer or wine is at or in the facility designated for the event only.

### **Campus Dining Services**

Beer or wine may only be sold or served by the Campus Dining Services.

1. Selling beer or wine includes an exchange for money, tickets, tokens or anything else of value.
2. If admission charges are made for the function, alcoholic beverages cannot be served as a part of the admission price.
3. Generally sales of beer or wine will be in conjunction with food service.

### **Restrictions to the University's Alcohol Beverage License**

Beer and wine can only be served or sold in the following locations:

1. The DH Sports Lounge in the University Student Union
2. The Home Depot National Training Center Complex
3. At closed events catered by the Campus Dining Services
4. All non-mobile Campus Dining Services food service locations

# **ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION & ENFORCEMENT**

## **Policy Implementation**

1. Faculty or staff groups may request permission to hold a group sponsored event at which beer and/or wine are to be served by submitting an application to the Director of Campus Dining Services or designee at least ten (10) working days before the proposed event. If the application is denied, the group may appeal to the Executive Director of the Foundation.
2. University related groups (for example the Alumni Association) may request permission to hold a group sponsored event at which beer and/or wine are to be served by submitting an application, approved by the university liaison for that group, to the Director of Campus Dining Services or designee at least 10 working days prior to the proposed event. If the application is denied, the group may appeal to the Executive Director of the Foundation.
3. Off-campus groups (not university related) shall be limited by the terms of their written contract with the Campus Dining Services. Individuals are not provided any privileges under these policies.

## **Policy Application - Off Campus Events**

The University does not condone or recognize off-campus events involving the serving or consumption of alcohol. When student organizations choose to sponsor off-campus events where alcohol is advertised, such advertisements must not include any connection between the student organization and the University. Non-adherence to this policy would be grounds for immediate loss of campus recognition and registration rights and privileges for any student organization upon completion of a brief investigation.

Off-campus events are also subject to state law for purchasing (no funds as stated above may be used) and/or supplying alcoholic beverages to any minor. Non-adherence to this policy would be grounds for immediate loss of campus recognition and registration rights and privileges for any student organization upon completion of a brief investigation.

The University exercises no supervision and assumes no responsibility to control the serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages off the university premises. However, if a university group appears to encourage or tolerate the misuse or abuse of alcohol at off-campus events, appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken upon a more complete investigation.

## **Policy Enforcement**

1. The Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs is responsible for the general enforcement of this policy.
2. The Executive Director of the Foundation is responsible for the general enforcement of this policy and approval of application (in coordination with the Director of Campus Dining Services) for all non-student groups.
3. The University Police will assist with enforcement of this policy for protection of security and to enforce applicable laws.
4. Campus Dining Services staff will assist with enforcement of this policy for protection of the Alcoholic Beverage License and to ensure that applicable laws are enforced.
5. Violations of this policy by individuals may cause disciplinary action to be taken.

6. Violation by any university or student club or organization or related group could, after notice and hearing, be cause for the withdrawal of certain campus privileges or loss of recognition of the organization or denial of the use of campus facilities.
7. Civil and criminal charges, penalties and punishments may also be applied by the proper authorities.