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The following are guidelines and regulations concerning various aspects of appropriate behavior on the Southwestern campus. Failure on the part of students to abide by these regulations may result in on-campus disciplinary action, notwithstanding any action taken by local or civil authorities.

Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy on Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and Other Drugs—Introductory Statement:

- Consistent with its commitment to the health and well-being of the University community, the University complies with and upholds all federal, state, and local laws and regulations that regulate or prohibit the possession, use, and/or distribution of alcohol and other drugs.

- Consistent with the University's heritage as an institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church, the University supports abstinence from alcoholic beverage use. Like the United Methodist Church, the University recognizes the freedom of persons to make decisions in this regard and, in the event members of the University community consider alcoholic beverage use, the University urges responsibility, prudence, and moderation.

- Consistent with its mission as an educational institution, the University encourages the free exchange of information so that members of the University community can make informed choices relating to alcohol.

- Consistent with its civic and social responsibilities, the University expects members of the University community to engage in responsible social behavior, including behavior relating to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Accordingly, all members of the Southwestern University community—including faculty, staff, students, and campus visitors—are required to comply with the following policy regarding alcoholic beverages and other drugs.

Statement of Policy

1. The University expects that each individual and group within the Southwestern University community will comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to the possession, use, and distribution of alcoholic beverages. All persons are expected to know and comply with such laws and regulations. The following summary lists some of the prohibitions:

- No person under the age of 21 may possess, use, purchase, or consume alcoholic beverages on University property.
- No person may possess an open container and/or consume alcohol in an alcohol free zone (first-year hall, public areas of campus, etc.).
- Drinking games (including beer pong) are prohibited. This includes the possession of beer pong tables, beer funnels, and other paraphernalia used to encourage high-risk alcohol use.
- The use and/or possession of false identification is prohibited. This includes fraudulent state drivers licenses issued to an individual, and/or possessing or

using another person's drivers license.

- No person may serve, provide, or make alcoholic beverages available to a minor or any person who is intoxicated.
- No person may host a party involving the illegal use of alcohol or making alcohol available to a minor.
- Public intoxication is prohibited.
- Driving while intoxicated is prohibited.
- No person may sell alcoholic beverages without an appropriate license.

2. The consumption, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University grounds is prohibited except as otherwise provided in this policy.

3. When the use of alcoholic beverages is permitted, prudence, temperance, and moderation are required. Intoxication and the abuse of alcohol are expressly prohibited and will subject offending parties to appropriate disciplinary action.

4. The University reminds students of state and federal laws concerning possession and use of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia. The University forbids on-campus use or possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia prohibited by federal or Texas law. All students involved in the illegal use, possession, sale, or transportation of drugs or paraphernalia will be subject to University disciplinary action and/or arrest by SUPD.

5. Violations of this policy will be addressed in accordance with the "SU On-Campus Alcohol and Drug Guidelines for Sanctions" as published on pages 52-53.

University Regulations

1. The University complies with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. Violation of any law or regulation relating to alcohol and other drugs constitutes a violation of University policy and will subject the offender to University disciplinary action irrespective of whether the offender is subjected to criminal penalties.

2. The University generally prohibits the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, with the exception of the limited circumstances below:

A. The private, temperate consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted for persons of legal drinking age in the individual University residential rooms of persons 21 years of age and older.

B. Alcoholic beverages may be served and consumed on designated University grounds at student events specifically approved in advance by the Director of Student Activities, subject to all applicable University guidelines and state and local laws and regulations. Such events shall be for limited social and other special campus events.

C. Alcoholic beverages may be served and consumed on University grounds at special University events specifically approved in advance by the chief University Relations officer, subject to all applicable University guidelines and state and local laws and regulations. Such special events shall be for the purpose of hosting alumni, parents, other visitors to campus, faculty, staff, and students 21 years of age or older at receptions related to special campus or organizational events.

