

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY, PROPOSING ALTERATIONS TO ALCOHOL POLICIES FOR ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTS

WHEREAS: The NKU Student Code of Conduct currently prohibits “the use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages on University property except as authorized by University policy,” and

WHEREAS: The NKU 2020-2021 Housing/Dining Agreement Terms and Conditions states that “the University prohibits the possession, furnishing, or use of alcoholic beverages (including beer, wine, and liquors) in the residence halls except as allowed by University policy,” and

WHEREAS: Students that live on campus who have reached 21 years of age, the legal age of alcohol consumption, should enjoy the same legal rights, responsibilities, and privileges as their off-campus counterparts, and

WHEREAS: Miami University in Ohio, the University of Dayton, and the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, have implemented similar policies on their campus. Each university reports that students have moderate rates of binge drinking, and

WHEREAS: Possession of alcoholic beverages by on-campus residents who are under the age of 21 should remain prohibited in compliance with state and federal law, and

WHEREAS: No student may furnish alcohol to an underage resident of University Housing, and

WHEREAS: Alcohol possession and consumption policies should be regulated by University Housing, the Office of Student Conduct, Rights & Advocacy, and any other proper regulatory authority, and

WHEREAS: We recommend that the consumption of beer and wine be permitted in University Housing, with the consumption of liquor remaining prohibited. This would limit the risk of unhealthy levels of alcohol consumption/rapid consumption of alcohol/binge drinking for residents. This in turn limits the risk to Resident Assistants, and Housing Staff, and

WHEREAS: A monetary fine should be assessed by university officials for violations of the new alcohol consumption policy by individuals. This fine should not be escalated for repeat offenses. This would encourage accountability while being equitable across and within the residential community, and

WHEREAS: A scaled monetary fine system should be created and assessed by university officials for violations of the new alcohol consumption policy by organizations proportional to the members present. This would appropriately hold Registered Student Organizations using University Housing for social functions accountable, and

WHEREAS: The monies collected by these fines should be allocated towards programming that focuses on risk management and responsible alcohol consumption for on-campus residents, and

WHEREAS: This programming should include responsible consumption, the ethics and legality of alcohol possession, how to responsibly host social functions that involve alcohol consumption, signs of alcohol poisoning, and

WHEREAS: Students who nobly seek assistance for their fellow students who may be in medical danger should not be held responsible for an alcohol policy violation, if they were in violation. Additionally, the student in need of care should not be issued any monetary fines normally associated with the violation, and

WHEREAS: Safe, regulated consumption of alcohol is already permitted on campus for faculty, staff, and administrators, and a select number of student events. The university should examine its alcohol policies as a whole and standardize them to apply equally to every adult on our campus who is over 21 years of age, and

WHEREAS: An alteration of alcohol policy would ensure that the students who are 21 years of age have all their rights respected, allow safe consumption, and promote education and dialogue around alcohol.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020 THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY PROPOSES ALTERATIONS TO ALCOHOL POLICIES FOR ON CAMPUS RESIDENTS

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lauren Goodwin, President, 2020-2021

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Ronald Delgado, Chair of the Student Advocacy Committee

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