THE FACULTY SENATE

April 23, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: President Ray M. Bowen

SUBJECT: Approval of Revisions to 1999-2000 Student Rules, pp. 2-4, Alcohol Rules

At its regular meeting on April 12, 1999, the Faculty Senate approved the attached revisions to the 1999-2000 Student Rules, pages 2-4, Texas A&M University alcohol rules for student organizations, as amended by the Faculty Senate as noted below:

On page 2, section A, delete the phrase "or any event that an observer would associate with the organization," (noted by double strikethrough and italics).

On page 2, sections B and C, add the word "undergraduate" before the word "organization" each time the word "organization" is used (noted by bold type).

Thank you for your consideration of this item. I would appreciate your informing me of your action on this recommendation.

Diane S. Kaplan
Speaker, 1998-99

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, Executive Vice President & Provost
Ms. Linda F. Lacey, Director of Academic Support Services
Dr. Brent Paterson, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Approved:

Ray M. Bowen, President

8/2/99
MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 1999

TO: Diane Kaplan, Ph.D.
    Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Brent Paterson, Ph.D.
      Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to 1999-2000 Student Rules

Attached please find additional proposed revisions to the 1999-2000 Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

xc: Dr. Ronald G. Douglas, Executive Vice President and Provost
    Dr. J. Malon Southerland, Vice President for Student Affairs
    Mr. William B. Krumm, Vice President for Finance and Controller
    Dr. Jerry Gaston, Vice President for Administration
Appendix VIII
Texas A&M University Alcohol Rules for Student Organizations

II. Recognized Student Organizations -- Sponsored Events Involving Alcoholic Beverages.
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University Student Rules state that "drinking or having in possession any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage(s) in public areas of the campus is prohibited."

All activities that are sponsored, authorized, sanctioned, and/or financed by a recognized student organization must be approved by the group's faculty/staff advisor. The student organization is responsible for assuring that alcohol consumption does not detrimentally affect the health and well being of those attending the event. Recognized student organizations may hold events involving alcoholic beverages under the following conditions:

A. Activities involving alcohol must be limited to the established membership of a recognized organization and its designated guests. Because of Alcoholic Beverage Commission restrictions, tickets for a party may not be sold either in advance or at the door if alcohol will be available. In other words, money cannot be collected for admittance to an event where alcohol is served. This does not include activities where alcohol is obtained through a cash bar at an establishment that holds a liquor license. The possession, sale, use or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas of the campus is prohibited. Any situation sponsored, authorized, sanctioned, endorsed, and/or financed by an undergraduate student organization or any event that an observer would associate with the organization, must be in compliance with any and all applicable laws and rules of the state, county, city, and Texas A&M University, and must comply with either BYOB or third party vendor guidelines. In addition, the event or activity must be approved by the group's faculty/staff advisor.

B. The organization or organizations sponsoring the event must establish precautionary measures to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear intoxicated. No alcoholic beverage may be purchased through an undergraduate organization funds, nor may the purchase of alcohol for members or guests be undertaken or coordinated by any member in the name of, or on behalf of, the undergraduate organization. The purchase or use of bulk quantity or common sources of such alcoholic beverage (i.e. kegs or cases) shall be prohibited.

C. At functions where alcoholic beverages are served, a person or persons must be designated as the server(s). The alcoholic beverages must be placed in a manner and locations such that access is restricted except through the designated server(s). It is strongly recommended that a trained server be employed to assure adequate safeguards concerning alcohol consumption, and that appropriate alcoholic beverage access controls are in place, and are followed. Open parties, meaning those with unrestricted access to non-members of the undergraduate organization, without specific invitation, where alcohol is present, shall be prohibited.
D. At functions where individuals bring alcoholic beverages, steps must be taken to assure that those bringing alcohol are of legal age and that access to alcoholic beverages is restricted to those of legal age.

E. Nonalcoholic beverages and adequate food must be available at the same place as the alcoholic beverages if the alcoholic beverages are provided by the organization. Food and nonalcoholic beverages must be featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages.

F. No event shall include any form of "drinking contest" or encourage any form of rapid consumption of alcohol in the activity or promotion.

(Current Section G. becomes Section L.)

L. University Advertisement Rules Regarding Student Organization-Sponsored Events with Alcoholic Beverages. Advertising of university events where alcoholic beverages will be consumed must be consistent with the educational philosophy of Texas A&M University and follow these conditions:
Submitted by: Dennis Reardon, Alcohol and Drug Education, Department of Student Life and Meg Manning, Greek Life, Department of Student Life

Justification for Proposed Change:

These changes are based on FIPG, Inc. Guidelines for national/international fraternity and sorority memberships, but can be applied to all student organizations. They clearly articulate expectations.