

	<b>Florida Gulf Coast University</b> Policy Manual	<b>Date</b> <u>06/20/2008</u> <b>Policy:</b> 2.33
	<b>Title</b> <i>Student Possession and Use of Alcoholic Beverages</i>	<b>Responsible Executive:</b> <i>Provost and VP Academic Affairs</i> <b>Responsible Office:</b> <i>Office of the Dean of Student Affairs</i>

**POLICY STATEMENT**

As an institution of higher education, Florida Gulf Coast University ("FGCU") values the concepts of informed decision-making, promotion of healthy behaviors, prevention of disease, and treatment, and rehabilitation of dysfunction. FGCU requires its students to comply with state and federal laws, city, and county ordinances regarding the sale, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages, and the licensing agreement with on-campus distributors for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. Persons under the age of twenty-one (21) are prohibited from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages. Students who are twenty-one (21) years or older may consume alcoholic beverages only in accordance with this policy. FGCU students, student organizations, and their respective events, are expected to act responsibly in their use of alcoholic beverages.

**REASON FOR POLICY**

Florida Gulf Coast University, Division of Student Affairs, is committed to providing an environment that enhances student life on and off campus, while assuring full compliance with appropriate federal, state, and local laws. All student life activities are designed to support and enhance the academic experience of students enrolled at FGCU.

Nationally, the use and abuse of alcohol on college campuses has become a major health and safety issue for college students. With the increase of the on-campus student population, there has been an increase in incidents related to the abuse of alcohol. The potential harm to students academically and personally from alcohol abuse is such that the University has moved to develop reasonable policies and procedures to insure that alcohol is provided and consumed in a responsible and safe manner.

## PROCEDURES

FGCU has formulated the following policies governing the sale, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages for events sponsored by student organizations.

- a. The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs shall have full authority for and enforcement of all policies and guidelines governing student activities and events with a request for alcohol.
- b. The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs shall require all recognized student groups (i.e., clubs, organizations, Student Government, Student Newspaper, Greek Letter Organizations, etc.) to abide by the university's alcohol policy for student activities and events as a condition of their recognition.
- c. The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs may impose disciplinary sanctions on any student or group found to have violated this rule, consistent with applicable provision of state laws and regulations, and university policies as stated in the Florida Gulf Coast University Student Guidebook.
- d. The University shall require that all alcoholic beverages be served to and consumed by persons who are of legal drinking age (minimum of 21 years of ages). Proof of age, as determined by a State driver's license, State Identification card, valid passport or other official identification that includes a photograph of the individual, is required.
- e. The University shall require the service, sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol on FGCU property be restricted to beer and wine only. The President or his/her designee, on an event-by-event basis, must approve any exceptions to this.
- f. The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs shall enforce all designated and approved areas to serve and/or consume alcohol for student groups.
- g. The University shall require alcoholic beverages be sold and served to student activities and events by the licensed food service agency or vendor.

## APPROVAL PROCEDURES

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs shall arrange for the distribution of appropriate literature and forms mandated by this policy to new and existing students, student groups, clubs, or organizations. They shall also be responsible for conducting a biennial review of the alcohol policy monitoring governmental

and/or university changes and ensuring

1. Student Organizations

- a. Approval for students or student organizations to host an event where alcoholic beverages are present in non-licensed campus locations must be obtained from the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs or the Office of Student Activities.
- b. At the beginning of each semester, all student organizations intending to request alcoholic beverages at any event must first demonstrate that its officers, event volunteers and approved university advisor(s) have attended or will attend prior to the event a workshop on the University's alcohol policy sponsored by the Office of Student Activities or Prevention & Wellness Services.
- c. Organizational representatives must complete an *Event Registration Form* and *Alcoholic Beverage Request Form* in the Office of Student Activities, which must be signed by the advisor, and other appropriate departments/administrators as identified by the Director for Student Activities. Signature by the sponsoring organization/advisor indicates accepting responsibility for the activity and use of alcohol. The approval process will not be complete until all appropriate signatures have been obtained
- d. The above forms must be completed and fully approved at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event date.

2. Non-Student Organizations or Individual Student

- a. Non-student organizations or students must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, and University policies as indicated above.
- b. The Office of Student Activities may require additional information and/or sponsorship in order to meet compliance.
- c. Off campus groups or organizations that seek to serve alcoholic beverages on campus must obtain approval through the Office of Auxiliary Services.

**GUIDELINES**

- 1. Sponsoring groups of an event must establish precautionary measures to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear, to a reasonable person, to be intoxicated.

2. Event sponsors and advisor(s) will be required to help with the enforcement of all policies and procedures. University staff and/or advisors are required to be on-call (present) during the event.
3. All FGCU students participating at the University sponsored event where alcoholic beverages are served must have available a current valid University identification.
4. Alcohol may ONLY be ordered and served by Food Services, Inc. (FSI) or other approved licensed vendor.
5. Alcohol may be served for no more than three (3) hours at any student-sponsored event on campus. Alcohol service will stop one hour prior to the ending time of the event. All alcohol must be removed from the premises fifteen minutes prior to the end of the event. In no case can alcohol be present after 12:00 a.m.
6. Non-alcoholic beverages and food (i.e., snacks, appetizers) must be made available free of charge at any event where alcohol is served. Additional food (i.e., meals, entrees) and beverages may be sold at a reasonable rate. If the non-alcoholic beverage or food runs out before the end of the event, the serving of alcohol must cease until a new supply is made available.
7. Wristbands and/or hand stamps must be used to monitor the consumption of alcohol and will only be distributed at the door. At each event, every student of legal drinking age will be issued a wristband and the student's hand will be stamped. Students will be issued only one wristband and each wristband will allow a maximum of three punches. A student's wristband will be punched for each serving of alcohol. Alcohol will only be served to an individual for his/her own consumption. No one may obtain alcohol for others.
8. All persons serving alcohol, I.D. checkers and event volunteers must be 21 or older. Those persons working/volunteering for the event may not consume alcohol before, during, or immediately following an event while still in the location.

- 9. Sponsoring social events and parties that encourage drinking as themes and advertising such events through words and/or images depicting drinking or drunkenness are prohibited. Any event that does not adhere will be canceled.
- 10. Individuals may not bring their own alcoholic beverages to University events. Only those alcoholic beverages that are served through Food Services, Inc. (FSI) or other approved licensed vendor may be possessed or consumed at an event. The served alcoholic beverages must be consumed within the designated facility for the event.
- 11. All registered student groups may only sponsor a maximum of four (4) events per academic year (Fall and Spring) where alcohol is served. If any two groups co-host an event, it will count as one (1) for both groups.

**OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS**

- 1. All off-campus events, with a request to serve alcohol or where alcohol will be present, will be reviewed and approved in accordance with the University's Alcohol Policy for Student Life Programs. Additional information (i.e., contractual and host liability guidelines) with the identified vendor may also be required to support the request.
- 2. Appropriate security must be identified and approved for each event by the Office of Student Activities.
- 3. Student groups may not sponsor "Club Nights" in local bars. Drinking establishments are free to program as they see fit and do not need additional prodding to sponsor nights for college students.
- 4. All off-campus events must have a "safe ride" program as part of the approval process.

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

None.

**HISTORY**

This is the first policy to address the subject matter.

**APPENDICES**

There are no appendices.

**APPROVED:**

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President

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Date

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