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FACT SHEET ***IWU Alcohol Policy***

Enforcement Issues Related to Alcohol Use on Campus

The University expects that all students will act in accordance with state and local laws regarding the use of alcohol. To that end, only students 21 years of age or older may possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages defined as beer and wine only. Provision of alcohol to persons less than 21 years of age is prohibited.

Possession, consumption and/or provision of alcohol in public areas of the campus is not permitted unless authorized through the Associate Dean of Students/Co-Curricular Programming. Public areas are defined as those areas of the campus that are readily accessible to students, faculty, staff and guests. Such areas include all outside areas, athletic fields, lobbies, classrooms, lounges, building corridors and offices.

Students (whether of legal drinking age or not) and/or their guests are not permitted to have kegs, party balls or other common sources of alcohol, tapped or untapped, on campus. A common source of alcohol is also defined as more alcohol than can be responsibly consumed by the occupants of the room.

Student activity fees may not be used, directly or indirectly, to purchase alcoholic beverages.

No reference, direct or indirect, to alcohol may appear or be used in notices or postings (including sheet signs) which promote or advertise an event.

Substance Abuse Legal Consequences

There are a number of legal consequences that can occur as a result of substance abuse (drugs and/or alcohol). Under Illinois law, the sanctions listed below are imposed for offenses related to substance abuse. Even harsher punishments for drug trafficking are imposed at the federal level.

- Illegal possession of alcohol by someone under 21 years of age is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$2,500 and a sentence up to one year in jail.
- Those found guilty of distributing alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age are guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a fine up to \$2,500 and a sentence up to one year in jail.
- Those individuals who are charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and deemed first time offenders where the blood alcohol content is greater than 0.08 can be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a fine up to \$1,000, a sentence up to one year in jail, and a one year suspension of their driver's license. Additional offenses can increase the crime to a Class 4 felony with a fine up to \$25,000 and a sentence of up to 10 years. It

can also result in a more permanent loss of an individual's driver's license. Drivers under 21 years of age who are found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol will find consequences in excess of those listed above.