Statement on the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Act as it relates to Hofstra University

Amendments have been made to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act in order to prevent unlimited drink offerings. As a pro-active measure, Hofstra University has carefully considered the impact of this law and reviewed and revised its Alcohol policy as it pertains to student clubs and organizations on the campus. Therefore, for the purpose of Hofstra University’s alcohol policy, and in relation to the ABC Act, alcohol consumption must not be interpreted as the sole function of any University event. No alcohol may be present at any Residential Life programming or Resident Student Association events.

If alcohol is to be served at an event on campus it must be provided through “authorized” servers such as Hofstra Dining Services and must include a price that could not reasonably be interpreted as providing unlimited drink specials (ex: “Nickel Drafts”, “Ladies Drink Free”). Places such as “Hofstra USA” can determine reasonableness of prices due to the fact that it may be deemed reasonable at certain events that due to overhead, or purpose of the function, prices may be lowered.

If student clubs/organizations hold off campus events, enforcement of the ABC law rests with the off campus site. However, if University funds are being used to assist in the sponsorship of an off campus event, the University will take steps to ensure that the intention of the event cannot be interpreted as solely to consume alcohol. Example: “A “formal” would be supported by the University, but a party at a local bar would not be supported. The role of University Advisors attending such events will be strictly enforced.

The determination of whether or not student club/organization’s events sole focus is on consuming alcohol will rest with the Office of Student Activities and/or the Dean of Students Office.

Note: All SGA clubs and organizations, IFSC, AFSLA, and PanHel funding, whether through their initial budgets or fund raising activities, is considered a University account which falls under the discretion of the SGA advisors, etc. Fraternity and Sororities who have their own separate off campus accounts do not fall under the same responsibility of the University. However, these organizations will still be encouraged to sponsor events where alcohol is not viewed to be the main focus of the event. Furthermore, these fraternities and sororities, in accordance with FIPG, will be encouraged to host events at establishments where authorized servers will be responsible for providing, handling, and the serving of alcohol to those people who are 21 years of age or older.

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Club/Organization Advisor
Print Name

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