

University of Louisiana System

**Title: SALES AND DISTRIBUTION
OF ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES**

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Chapter: Finance

Policy and Procedures Memorandum

- I. Institutions may choose to designate the campus “alcohol free.” However, should campuses choose to allow the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, such shall be in accordance with state and local laws and ordinances, and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. Violations of these regulations may be grounds for campus disciplinary action in addition to any criminal charges that may be filed. Such sanctions shall be placed in the student handbook or catalog.
- II. Louisiana law R.S. 14:93.11 states that:
 - A. It is unlawful to sell alcoholic beverages to any person under twenty-one years of age, and
 - B. Violation of this statute shall result in a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Lack of knowledge of the person’s age shall not be a defense.
- III. Louisiana law R.S. 14:93.13 states that:
 - A. It is unlawful for any person other than a parent, spouse, or legal guardian as specified in R.S. 14:93.10 (2)(a)(ii), to purchase on behalf of a person under twenty-one years of age any alcoholic beverage, and
 - B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

- IV. The following rules regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages on the institutions' campuses:
- A. Alcoholic beverages to persons of legal age may be served in locations specified and approved by the president or his/her designee, under controlled conditions as set forth by university regulations.
 - B. Alcoholic beverages may only be served to sponsoring organizations' members and guests and not to the general public unless specially approved by the president or designee.
 - C. Alcoholic beverages must be served by food service personnel or other licensed third party vendors, and may be served on special occasions by persons authorized by the president or designee.
 - D. Beverages sold must be consumed in the room or area in which served.
 - E. The administration shall reserve the right to refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any patron whose behavior is disorderly.
 - F. Authorized university personnel or law enforcement officers may require proof of age of an individual who is in possession of alcohol or when an individual is purchasing alcohol.
 - G. Wherever alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed, soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages must be available and featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages.
 - H. Advertisements for any university event where alcoholic beverages are served shall mention the availability of nonalcoholic beverages as prominently as alcohol.
 - I. Promotional materials including advertising for any university event shall not make reference to the amount of alcoholic beverages (such as the number of beer kegs) available.
 - J. Alcohol should not be used as an inducement to participate in a campus event.
 - K. A reasonable portion of the budget for the event shall be designated for the purchase of food items.
 - L. Any student organization that receives permission to sell or serve alcoholic beverages must require that the vendor selling drinks be licensed and have liability insurance.
 - M. Students are not allowed to serve alcohol to other students, unless such vendor employs them.
 - N. No social event shall include any form of drinking contest in its activities or promotion.
 - O. Alcoholic beverages may not be distributed free of charge by an alcohol company, distributor, or individual at any university event or under any other circumstances on campus without permission of the president or his/her designee.
 - P. University funds may not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

- V. Any individual, group, or student organization seeking approval for distribution or sale of alcohol on campus, shall apply for and complete a contract that shall include at a minimum:
- A. The name of person accountable
 - B. A signed statement agreeing to abide by university rules and regulations on consumption of alcohol
 - C. A statement indicating that the university reserves the right to make unannounced visits to functions to confirm all rules and regulations are being followed.
 - D. A university official shall be responsible for monitoring the officially approved activity where alcohol is served and/or sold.

Policy References:

Louisiana Revised Statutes
University of Louisiana System's University Catalogs

Review Process:

Chief Officers for Student Affairs
Student Advisory Council
Board of Supervisors
Legal Counsel

Distribution:

University Presidents