The use of alcohol in campus facilities is a risk management concern for personal safety and for negative publicity that results in an adverse impact to a program or to the university’s public image.

Individuals, organizations, and campus departments should be aware of recent court rulings on the issue of vicarious liability. The sponsoring party of an event where alcohol is consumed can be held liable when a person consuming alcohol at that event is involved in an accident resulting in personal injury or death.

This Risk Management Memo restates (in part) university guidelines concerning the sale or service of alcoholic beverages on campus. These guidelines apply to campus events as well as to events held on campus by third parties leasing campus facilities. Nothing in this memo is intended to alter any existing campus approval processes related to the consumption of alcohol on campus.

Definitions

“Alcoholic Beverage” – includes alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer, and every liquid or solid containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer, and which contains one-half of 1 percent or more of alcohol by volume and which is fit for beverage purposes either alone or when diluted, mixed, or combined with other substances.” (Business and Professions Code, Section 23004, “Alcoholic Beverage Control Act”)

Sale means to exchange any consideration either directly or indirectly for alcohol. The term “sale” also includes the imposition of an admission charge to, or any other charge for the event which alcoholic beverages will be served exclusively to those who pay such a charge. The term “consideration” as used in this document includes money or tickets, tokens or chits which have been issued in exchange for money or anything else of value.

Serve means to give away or provide at no cost to the consumer.

Beverage Limitations

Beer and wine are the only alcoholic beverages that may be sold, served or otherwise made available on the university campus.

Sale or Service of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus

The sale or service of alcoholic beverages on campus is illegal except by the CSULB Forty-Niner Shops Catering/Concessions office. The consumption of alcohol is limited to those persons 21 years of age and older. The sale or service of alcohol shall not be made to any person who appears to be under the age of 30 years unless verification establishing the consumer to be at least 21 years of age has been made. When alcohol is sold on campus said beverages must be consumed within a building or on its terrace. No person shall transport alcohol in open containers to a campus parking lot or to any other location in or around the University campus. Non-compliance will result in violators being removed from the campus and subject to prosecution.

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