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6.4 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON CAMPUS

ENABLING LEGISLATION + LINKED POLICIES

University Act

Powers of the Board

Section 27 (1) The management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the university are vested in the board.

Other Laws of General Application

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to define circumstances under which Emily Carr University of Art + Design (University) will permit alcohol, on its campuses and will define the types of alcohol that will be permitted.

SCOPE

This policy, and its support documents, applies to use of alcohol by any members of the University community, including employees, students and to any visitors to University campuses while at University campuses.

POLICY

1. Although the University Board realizes that moderate use of alcohol on its premises may be appropriate in certain circumstances, it strongly discourages the abuse of alcohol, and expects all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to its campuses to make responsible decisions concerning their use of alcohol.
2. Alcohol, as defined for this policy and related University procedures and guidelines is defined as: wine, beer and “coolers”. The Board encourages, where possible, the serving of British Columbia made wine, beer, and “coolers”.
3. Spirits (liquor such as rye, gin, rum, etc.) are forbidden to be served on campus.
4. Alcohol may only be served or consumed on the University’s campus, and at any University sponsored events off campus, in accordance with this policy, related University procedures and guidelines and all applicable laws. This policy recognizes that:
 - alcohol is a controlled substance, the use of which is regulated by the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Act and the Criminal Code of Canada;
 - some members of the University community are not of legal age to consume alcohol, or do not choose to consume alcohol, and their opportunities to participate fully in campus activities should not be limited;

- access to alcoholic beverages served or consumed on the University's premises is a privilege, which the University extends to students, faculty, staff and visitors who are of legal drinking age, on the understanding they will comply with all applicable laws and University's policies;
 - that privilege may be regulated or restricted by the University for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to the protection of the health, safety and security of students, faculty, staff and members of the public; and
 - everyone has a personal responsibility to recognize the risks associated with the excessive consumption of alcohol, and, if he or she chooses to consume alcohol, to do so responsibly, complying with all applicable laws, and having due regard for the health, safety and security of others.
6. The President or any Vice President may prevent any individuals or groups not abiding by this policy or any applicable law from participating in the organization of or attending any events at which alcohol is to be served, for a specified or indefinite period of time. The President or Vice President, or designate, may also suspend or deny the use of any liquor license on the University's premises.
 7. Nothing in this policy imposes any liability on the University for the violation of this policy by students, faculty or staff, or by any other person.

POLICY SUPPORTS

6.4.1 Alcohol Consumption on Campus Procedures