

INSTITUTIONAL DIRECTIVE 6-5

April 6, 2009

Title: Use of Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs

I. Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to clearly articulate the position of the college with respect to the use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any of its constituent groups, either on or off campus.

II. Policy

It is the policy of Piedmont Technical College that the sale, consumption, or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on campus is prohibited, except that the President may authorize consumption of alcoholic beverages at official functions of the College, the Piedmont Technical College Foundation or by adult groups who may be leasing facility space in accordance with Institutional Directive 5-6. All applicable laws will govern the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs at college functions.

III. Definitions

- A. Alcoholic beverages: Any beer, wine, liquor, or other beverage containing alcohol.
- B. Illegal drugs: Any of a variety of drugs, other than those prescribed by a physician and clearly identified as such, declared illegal under the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- C. Consumption: The personal consumption of any alcoholic beverage, taken alone or in a mixture with other beverages; also the introduction into the human body of any drug, whether orally, by injection, by inhaling, or by any other means.
- D. Possession: The maintenance on one's person or within the confines of one's property, including automobiles, of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug while on the campus of Piedmont Technical College or at an event sponsored by the college, except as permitted under this policy.

IV. Responsibilities

- A. The President is responsible for granting, within limits prescribed in this directive, permission to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of Piedmont Technical College.
- B. Student Services staff and other college personnel whose duties include advising student organizations are responsible for assuring that the college policy is upheld.
- C. The Public Safety Department is charged with exercising appropriate enforcement authority when the policy of the college is violated.

Office of Responsibility: President

V. Procedures

- A. Efforts should be made to inform students that the sale, consumption, or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on campus is prohibited at all times.
- B. All local, state, and federal laws with respect to alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs will be enforced at off-campus functions sponsored by the college.
- C. No Student Government Association revenue, whether generated from fees or auxiliary sources, will be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- D. The President may approve, on a case by case basis, the consumption of drinks containing alcohol by groups using College facilities; such approval, however, will be restricted to adult, groups leasing facilities in accordance with Institutional Directive 5-6, official functions of the College or the Piedmont Technical College Foundation.

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