POLICY ON THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC AND MALT BEVERAGES BY STUDENTS AND BY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

After considerable discussion with students and faculty, with leaders in the community, with legal counsel of the California State Colleges, and with local law enforcement officials, the College takes as its position concerning the use of alcoholic and malt beverages by its students that these students shall obey the state laws concerning the sale, possession, and use of these beverages.

CALIFORNIA LAW

Under California Law, no person may sell, furnish, give, or cause to be sold, furnished or given away, any alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21, and no person under the age of 21 may purchase alcoholic beverages (Calif. Business and Professional Code, Sec. 25658). It is also unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to possess alcoholic beverages on any street or highway or in any public place or any place open to public view (Calif. Business and Professional Code, Sec. 25662).

To assure compliance with these laws, the College sets forth the following procedures:

Consumption in Recognized Living Groups

1. No student of this College shall supply, or purchase with the intent of supplying, any alcoholic beverage to any person under the age of 21.

2. No student of this College shall possess alcoholic beverages in a public area of any recognized student living group or any portion of the property of a student living group, which is open to public view. A “public place” or “any place open to public view”, as legally defined in the case of college living groups, would include the lobby and grounds of the residence hall, or the grounds of fraternities or sororities. In view of problems of age determination, this restriction shall apply to all students, regardless of age.

3. No person, of any age, shall be coerced into using alcoholic beverages by any student of this College. To insure that choice is possible, no alcoholic beverages
may be available at a social function in a recognized student living organization unless non-alcoholic beverages are also available.

4. Alcoholic beverages may not be sold in any recognized student living organization.

5. All recognized living organizations shall submit for approval by the Dean of Students a procedure for compliance with the above regulations.

6. Violators of these regulations shall be subject to discipline through regular College procedures.

**Parties in Hotels and Restaurants**

Since off-campus hotels and restaurants are “public places”, it is unlawful for students who are minors to possess or consume alcoholic or malt beverages on these premises. The College will exercise the right to take cognizance of unlawful activities which are engaged in off-campus by students. To assure compliance with the law, if a bar is available for an organization holding a dinner or dance off-campus, it shall be in a room separate from the room in which dinner is served or the room in which the dance is held.

**Misconduct Resulting from Use of Alcoholic Beverages**

It is emphasized that, if alcoholic beverages are used at all, they should be used in moderation, and that the conduct of students in recognized living organizations shall at no time be such that the orderly running of these organizations is disrupted.

**Dissemination of this Policy**

It shall be the responsibility of the Student Activities Office to disseminate as widely as possible the intent of this policy to avoid misunderstandings on the part of parents, citizens, and members of the College community.

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