ALCOHOL POLICY

Winston-Salem State University is a dry campus. Effective September 1, 1996, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control laws made it unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to purchase, possess, or consume such beverages, or for any one to aid or abet such a person in purchasing, possessing, and consuming any alcoholic beverage.

The university recognizes the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. As a depressant, alcohol gives a feeling of well-being, causes a loss of coordination, intoxicates, and leaves one with a hangover. Some of the hazards of abuse include:

1. Physical and psychological dependence can develop.
2. Long term heavy drinking is a factor in liver and heart damage, malnutrition, cancer, and many other illnesses.
3. Driving under the influence can cause accidents because of slowed reflexes, disorientation, etc.

All requests to serve alcoholic beverages on campus or at university-sponsored events must be approved by the chancellor.

The following rules and regulations are applicable to the Winston-Salem State University community:

1. Under no circumstances may any type of alcoholic beverage be sold by any persons or organizations or corporations on the campus of Winston-Salem State University, excluding previously cited exceptions.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume any malt beverage or wine - fortified or unfortified – in any public place or upon any public street or upon the private business premises of WSSU, or liquor/whiskey in any public place, upon any public or university street or parking area, upon the private business premises of the university, or in or around any residence hall or institutional facility or building.
3. It is unlawful for anyone to aid or abet a person under 21 years of age in purchasing, possessing, or consuming alcoholic beverages.
4. University-sponsored off-campus affairs at which alcoholic beverages are served shall be governed by all applicable local, state, and federal laws.
5. Drunkenness coupled with disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. The institution will impose disciplinary sanctions on students and employees (consistent with local, state, and federal laws), up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution for violations of the standards of conduct. A disciplinary sanction may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program.