Chancellor’s Memorandum
CM-36 – Guidelines for the responsible use of Alcohol at the LSU Health Sciences Center

To: Vice Chancellors, Deans, Administrative Staff, Department Heads, and Students.

From: LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans Chancellor

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I. Scope

This policy applies to all LSUHSC faculty, staff, residents, and students.

II. Purpose

The excessive use of intoxicating beverages may adversely affect the academic and professional performance of faculty, staff, residents, and students. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for responsible use of alcohol at LSUHSC and LSUHSC sponsored functions.

III. Policy

The use of alcohol is prohibited in classroom buildings, laboratories, auditoriums, library buildings, faculty and administrative offices, athletic facilities, and all other public campus areas. Alcohol may be served for special events on campus sponsored by the institution with written authorization from the Dean, Chancellor, or their authorized designee and when the following guidelines for responsible use of alcohol are followed. The guidelines also apply to the use of alcohol at LSUHSC sponsored functions off campus.

IV. Guidelines

1. The sponsor of the event must implement precautionary measures to insure that alcoholic beverages are not accessible or served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear intoxicated.

2. The sponsor of the event must limit direct access of alcoholic beverages to the person(s) designated as the server(s). A server is defined as an individual who has undergone approved server training and/or works for a caterer.

3. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is to be permitted only within the approved area designated for the event.

4. Nonalcoholic beverages must be available at the same place as the alcoholic beverages and featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages.

5. A reasonable portion of the budget for the event shall be designated for the purchase of food items.

6. Drinking contests are prohibited at all LSUHSC activities and functions.

7. Advertisements for any LSUHSC event where alcoholic beverages are served shall mention the availability of nonalcoholic beverages as prominently as alcohol.

8. Alcohol must not be used as an inducement to participate in a campus event.

9. Promotional materials including advertising for any LSUHSC event shall not make reference to the quantity of alcoholic beverages (such as the number of kegs of beer) available.
10. The LSUHSC University Police Department will be notified of all functions on campus at which alcoholic beverages will be served.

11. The rules and regulations of the residence hall(s) shall govern the use of alcohol within the residence hall(s).

12. With respect to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages, state law will be strictly enforced at all times on all property controlled by LSUHSC.

13. For functions that include the sale of alcoholic beverages, all the appropriate permits shall be obtained from the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

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