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At its meeting of May 6, 2002, the Academic Senate passed the following Policy Recommendation presented by Monica Rascoe for the Executive Committee.

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION**  
**ALCOHOL POLICY**

- Whereas, “the use of, abuse of, intoxication, and a dependency on alcoholic beverages are issues of concern to the University community, as well as to our society at large,” and
- Whereas, alcohol abuse is a serious and growing problem among college students, one that has direct and indirect effects on the health and academic performance of students, and
- Whereas, the CSU has requested that all campuses review their alcohol policies, and
- Whereas, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Committee, working closely with the AVP for Student Affairs and with relevant campus organizations, has crafted a thoughtful, comprehensive alcohol policy; be it therefore
- Resolved, that the attached document be adopted as university policy.

**ACTION BY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Approved by President Robert Caret on  
May 9, 2002.**

**San Jose State University**  
**ALCOHOL POLICY – 2002**  
**PROPOSAL FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY**

**PURPOSE**

San Jose State University (SJSU) recognizes the unique social needs of a campus community and provides an environment where these needs can reasonably be met. Provision for the purchase, sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is a privilege accorded to University members with the understanding that they will comply with any internal rules, regulations, and relevant legislation (local, state or national). The purpose of this policy is to ensure a responsible approach to the use of alcohol within the University community, and to provide educational activities as well as the enforcement of items contained in this document in reference and/or pertaining to Education Code 89031 and Presidential Directive 90-02.

The University's goals, with respect to alcohol consumption, are based on its commitment to the development of individual responsibility and respect for others. All members of the University community have a stake in ensuring that alcohol is only used in a responsible manner.

**EDUCATION**

The use of, abuse of, intoxication, and a dependency on alcoholic beverages are issues of concern to the University community, as well as to our society at large. To this end, education becomes the responsibility of the entire campus community including an individual's peers and any organization sponsoring an event where alcoholic beverages are served.

It is San Jose State University's commitment to:

1. Require education and prevention for student organizations, student leaders and their advisors as follows:
  - a. All student organization on-campus events shall be registered and approved by the university department that

has scheduling authority for the requested facility. In most cases, the Student Union will handle scheduling requests. The Student Union and the Student Life Center shall jointly develop and institute procedures as they relate to registering and approving on-campus student organization events. Both the Student Life Center and the Student Union should maintain a current list of major student organization events being held on campus.

- b. All student organization presidents must sign an agreement to abide by and uphold the University's Alcohol Policy as stipulated in the Student Life Center document titled "Student Organization Policies and Procedures" prior to yearly registration of the organization.
  - c. All student organization presidents and one other officer of the organization must attend an officers orientation program during the fall semester in order to maintain the organization's registered status. This orientation program will update student organization officers on university policy and procedures, event planning, non-alcoholic programming, procedures for handling emergencies, responsible behavior and alcohol usage, and campus and community referrals and resources.
  - d. All student organization officers shall present an alcohol awareness program to their organizations (should be pre-approved by the PEP Center) or arrange for an alcohol awareness program approved by the PEP Center and conducted by a campus representative. Topics will include but are not limited to: campus alcohol policy, scope of college drinking, event planning, non-alcohol program planning, decision making, social norms, signals of problem drinking, procedures for handling emergencies, and campus and community referral.
  - e. All advisors to student organizations will be notified about the University's Alcohol Policy. They will be strongly encouraged to attend the fall semester officers orientation program as well as other alcohol education and prevention programs sponsored by the University.
2. Ensure that copies of the University's Alcohol Policy shall be made available at the Student Life Center, the Student Health

Center, and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Other versions may be printed in the Schedule of Classes and posted on the University's Website.

3. Ensure that the University Committee on Alcohol and Drug Prevention will provide information for new employees during their orientation program as coordinated by "Human Resources" and "Faculty Affairs." Topics should include, but are not limited to: use, misuse, and non-use of alcohol; the effects of alcohol on the body; the cultural, social, economic, and legal aspects of alcohol; scope of college drinking; signals of problem drinking; referral, including community programs and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP); appropriate modeling; event planning; and the administrator's role in prevention. Further, a policy booklet will be printed and distributed (campus-wide) by "Human Resources" and "Faculty Affairs" to all faculty and staff. This booklet will be updated as needed by the University Committee on Alcohol and Drug Prevention. For Academic Year 02-03, the Committee will provide information to current employees.
4. Inform new students and their parents about the University's Alcohol Policy, before and after they arrive on campus. Policy brochures will be mailed to all new students and (if the student is under 21) their parents informing them of the campus alcohol and drug use policies. Prior to a student's enrollment, this information will be included with materials generated by the Office of Admissions and Records (or the office/unit responsible for new student orientation). All returning students will receive information about alcohol-related regulations and policies from the class catalog, schedule of classes, student handbook, and/or residential life handbook.
5. Ensure that the organizers of events sponsored on campus (i.e., concerts, reunions, tailgate parties, socials, receptions, athletic events, anniversaries, et cetera) where alcohol will be sold and/or consumed receive from the Coordinator of the Prevention Education Program (PEP) and/or the Chair of the University's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Prevention the University's Alcohol Policy.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

All members of the University community have a stake in ensuring that alcohol is only used in a responsible manner. With this thought in mind, this policy's focus is on alcohol use in moderation by persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older and related legal liabilities.

It is San Jose State University's commitment to:

1. Implement a campus open-container violation code. Individuals are to comply as follows:
  - a. No person shall have in his or her possession any alcoholic beverage which has had the seal broken or the contents partially removed while in any public area on the San Jose State University campus.
  - b. The aforementioned item shall not apply to those alcoholic beverages possessed during University-sponsored events or purchased from Spartan Shops and consumed in designated areas.
  - c. A public area is defined as any area open to the public (i.e., common area of any residence hall, building, classroom, et cetera) on the San Jose State University campus.
2. Prevent underage drinking during events sponsored on campus (i.e., socials, parties, concerts, tailgate parties, et cetera). It is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization and/or University entity in control of the facility being used for an event to ensure that underage drinking does not occur. This is to be done through the engagement of University police or other approved subcontracted security and their subsequent observations of the designated areas where alcohol is sold, served or consumed.
3. Enforce no re-entry at athletic events, including all events at Spartan Stadium or the Event Center where alcohol is being served. There will be no systematic patron re-entry allowed to any ticketed events where alcohol is being served at Spartan Stadium or the Event Center. However, patron re-entry may be allowed for

special circumstances on a case-by-case basis, including evaluation of the person's behavioral state.

4. Implement a campus-wide Alcohol and Drug Incident Reporting System, as developed by the University's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Prevention, to establish or ascertain accurate information relative to student alcohol consumption. The reporting system developed shall ensure confidentiality. Policies and programs will be assessed each year using this system and other standard assessment instruments to determine if SJSU is meeting established outcomes. Coordination of such efforts will be the responsibility of the University's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Prevention and the Office of Judicial Affairs in consultation with various departments (i.e., Coordinator of the Prevention Education Program, Chief Judicial Affairs Officer, University Housing Services, Counseling Center, University Police et cetera). At minimum the assessments will include such characteristics as patterns of student alcohol use; consequences of alcohol use; alcohol-related beliefs and perceptions; protective behaviors; environmental influences; and, effectiveness.
5. Enforce the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Organization Code of Conduct (including all alcohol and drug policies). Student organizations, as well as their members, may be held collectively and/or individually responsible for violations if the misconduct occurs on university property, on premises used or controlled by the organizations and/or at university-sponsored activities. The officers or leaders of student organizations may be held collectively and/or individually responsible when such violations are committed by individuals associated with their organization.

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