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STUDENT CONDUCT AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Recommendation

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That in the Residence Hall Handbook the alcohol/beer policy be revised to read:

"The consumption of beer, wine, liquor or grain alcohol is prohibited in all residence halls, regardless of the age of the resident. Violators of this policy will be required to dispose of the alcohol in an appropriate manner and will be subject to disciplinary action. Exceptions to this policy will require the written consent of the Director of Residence Life and the Dean of Student Affairs or his/her designee."

DISCUSSION/RATIONALE: Residence Life reserves the right to designate which areas of which dorms shall house which student populations. By eliminating specific language which indicates in which areas of the residence halls alcohol may be consumed, the Office of Residence Life can change such designations without having to revise the Handbook each time a designation changes.

In particular the student representatives on SC&W raised objections to this policy, but their objections were philosophical ones, based on a perception that Residence Life should not monitor the drinking activities of students over the legal drinking age. Karen McComas noted that since students over 21 are normally upperclasspersons and are therefore not required in the junior and senior years to reside in the residence halls, it is up to the individual student to become aware of the regulations enforced in the dorms and make an informed decision about living there.

Some discussion took place of the possible exceptions to the rule. Linda Templeton informed the committee that the Director of Residence Life and the Dean of Student Affairs have no intention of issuing consents on individual bases; rather, their written consent is needed to change the designation of an entire residence hall or area thereof to allow students of legal age residing there to use alcohol.

SC&W passed the recommendation with seven in favor and four opposed.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

Approved: Kathryn Chazyk Date: 4/26/90
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