

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages OIT-30-031

I. INTRODUCTION

This alcohol policy like other standards of conduct applicable to the College community is intended to further the educational mission of the Oregon Institute of Technology. OIT's mission includes the development of ethically sensitive and responsible individuals who are able to understand and appreciate the need for both individual freedom and to accept the restrictions intrinsic to living in a community. This policy will balance personal liberty with responsibility and educational opportunity with liability concerns in order to determine the appropriateness of alcohol at each event attempting to strike the appropriate balance of these conflicting principles.

The development of a philosophy and corresponding regulations concerning the use of alcoholic beverages at OIT is challenging, yet essential. Such a policy must show concern for the health, safety, and welfare of all individuals (members of the campus community) as well as those from outside the campus, and for the social and educational environment of the College community. This policy includes statements regarding our Commitment to Education (Appendix A), Consequences (Appendix B), Health Risks (Appendix C), and Campus and Community Resources (Appendix D). OIT will balance the following principles:

- f The OIT alcohol policy must be in compliance with the law of the State of Oregon, the local community and the College;
- f In our litigious society institutions are often found to be liable for individual behavior, particularly as to college students. At OIT functions both on and off campus we seek to minimize OIT's liability in this regard;
- f OIT will seek to provide an educational setting in which students can learn about both the freedom and the responsibility involved in the exercise of personal choice.

II. GENERAL POLICY AND RULES GOVERNING ALCOHOL USE

The decision as to the extent of alcohol at OIT functions (on and off campus), and all non-OIT functions on the OIT campus resides with the Vice President for Finance and Administration or his/her designated representative.

A. OIT Prohibits

1. The illegal or unauthorized possession, consumption, or sale of alcoholic beverages or the furnishing or possession of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 on any person's property owned or controlled by the college or as part of any OIT event or possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in unauthorized areas by those over 21 (OAR 578-033-0220, Section 18).

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Appendix A COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

Consistent with OIT's educational mission, the College sponsors programs which help eradicate misperceptions about alcohol and among peers create opportunities for open, honest dialogue about alcohol use and abuse, and promote awareness of the physical and psychological, social and behavioral effects of alcohol consumption. OIT's commitment to alcohol education is provided through multiple sources:

- f* new student orientation;
- f* programs sponsored by the Student Health Advisory Committee and Housing and Residence Life;
- f* Campus Health and Safety Fair;
- f* Student Health Alcohol and Drug Education (SHADE) classes
- f* programs during Alcohol Awareness Month;
- f* alcohol 101 CD experimentation opportunities
- f* Student Health jeopardy programs
- f* 21st birthday cards with alcohol information; and
- f* Student Success Seminars and other academic courses

The Substance Abuse Commission, the Student Health Center and the College are committed to supporting continuous and expanded educational opportunities for students, faculty and staff. OIT's alcohol policy and programs are intended to encourage its members to make responsible decisions about the use of alcoholic beverages and to promote safe, legal, and healthy patterns of social interaction.

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**Appendix B
CONSEQUENCES**

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Appendix C HEALTH RISKS

For many people in our society, the use of chemicals is a daily reality. These chemicals include over-the-counter medications, prescription drugs, and illegal drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and LSD. They also include legal chemicals such as alcohol, nicotine, and caffeine. However, the potential for health problems can develop from the use of alcohol, nicotine, or caffeine products. While many chemicals have the potential to improve health or enrich our lives, some of these chemicals also have the potential to cause serious health, legal, and economic problems.

Alcohol is a depressant that slows brain activity. Like any drug that affects the mind, alcohol has the potential to be abused. Decision-making abilities can be impaired by alcohol, which can lead to negative consequences (e.g., risky behavior or violence). It is expected that all students and employees respect their right to choose not to drink.

Low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination needed to operate vehicles. Small amounts can also lower inhibitions. Moderate to high doses cause marked impairment in higher mental functions and loss of memory and the ability to learn and remember information. High doses can result in respiratory depression and death. Long-term consumption, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to dependence and permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and the liver. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol will produce the effects just described. Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation.

Alcohol can create specific health and ethical risks that can lead to dangerous consequences.

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**Appendix F
EVENTS WITH ALCOHOL CHECKLIST**

1. All events involving alcohol must be registered and approved by the Vice President for Finance and Administration (or his/her representative). To register an event the Registration Form for Events Involving Alcohol (See Appendix E) must be completed and submitted for approval. This form is available at the College Union Information Desk.
2. Alcohol must not be served to anyone who is visibly intoxicated.
3. Individuals serving alcohol must be bartenders of legal age and properly trained.
4. Service of alcohol must stop one hour prior to the end of the event (1:00 am at the latest).
5. Adequate amount of non-alcoholic beverages must be available to attendees. Food must also be available, but not at an additional charge. The quantity of alcohol available for an event must be limited to a reasonable amount to be consumed per person (i.e., at a rate of one drink per hour).
6. Advertisements for the event may not promote alcohol in any manner (text or graphic) or consumption of alcohol by minors. Copies of all advertisements must be available for approval.
7. At the conclusion of the event all partially filled and empty alcohol containers must be properly disposed. Concessions Food Service for events held on campus

3. How will you monitor access in order to limit consumption to a level within reasonable health guidelines and legal intoxication limits?

4. Who will be serving the alcohol? Describe what other beverages and food will be provided. How will partially full and empty containers be disposed of?

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I have read and understand the OIT Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Policy (OIT-03-031) in the accompanying appendices. I agree to abide by the guidelines and rules of the OIT alcohol policy, OLCC regulations and the law of the State of Oregon. If any rules are not followed or adhered to, the event may be cancelled, the alcohol service may be immediately terminated, and any deposits may be forfeited.

Group Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Director of Food Service: _____ Date: _____

