Policy Title: Alcoholic Beverages Purchased for University Events

APS Number: 4018

APS Functional Area: FINANCE

Brief Description: Outlines restrictions on the purchase of alcoholic beverages for personal consumption at university events.

Effective: January 1, 2014

Approved by: President Bruce D. Benson

Responsible University Officer: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Policy Contact: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Supersedes: APS Alcoholic Beverages Purchased for University Events – July 1, 2013

Last Reviewed/Updated: January 1, 2014

Applies to: All University employees/all campuses

Reason for Policy: As a public university it is important to use public funds appropriately. This policy and related procedures have been developed to simplify and clarify the provisions for the purchase of alcoholic beverages at the University.

I. INTRODUCTION

This policy sets forth parameters for using university funds to purchase alcoholic beverages for personal consumption at university events. For guidance regarding sales, service, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, organizational units should consult relevant risk management and campus policies.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

A. University purchases of alcoholic beverages for personal consumption may be made only for the following types of events and using the designated types of funds:

1. For official functions: The purchase of alcoholic beverages shall only be made using gift funds (Fund 34) that are restricted for entertainment, donor cultivation, or personnel recruitment purposes. The purchase must be approved by the Vice President/Vice Chancellor for Finance or his/her delegate(s). See specific restrictions on development activities, below.

2. For development activities:
   - The purchase of alcoholic beverages shall only be made using development/advancement funds (Fund 36) or gift funds (Fund 34) that are restricted for entertainment, donor cultivation, or personnel recruitment purposes.
   - The purchase must be approved by the Vice President/Vice Chancellor for Advancement or his/her delegate(s).
• If the purchase originates by non-development staff, the purchase will also be approved by the Vice President/Vice Chancellor for Finance or his/her delegate.

Note: Development activities include both donor cultivation, solicitation, stewardship events, and fundraising events.

3. For CU-sponsored conferences: The purchase of alcoholic beverages should be made using auxiliary funds (Fund 20 or Fund 29) received through conference registration fees. Gift funds with the appropriate designation (Fund 34 and restricted for entertainment, donor cultivation, or personnel recruitment purposes) may also be used. The purchase must be approved by the appropriate individual(s) within the organizational unit.

B. University funds shall not be used to pay for alcoholic beverages consumed as part of an individual meal while in travel status.

III. DEFINITIONS

Italicized terms are identified in the Policy Glossary.

IV. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, FORMS, GUIDELINES, AND OTHER RESOURCES

A. Administrative Policy Statements (APS) and Other Policies

1. Propriety of Expenses
2. Individual campus-based policies regarding consumption of alcohol on university property

B. Procedures

1. Procedures for implementing this policy are outlined in the Procurement Service Center (PSC) Procedural Statement (PPS) Alcoholic Beverages Purchased for University Events
2. PPS Sensitive Expenses

C. Forms

1. Fundraising Authorization form
2. Official Function form

D. Other Resources (i.e., Training, Contact Information)

1. Educational Resources including guides, training notifications, and newsletters are announced and available on the Procurement Service Center web site.
2. For Questions:
   - Questions about the purchase of alcoholic beverages should be directed to the Vice President/Vice Chancellor for Finance or his/her delegate(s).
   - Questions about the provision of alcoholic beverages at an event in an unlicensed establishment should be directed to University Risk Management.
   - Questions about use of campus facilities should be directed to the appropriate campus controller.

V. HISTORY

A. Revisions dated 1/1/2014 – Consolidated donor cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship events with fundraising events for purposes of Advancement routing and approval. Clarified that gift funds with the appropriate designation may be used, as well as development/advancement funds, for the purchase of alcoholic beverages for these events
B. Revisions dated 7/1/2013 – Added use of Fund 36 for donor cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship official function events
C. Revisions dated 7/1/2010 - Clarified language relating to type of events and type of funds that may be used, removed reference to old forms, incorporated information on campus facilities use
D. Revisions dated 11/1/2008 - Updated references under Section III (Procedures, Forms, Guidelines, Resources)
E. Supersedes
   - Alcoholic Beverages Purchased for University Events Administrative Policy Statement dated 7/1/2010
VI. **KEY WORDS**

Drinking, beer, wine, liquor