

Policy History
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Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and the Non-Medical Use of Drugs on University Premises Policy

The University is cognizant of its responsibility to assist students and employees in any problems the individuals may be experiencing in matters concerning the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the non-medical use of drugs. The University is also aware of its responsibility to maintain Kwantlen's reputation as a University having an environment conducive to learning.

Every Kwantlen Polytechnic University employee has an obligation to report any information that is important to the safety and security of Kwantlen Polytechnic University and/or its students and employees.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

From time to time it may be necessary to take disciplinary action against offenders. Within the spirit of this policy such action should be taken in an educational rather than punitive manner.

The following will guide those concerned with administration of this policy:

1. The University acknowledges a clear responsibility to ensure, as far as possible, that all laws are obeyed, at all times, on all University premises.
2. Where indisputable evidence exists that laws related to non-medical use of drugs and the use of alcoholic beverages are being broken, and where such violations continue to occur after being brought to the attention of the offender by a member of the University administration, the Vice President, Academic and/or the Vice President, Finance and Administration will request the appropriate law enforcement authority to deal with the situation.
3. Where some evidence exists in the above regard, consultations will be undertaken with appropriate persons from administration, faculty and/or students to determine further action.
4. With respect to student events involving the consumption of alcohol, these are subject to specific guidelines.

5. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on University premises is legal only in those places approved for this purpose by the B.C. Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, and is authorized only at times and under conditions approved by University administrative personnel assigned this responsibility.
6. The University will not knowingly permit a person to remain at the University, while the person's ability to work or study is affected by alcohol, a drug or other substance, so as to endanger the person or anyone else.

Students under the influence of alcohol or non-medical drugs must be refused entry to instructional settings if their condition can constitute a hazard to themselves or others. The faculty member conducting the class is authorized to make such a decision on the spot. He/she will notify the administrator immediately concerned of the action taken.

Students who wish assistance dealing with problems arising from the use of alcohol or drugs are reminded of the resources of the University's counselling service. The University's employee assistance program is available for those employees who may find themselves in difficulty.

RELATED POLICIES:

BP1 Student Events Involving the Consumption of Alcohol

SR8 Emergency Response to Inappropriate, Disruptive or Threatening Behaviour

ST7 Student Conduct (Non-Academic)