

**BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE
CAMPUS SAFETY FORUM
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE COLLEGE ALCOHOL POLICY
APPROVED DECEMBER 12, 2007**

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	CURRENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES POLICY	PROPOSED NEW POLICY	RATIONALE
1.	<p>The college community is subject to state and local usage laws. Specifically, the laws of New York state prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing alcohol. Furthermore, it is against the law to serve an underage or intoxicated person. These guidelines are designed to recognize current law and to help the campus community apply the law as we plan and conduct programs. Each member of the campus community must take responsibility for obeying the law.</p>	<p>Consistent with the mission of Buffalo State College to advance the intellectual, personal and professional growth of its students, faculty and staff, the college adheres to the following policy pertaining to the possession, consumption and distribution of alcoholic beverages. Buffalo State is committed to maintaining a safe and orderly campus community in which students, faculty and staff are held responsible for their actions through enforcement of applicable policies and are informed about consequences and effects of alcohol abuse through effective educational programs.</p> <p>Buffalo State acknowledges the right of persons age twenty-one and over to consume alcoholic beverages under New York State law. Federal, state and local laws prescribe penalties and sanctions for illegal use (consumption and intoxication), possession, sale or distribution of alcohol and other controlled substances. Students, faculty and staff are obligated to know and understand the law and the campus-wide impact and penalties that may apply.</p>	<p>Best practice recommends a statement connecting the alcohol policy to the college mission.</p> <p>Clarifies that the college alcohol policy is consistent with federal, New York State and local law.</p>
2.	<p>8. Students, who unlawfully use, possess, manufacture or distribute alcohol or other drugs will be subject to the college's due process disciplinary procedures, as published in the student handbook and distributed once a year in The Record. Penalties may include probation, suspension, expulsion and referral for possible criminal prosecution.</p>	<p>Students, who illegally use, possess, manufacture, sell, deliver or distribute alcohol or other drugs or are found to be in possession of any forged legal document for purposes of acquiring alcohol, will be subject to the College's due process disciplinary procedures, as published in the Student Handbook and printed each semester in The Record. Penalties may include campus approved interventions, probation, suspension, expulsion and possible criminal prosecution.</p>	<p>Relocates to the beginning of the policy the statement of student responsibility in order to make clear that students are subject to college policies and penalties that apply to violations of college policies. Authorizes mandated, non-punitive interventions to assist students with changing their behaviors.</p>

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3.		Faculty and staff who violate provisions of the College Alcohol Policy will be subject to discipline under the College's human resource management policies.	Clarifies that faculty and staff are expected to comply with college policies.
4.	1. Alcoholic beverages may be sold on campus only by licensed and insured vendors as provided in these guidelines.	Alcoholic beverages may be sold on campus only by licensed and insured vendors as provided in these guidelines. Hosts may not accept money, including donations, for the purchase of alcohol.	Clarifies that no funds may be exchanged for consumption of alcohol other than through a licensed vendor.
5.	2. Open alcoholic beverage containers are prohibited in all outdoor and indoor areas of the campus except as provided below. Bringing alcoholic beverages to any event is prohibited.	Open alcoholic beverage containers are prohibited in all outdoor and indoor areas of the campus except as provided in these guidelines.	Clarifies restrictions on the consumption of alcohol by all persons, regardless of age.
6.		Events promoted as "Bring Your Own Alcohol" are prohibited.	Prohibits a high risk activity.
7.	3. Residence hall students who are 21 or over may consume alcoholic beverages in their living areas. All other residence hall areas shall be alcohol free.	Students living in the residence halls must comply with the College Alcohol Policy and all other alcohol-related policies as established by the office of residence life in implementing the College Alcohol Policy within the campus residence halls.	Clarifies the college alcohol policy as the primary policy that is applied in the residence halls with additional residence life implementing policies.
8.	4. Campus departments and sponsored student, campus or community groups may serve alcoholic beverages under the condition that at least one faculty or staff person shall supervise the event to ensure compliance with state and local laws and the college's alcohol guidelines.	<p>All members of the campus community (faculty, staff and students) who wish to serve alcohol at an event held either on or off campus where students who are under 21 years of age might be in attendance must obtain advance approval to serve alcohol from the College Alcohol Review Board.</p> <p>The College Alcohol Review Board will be comprised of representatives from faculty, staff and students and appointed by the President or her designee.</p> <p>At least one faculty or staff person shall supervise the event to ensure compliance with state and local laws and the college's alcohol guidelines.</p>	<p>Authorization to serve alcohol when persons under 21 might be present must be granted by the college.</p> <p>A representative body (the alcohol review board) should be used to assess the adequacy of plans for managing the service of alcohol at planned events.</p> <p>Reaffirms that a faculty or staff member will supervise the event.</p>

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9.		Consumption of alcoholic beverages at any approved event shall be limited to the approved location for the event.	Clarifies the location where alcohol can be consumed when an event is approved for alcohol to be provided.
10.		Persons hosting events where alcohol is served are encouraged to become informed and aware of social host liability laws. Social host liability creates civil liability in New York State for anyone who knowingly furnishes alcoholic beverages to any intoxicated person if the intoxication results in injury or damages to a third party.	Promotes awareness of liability incurred by persons who serve as hosts for events where alcohol is served.
11.		Beer kegs or beer balls of any size are not permitted on campus without prior approval of the College Alcohol Review Board.	Restricts a high-risk distribution format for all events, regardless of the age of participants.
12.	5. The United Students' Government shall forward approved major student events where alcohol will be sold to the dean of students for review of the qualifications of potential alcohol vendors and approval of the planned use of alcohol.	The United Students' Government shall approve the sale or distribution of alcohol at on- or off-campus events held by USG-funded student organizations and will submit USG approved events to the College Alcohol Review Board for final campus approval.	Limits USG approval to USG-funded organizations and clarifies that final authority for approving events with alcohol rests with the College Alcohol Review Board.
13.		Buffalo State fraternities, sororities, academic clubs, athletic teams and all other non-USG funded student clubs and organizations must obtain approval from the College Alcohol Review Board for the sale or distribution of alcohol at events held either on or off campus.	Clarifies the approval requirement for non-USG funded student clubs and organizations.
14.	6. Whenever alcoholic beverages are served, non-alcoholic beverages and food shall also be made available.	NO CHANGE	

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15.	7. Alcoholic beverages may be served only in conjunction with the program. They shall not be used as the main attraction of the event.	Alcoholic beverages may be served only in conjunction with an approved program. Alcohol shall not be used as the main attraction of the event. The application for approval must include a sample of any planned advertisement for the event.	Allows the alcohol review board to preview advertisements to ensure compliance.
16.	9. The alcoholic beverage control act provides a penalty of \$50 per offense for any person under the age of 21 who is in possession of an alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume it. A person under the age of 21 who presents falsified or fraudulently altered proof of age for the purpose of purchasing, or attempting to purchase, alcoholic beverages is guilty of a violation of the act and is subject to a one year probationary period and fine. A person who uses a falsified driver's license for the purpose of purchasing, or attempting to purchase, alcoholic beverages may have his or her driver's license suspended.	DELETE THIS SECTION	The college alcohol policy should be limited to actions and penalties that may be imposed by the college for violation of the policy.
17.	Specific questions and comments regarding campus regulations and alcohol-related events should be addressed to the dean of students.	Specific questions and comments regarding campus regulations and alcohol-related events should be addressed to the dean of students, Campbell Student Union, room 306, telephone (716) 878-4618.	Provides contact information for questions related to the policy.