

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE USAGE AT UNIVERSITY EVENTS POLICY

<u>Number</u>	04.03.01
<u>Division</u>	University Events
<u>Date</u>	September, 2011
<u>Purpose</u>	The purpose of this policy is to describe the use of alcoholic beverages at on-campus and off-campus events in accordance with state law.

Policy **On-campus Events:**

Use and consumption of alcohol on The University of Alabama in Huntsville campus is governed by the University's drug and alcohol policies as stated in the Student Handbook and Staff Handbook and by the laws of the State of Alabama. Under Alabama statutes, consumption of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21 years is prohibited.

Sodexo, the University's food service provider, has been granted a license by the State of Alabama to sell alcoholic beverages during functions at the Bevill Center and University Center. All arrangements for such events must be made through the Sodexo catering office. As the license holder, Sodexo has the right to refuse to provide this service at its sole and absolute discretion.

Sodexo's liquor license enables event hosts working through them to offer guests a cash bar or to provide a host bar (i.e.--the sponsor pays the bill) in the approved locations.

State funds cannot be used to pay for alcoholic beverages.

It is permissible to give alcoholic beverages away at other campus locations. You must, however, hire a licensed bartender through Sodexo. This type of reception can be facilitated with a host bar which means you privately purchase the alcohol and deliver it to the location. Self-service is not permitted; beverages may only be served by a trained bartender. You must be able to produce receipts for alcoholic beverages to verify that the alcohol was purchased from a legitimate retail outlet in Alabama. No open containers (open bottles, cups, cans) can be carried from the venue. Violating these regulations can result in serious personal liability for event planners, hosts, and for persons purchasing and transporting beverages.


Requests to have beer at an event such as an outdoor concert, festival, or other activity, are subject first to approval by the university. Under state law, the event planners must obtain a separate Special Event License from the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board through an approved vendor. This process can take up to 6-8 weeks. The event planners are responsible for complying with all University regulations and permits pertaining to special events, all laws concerning possession or consumption by minors, and with open container laws. Sodexo's license does not include the right to provide alcohol for this type of event.

The University may grant or deny requests for the use or consumption of alcohol on property owned by it in its sole and absolute discretion.

Review

The Vice President for University Advancement is responsible for the review of this policy every five years (or whenever circumstances require).

Approval



Chief University Counsel



Vice President for University Advancement

APPROVED:



President