Guidelines for Permitted Possession & Consumption of Alcohol

1. Restrictions on Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Individual University Residential Rooms:

A. Kegs and other common containers of alcohol (including 1/2 kegs, party balls, pony kegs, “trash can punch,” frozen alcoholic beverage service machines or any similar container) are prohibited.

B. The resident of the particular residential room is responsible for complying with all applicable laws and University policy.

C. There shall be no public display of alcohol or alcoholic beverage containers.

D. There shall be no alcohol containers—empty, filled with colored water, etc. in individual student rooms occupied by minors.

E. Measures must be in place to prevent use or consumption by underage persons.

F. Nonalcoholic beverages must be available when alcoholic beverages are served or consumed.

G. No person may sell alcoholic beverages. This includes charging an admission fee or otherwise imposing costs or expenses on other persons for the purposes of providing alcoholic beverages.

2. Restrictions on Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages at Student Events

A. Any event in which alcohol may be served or consumed requires prior registration with the Office of Student Activities and approval of the Director of Student Activities. Information regarding the procedure for registration and approval of such events can be obtained through the Office of Student Activities. Such approval shall only be granted on a single-event basis, and limited to one event per week per organization.

B. Approval may only be granted for events at the Sharon Lord Caskey Community Center, the Dorothy Manning Lord Residential Center, the Korouva Milk Bar or the fraternity houses. The Dean of Students or Vice President for Student Life also may approve student-organization sponsored events where alcohol is served in the Red and Charline McCombs Ballrooms, on the Roy H. Cullen Academic Mall, or the J.N.R. Score Quadrangle, where such events are expected to draw a larger group or a wider audience than can be accommodated in the aforementioned locations.

C. Any organization or group seeking to obtain approval for an event where alcohol is present must designate a responsible individual or individuals who will ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and University policy, and prevent consumption of alcoholic beverages by or distribution of alcoholic beverages to intoxicated persons or persons under 21 years of age.

D. Open Parties, with unrestricted access to the event, are prohibited. Only Closed Parties, those events with guests invited by invitation only, will be allowed. The sponsoring organization is responsible for the action(s) of its guests at all times.

E. There may be only one accessible entrance to the event. The organization hosting the function must have door monitors present at this entrance at all times.

The monitors shall ensure that all guests are identified, registered, and marked as 21 and over or under 21 and shall inspect the property to ensure that the event is secured against unwanted entry and that one entrance is maintained. All other entrances must be secured from entry, but available for exit.

F. A guest list must be kept of all guests invited and in attendance. All persons wishing to consume alcoholic beverages must be identified as 21 or older and must present identification at the time of checking in to the function.

G. The presence of alcoholic beverages must be in compliance with applicable law, University policy, and the particular rules for the event as provided by the Director of Student Activities. The sponsoring organization is responsible for ensuring compliance with such rules and legal restrictions and for obtaining any necessary licenses or permits.

H. Hard liquor is prohibited and may result in more severe sanctions. Kegs and other common containers of alcohol (including 1/2 kegs, party balls, pony kegs, “trash can punch,” frozen alcoholic beverage service machines or any similar container) are prohibited.

I. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted only in the public area designated for the event. The number of persons attending the event may not exceed the space available for the event.

J. No person or organization may sell alcoholic beverages. This includes charging an admission fee or otherwise imposing costs or expenses on other persons for the purposes of providing alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages may not be provided by the sponsoring organization or purchased with student organization or University funds. The University expects each national organization to uphold its national policy.

K. Nonalcoholic beverages and food must be provided and available.

L. No promotion or invitation to the events may publicize the availability of alcoholic beverages.

M. SUPD will be notified in advance of all events where alcoholic beverages are present and SUPD may enter such events to monitor adherence to these policies.

N. Public intoxication is prohibited.

Good Samaritan Policy

Southwestern University’s Good Samaritan Policy encourages students to seek medical attention during an alcohol or drug-related emergency, by removing the threat of disciplinary action by Southwestern University for possession of alcohol and/or drugs or the overuse of drugs and/or alcohol. If a student experiences a medical emergency, that student, or the first person who calls for help on their behalf, and/or the student organization or group hosting the event that calls for help, can do so without fear of disciplinary action. Southwestern’s policy emphasizes that students should first worry about their health and the health and safety of others. For further information, about the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning, or how to place someone in the alcohol recovery position, please see www.southwestern.edu/health-center/student-resources/alcohol-and-drug-safety/.

