

34.03 Alcoholic Beverages

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Policy Statement

The purchase, service, possession and consumption of alcohol beverages in facilities under the control of The Texas A&M University System (system) shall in all respects comply with state law and the guidelines established in this policy.

Reason for Policy

This policy provides guidelines within the system to govern the purchase, service, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in facilities under the control of the system.

Procedures and Responsibilities

The purchase, service, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in facilities under the control of the system shall in all respects comply with state law and with the following guidelines.

1. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on property under control of the system will not be permitted except in special use buildings and facilities as may be designated by the chief executive officer (CEO) of the system member, approved by the chancellor, and subsequently reported to the board on an annual basis.
2. All purchases of alcoholic beverages by any system member must comply with the following guidelines.
 - 2.1 Source of Funds for Purchase of Alcoholic Beverages
 - 2.1.1 The following rules shall apply with respect to the nature and source of funds that may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages:

- (1) Purchases may be made using gift funds or other institutional funds as permitted by state law.
- (2) So long as prohibited by statute or the appropriations act, no funds under the control of an intercollegiate athletic department may be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
- (3) Contract and grant funds and any related residual funds may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages for scholarly research and/or testing, or for social events if the following conditions are met:
 - a) Contract or grant work necessitates the serving of alcoholic beverages at official events where it is socially and culturally acceptable to serve alcoholic beverages;
 - b) Sponsor's travel and entertainment policy allows for reimbursement of alcoholic beverages; and
 - c) Expenses budgeted for entertainment or social functions where alcoholic beverages will be served must be fully disclosed in the contract proposal and award or the sponsor must have explicitly approved the cost.
- (4) Funds collected by a system member as registration fees from participants in a conference or similar event may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages to be served as a part of the event.

2.1.2 No other type of funds may be expended for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

- 2.2 Alcoholic beverages may be purchased for any lawful purpose in support of events and activities which further the mission of the system member as determined by its CEO. If alcohol is to be purchased for consumption at a site that has not been approved in accordance with Section 1, the alcohol purchase must be approved by the chancellor and reported to the board.
- 2.3 All vouchers and supporting documentation must clearly and accurately reflect actual purchases of alcoholic beverages. Invoices and receipts for all beverage purchases must be detailed so as to clearly indicate whether the purchase included alcoholic beverages. Fiscal officers and others who approve vouchers for payment must do so only if the purchases have been properly documented.
- 2.4 Development foundations, research foundations, alumni organizations and other supporting or affiliated entities may use their funds to make purchases of alcoholic beverages for the benefit of system members in accordance with their own respective policies dealing with such purchases and consistent with the foregoing guidelines.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Tex. Gov't Code, § 2113.101

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