

**SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SCP-1010**

SUBJECT: Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus

REFERENCE: West Virginia Codes §60-8-20, §11-16-19, §60-3A-24, §11-16-3

ORIGINATION: January 21, 2003

EFFECTIVE: November 13, 2016

REVIEWED: June 16, 2016

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College has a genuine interest in providing an environment that strives to protect the health and welfare of its students, employees, alumni, and visitors. The College recognizes that inappropriate and irresponsible marketing and promotion of alcoholic beverages on campus can contribute to the problems of alcohol abuse. Therefore, the College, in its concern for the campus community, has adopted this policy prohibiting the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, unless such possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is pursuant to a course provided by the College, the curriculum, of which involves the possession and/or consumption of Nonintoxicating Craft Beer.

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

- 2.1 The scope of this policy shall extend to every student currently enrolled for course work at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, to currently employed faculty and staff members, and to visitors. It shall also extend to properties owned by the College or leased by the College for the College's use. Faculty, staff, and student participation in off-campus activities or events, conducted under the auspices of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, may be subject to restrictions upon the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. Such restrictions shall be separately published along with other rules of conduct pertinent to such off-campus activities or events.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 *Alcoholic Beverage* – Any beverage that includes ethyl alcohol, whatever its origin, and shall include synthetic ethyl alcohol, but not denatured alcohol.
- 3.2 *Nonintoxicating Craft Beer* – Any beverage obtained by the natural fermentation of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar product or substitute and containing not less than one half of one (1) percent by volume and not more than twelve (12) percent alcohol by volume or nine and six-tenths percent alcohol by weight with no caffeine infusion or any additives masking or altering the alcohol effect.

SECTION 4. POLICY

- 4.1 Students, faculty, and staff will be encouraged to participate in all activities which promote alcohol-free experiences. Abstinence will be encouraged and seen as a legitimate and socially acceptable choice for any

member of the College community. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages during off-campus activities or events held under the auspices of the College is prohibited when expressly proscribed by event or activity rules of conduct.

SECTION 5. BACKGROUND OR EXCLUSIONS

5.1 None.

SECTION 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1 *Restrictions* – Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited for all persons while on campus, except that possession and consumption of Nonintoxicating Craft Beer by persons twenty-one years of age or older while on campus shall not be prohibited when such persons possess and consume Nonintoxicating Craft Beer during and pursuant to a course offered by the College the curriculum of which requires the brewing, possession, and consumption of Nonintoxicating Craft Beer. Provided, no such person shall consume more Nonintoxicating Craft Beer while on campus than is reasonably necessary to meet the objectives of the relevant course as identified by the College, and persons responsible for developing the curriculum for the course. Provided further, no person may sell Nonintoxicating Craft Beer that is brewed or otherwise manufactured pursuant to a course offered by the College.

6.2 *Violations of Policy* – Any student or any employee who violates the terms of this policy by possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages shall be subject to disciplinary action. Visitors who violate the terms of this policy by possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages on campus shall be requested to vacate the premises by the responsible staff member and may be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies if circumstances warrant.

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 The President or the President’s designee shall cause the terms of this policy to be observed.

SECTION 8. CANCELLATION

8.1 None.

SECTION 9. REVIEW STATEMENT

9.1 This policy shall be reviewed on a regular basis with a time frame for review to be determined by the President or the President’s designee. Upon such review, the President or President’s designee may recommend to the Board that the policy be amended or repealed.

SECTION 10. SIGNATURES

Board of Governors Chair **Date**

President **Date**

Attachments: None.

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Revision Notes: July 2010 – Revisions reflect no substantial changes in procedure or documentation requirements, but provide clarity. This policy was reformatted using the latest policy template. The name of the policy was changed from “Alcoholic Beverages at College-sponsored Activities to Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus,” August 20, 2000.

March 2016 – Revisions reflect changes to include possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages pursuant to a course provided by the College the curriculum of which involves the possession and/or consumption of Nonintoxicating Craft Beer.