POLICY ON ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

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Preamble:
The Alma Mater Society (AMS) endeavours to provide a safe, inclusive, and positive student community, while working alongside University safety providers, administrators, and other stakeholders to encourage a greater degree of citizenship and responsible, appropriate behavior among students. This policy provides a framework whereby individuals who choose to consume alcohol are encouraged to drink as responsible, safe adults, so that the UBC community can be a safe, healthy, and productive environment in which to work, live, learn, and have fun.

Policy:
It is the policy of the AMS to:
• promote responsible alcohol consumption on campus;
• encourage alternatives to consuming alcohol at licensed events;
• promote a safe and inclusive environment within the student community;
• inform AMS staff, students, and subsidiaries about procedures and safety precautions for licensed events; and
• to provide information to AMS staff, students, and subsidiaries regarding the legal issues surrounding alcohol consumption.

Furthermore, the AMS strives to engage with students and AMS subsidiaries in collaborative efforts to encourage safe and responsible alcohol use, and encourages other student groups to develop policies and training programs to guide licensed events held in non-SUB venues.

Procedures and Regulations:
The Student Administrative Commission (SAC) will be responsible for developing procedures under this policy, including:
• procedures regarding an Alcohol Training Program, designed to train and inform organizers of licensed events;
• regulations regarding security at licensed events in the Student Union Building (SUB);
• regulations regarding advertising in the SUB of licensed events; and
• any other procedures or regulations as determined by Council or SAC from time to time.

Procedures developed under this policy apply to all licensed events held in the SUB (irrespective of the event organizers) and all licensed events organized by the AMS or an AMS subsidiary (irrespective of the location of the event).