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UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Introduction

The University is committed to fostering an environment that promotes the acquisition of knowledge and nurtures the growth of the individual. Each member of our intellectual community is responsible for his or her own actions and is expected to contribute to the NewU community and to respect the rights of others to participate in the academic and social life of the University. The following Alcohol and Other Controlled Substances Policy, with its emphasis on individual and shared responsibility, healthy and informed decision-making, maintaining a caring environment, and the promotion of genuine dialogue, is adopted in this spirit. Students, staff and faculty may be subject to additional requirements and procedures set forth by their departments, and which may be stated in handbooks generated by those entities.

Standards of Conduct

Drugs

NewU prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, sale, possession or use of any drug by any of its students, employees in its workplace, on its premises or as part of any of its activities. This includes the unlawful sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of any prescription drug.

Alcohol

General Rules Governing the Use of Alcohol

NewU seeks to encourage and sustain an academic environment that respects individual freedom and promotes the health, safety, and welfare of all members of its community. In keeping with these objectives, the University has established the following policy governing the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages by members of the University community, and conforming to the laws of District of Columbia. NewU's alcohol policy is intended to encourage its members to make responsible decisions about the use of alcoholic beverages, and to promote safe, legal, and healthy patterns of social interaction.

1. NewU prohibits:

- a) The possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of twenty-one on property owned or controlled by the University or as part of

any University event or meeting organized by a University department, organization or group.

- b) The intentional and knowing selling, or intentional and knowing furnishing (as defined by District of Columbia law) of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of twenty-one or to persons obviously inebriated on property owned or controlled by the University or as part of any University event or meeting organized by a University department, organization or group.
- c) The consumption of alcoholic beverages by all University students and employees so as to adversely affect academic or job performance and/or endanger the physical well-being of other persons and/or oneself, and/or which leads to damage of property.
- d) The possession, sale, distribution, promotion, or consumption of an alcoholic beverage in a manner that constitutes a violation of federal, state or local law, including the sale, directly or indirectly, of any alcoholic beverages at a premises or by an entity not licensed for such sales on property owned or controlled by the University or as part of any University event or meeting organized by a University department, organization or group.

2. In cases of intoxication and/or alcohol poisoning, the primary concern is the health and safety of the individual(s) involved. Individuals are strongly encouraged to call for medical assistance for themselves or for a friend/acquaintance who is dangerously intoxicated.

3. Heads of administrative and residential units have the authority and responsibility to govern the use of alcohol in areas they control, both indoors and out, and to approve or disapprove of plans designed to ensure that (at events where alcohol will be served in such areas) only legal age individuals will have access to such alcohol. Further, those hosting such events must take reasonable steps to ensure that the acquisition, distribution and consumption of alcohol otherwise complies with applicable law and University policy.

4. Consistent with District of Columbia law, advertisements of social events shall not promote nor describe the availability of alcoholic beverages; nor shall such advertisements promote the consumption of alcohol by minors.

Consequences for Policy Violations

All members of the University community and all University organizations are expected to comply with applicable local, state and federal laws regarding the possession, use or sale of alcohol or other controlled drugs, whether on or off-campus, and are expected to comply with all University regulations regarding alcohol possession or use. Individuals and organizations which violate this policy may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

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