The purpose of the Good Samaritan Policy is to reduce barriers to seeking assistance by granting amnesty from formal university disciplinary action related to alcohol use for (1) the intoxicated individual and (2) the person who calls for help. The Good Samaritan Policy states that: “Whenever a student assists an intoxicated person by calling for assistance, neither the intoxicated individual nor the individual who assists will be subject to formal university disciplinary actions for (1) being intoxicated or (2) having provided that person alcohol. In order for this protocol to apply, the intoxicated student(s) and the caller and organization must agree to timely completion of recommended alcohol education activities. An assessment, and/or treatment, depending on the level of concern for student health and safety, may be necessary for the intoxicated student.

The amnesty created by the Good Samaritan Policy extends only to disciplinary actions by Southwestern University and cannot extend to any civil or criminal legal proceeding to which a person or organization may be exposed by the laws of the State of Texas. Similarly, the Good Samaritan Policy does not modify or affect any so-called “Good Samaritan” laws of the State of Texas. Legal issues aside, in a medical emergency, the only consideration should be the health and safety of those at risk.

Individual Amnesty from University Disciplinary Action

Individual amnesty is the most limited level of protection. This level protects individuals who are seeking medical attention for themselves as a result of an illegal action from University disciplinary action. Individual amnesty does not extend to organizations that person may be a part of or peers also present with the individual at that time.

Caller Amnesty from University Disciplinary Action

This policy builds on individual amnesty for disciplinary action and extends to the person first calling for help for the person or persons in need of medical attention. As with the individual amnesty, though, this does not provide protection from legal prosecution for an organization to which the students belong or for others in attendance.

Organizational Amnesty from University Disciplinary Action

This policy protects from Southwestern University disciplinary action an organization that is related to the event at which medical attention is sought as a result of an illegal action. Organizational amnesty would extend liability protection to fraternities, sororities, clubs and other social venues that may have people at their location who are under the influence of certain intoxicants.

Commitment to Alcohol and Other Drug Education

1. The University is concerned that students be fully informed about the consequences of alcohol and other drug consumption. An important aspect of policy implementation is that students who sponsor or attend events where alcohol is served participate in programs of alcohol education. These programs will describe the risks involved in alcohol consumption and encourage students to make informed choices about consumption or abstinence. Representatives of sponsoring organizations must attend a program on alcohol education before an event will be approved.

2. The Residence Life Staff is charged with maintaining an atmosphere conducive to students' successful academic pursuits, and as such, will address both social and individual situations that contribute to the deterioration of the hall environment or to the impairment of an individual's health and welfare. In accordance with this responsibility, the Residence Life Staff shall enforce the restrictions and terms of this policy on possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

3. Students are encouraged to talk with the counselors in Counseling Services or with off-campus professionals if they think that they might have an alcohol problem. Conversations with these professionals are confidential.

4. Student Life deans, and the directors and counselors in Counseling Services, Health Services, Religious Life, and Residence Life stand ready to assist students, as individuals or in groups, with problems or discussions regarding choices about alcohol consumption or abstinence.

5. Southwestern University is dedicated to maintaining the safety and health of all students. As such, Southwestern's Alcohol and Other Drug Committee requires each incoming student to complete an on-line self-assessment. The committee believes that this assessment provides students with personalized information and feedback regarding their alcohol use and how it might affect their health, relationships, and career and life goals. This program is not intended to be a survey or questionnaire to get personal information; in fact, all information in this assessment is completely confidential unless students choose to share it. By taking this assessment, students will have the opportunity to reflect on their alcohol use and learn about responsible behaviors and risk reduction strategies. Whether students drink or not, they will learn important information about alcohol, its affects on the body, how it impacts their friends and how to help keep people safe.