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POLICY

I. GENERAL

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) encourages responsible behaviour by the individuals within its campus population including the behaviour associated with the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Students and staff may wish to gather at social events where alcoholic beverages will be consumed but it is expected that an atmosphere will be established whereby alcohol is not the primary focus of an event, and whereby choosing not to drink an alcoholic beverage is as equally acceptable as drinking alcoholic beverages.

TRU will promote responsible management of events where alcoholic beverages are served. Additionally, the University will encourage and support high quality, unlicensed social entertainment and dining on campus.

TRU does not oppose the drinking of alcoholic beverages but does oppose three forms of drinking that are linked to alcohol problems:

1. high average levels of consumption;
2. drinking to intoxication;
3. drinking that interferes with academic achievement or work.

TRU will strictly adhere to and enforce the regulations of the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Act.

II. INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP

TRU reserves the right to deny attendance at social events to people who have previously demonstrated inappropriate behaviour.

Students and staff who bring guests to any University-approved activities may be required to register their guests upon entry to the event and are responsible for their conduct during the time both are present. When guests are registered, they must leave with hosts and are not

permitted to return unaccompanied by their host. The number of guests that a host can sponsor may vary depending upon the nature of the event.

TRU holds the right to refuse usage of campus facilities to groups who have not demonstrated expected event management. The restriction may apply to any group using on-campus facilities, and to both student and staff groups for off-campus permits.

Disciplinary action may result for intoxication or violation of liquor laws or policies on campus. For students this could include suspension or expulsion from the University.

III. EDUCATION

Information regarding TRU's alcohol policy will be provided to all new students. The Student Society, Student Services, and the Campus Activity Centre will also have copies of the policy for all staff and students.

TRU, wherever possible, will provide resources to train student groups in planning and managing of social events.

REGULATIONS

I. FUNCTIONS

1. All functions at TRU involving the consumption of alcohol held in the Campus Activity Centre must be approved by the Director, Ancillary Services.
2. All applications for approval of a TRU Request for Liquor Permit (for those events not held in the Campus Activity Centre - both on and off campus) must be approved by the Director, Student Services.
3. Outside parties who rent campus space must adopt TRU's Alcohol Policy.
4. The following regulations pertain to all student-sponsored functions:
 - a. In the interest of responsible alcohol consumption, events must not have alcohol as the principal attraction.
 - b. Sponsors of events where alcoholic beverages are served are required to ensure that a sufficient number of organization members will be on hand throughout the event to provide security, general staffing and a clean-up crew after the event.
 - c. The leaders and officers of sponsoring organizations are responsible for the behaviour of their membership. It is imperative that all members involved in the function understand their responsibility as sponsors, as opposed to being participants in the event.
 - d. Sponsoring organizations must provide "alcohol monitors" who will assist the bartenders and event supervisors by mingling in the crowd and monitoring the behaviour and alcohol consumption of those in attendance.

- e. The sale of alcoholic beverages will cease one-half hour before the scheduled end of the event. "Last call" for alcoholic beverages will be announced sixty minutes before the end of the event. Food and non-alcoholic beverage sales will continue until the end of the event.
- f. The sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages for all events held within the Campus Activity Centre will be the responsibility of Activity Centre staff. Members of sponsoring organizations may assist with the bartending duties, but they will be trained and supervised by a "bar manager" employed by the Campus Activity Centre. All alcoholic beverages will be supplied by the Campus Activity Centre.
- g. Additional security at the expense of the sponsoring organization may be required for certain events.
- h. Sponsors must sign an Alcohol Regulations Agreement Form which signifies their understanding of an willingness to abide by these regulations.
- i. Failure to comply with any event requirements may result in the cancellation of the event.

II. MINORS (Individuals under 19 years of age)

1. No minor is to be supplied with, or be in possession of, any liquor in any licensed premises.
2. Minors will not be allowed access to licensed premises.

III. IDENTIFICATION

Should identification be requested, acceptable identification must be presented by all persons attending TRU-sponsored events, or on entrance to any campus licensed areas.

1. One of the following identifications is legally acceptable as proof of age:
 - a. Valid passport;
 - b. British Columbia Identification Card;
 - c. Driver's License on which photograph is visible;
 - d. Birth Certificate with a form of picture I.D.
2. More than one form of identification may be requested. TRU reserves the right to refuse entrance and service.

IV. CONDUCT

1. No drunkenness, violent, riotous, quarrelsome or disorderly conduct by anyone is permitted, and persons who have previously caused disturbances of any sort are not allowed to be on licensed premises.

2. Employees and student sponsors of social events are not permitted to drink alcoholic beverages while serving alcohol or working in any other capacity involving event management.

V. TOURNAMENTS AND CONTESTS

Tournaments and contests held on licensed premises will comply with the regulations of the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Act.

VI. PRICING

Liquor prices may be set by licenses on a day-to-day basis:

1. When the prices have been established they may not be lowered during the same business day.
2. Liquor price lists must be made available to patrons or be posted as signs in the premises in plain view of the public.
3. No liquor is to be provided free, at reduced prices or on credit, except as provided in Section 12(2) of the regulations of the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Act. "Happy Hours" are not allowed.

VII. LICENSEE ADVERTISING

1. Signs

- a. Licensees are not to display advertising of any type which makes reference to liquor or alcoholic beverages, any brands of liquor, or the name of manufacturers of liquor which can be seen from outside the licensed areas where the sale and consumption of those liquors are permitted by license.
- b. Only signs which display the name of the establishment and the fact that it is "licensed" under the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Act can be displayed so as to be seen from outside a licensed area.

Any sign regarding a licensed establishment, whether displayed inside or outside, must be one which is approved by the General Manager of the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch.

2. Printed Matter

Licensees may advertise in print the name of the establishment, their hours of operation, any cuisine and/or entertainment which is provided, and in significantly smaller lettering than is used to depict the name of the establishment, the fact that it is "licensed" under the British Columbia Liquor Control and Licensing Act.

VIII. STAFF TRAINING

All employees of a TRU-licensed premise must go through an annual "Server Training" program to be provided by TRU, prior to commencement of employment.

IX. DESIGNATED DRIVER PROGRAM

Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided free or at a cost not to exceed product cost, to those persons who are identified as the designated driver of a student or staff group.

X. FOOD

Where alcohol is served, snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages will be available until closing.

XI. EDUCATION

Educational materials on responsible drinking behaviours will be provided by TRU's health and counselling services in conjunction with the Campus Activity Centre. The focus of educational materials and programs will be designed to:

1. increase knowledge about how to be a responsible drinker;
2. shift attitudes in support of responsible drinking;
3. increase skills and techniques by which people can stay within responsible drinking guidelines.