FRATERNITY/SORORITY ALCOHOL POLICY

Policy Statement

The Office of Greek Life at The University of Southern Mississippi prohibits the unlawful possession, consumption and distribution of alcoholic beverages by students, employees and alumni in fraternity houses and The Village.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding alcohol.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All members of The University of Southern Mississippi community.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-ds-005

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

Any possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind in plain view in fraternity houses or The Village shall be considered in violation of campus policy. Furthermore, any preponderance of evidence or presence of community alcohol including, but not limited to, drinking games and rapid consumption techniques and devices (e.g., flip cup, beer pong, quarters, funnels, power hour, whoop juice, card games, shots, etc.) violate this policy as well as the University Alcohol Policy. All individual student violations of the University Alcohol Policy
will be handled in the Dean of Students office and follow their sanction process for alcohol violations, while fraternities and sororities found in violation of community alcohol will be subject to the following: All fraternities and sororities found in violation of community alcohol will receive the following minimum sanctions:

**First offense**–required alcohol/drug education program and community service for entire chapter, including associate members, and probation for the remainder of the current semester and the following fall or spring semester. Probation extends through any intervening terms or institutional breaks.

**Second offense while on probation**–suspension of organization’s social activities to take place immediately and to remain in effect for a least one complete fall or spring semester following the suspension’s effective date, including any intervening terms or institutional breaks. The minimum sanctions are not appealable. Prior issues or citations concerning alcohol will be considered in making additional sanction.

**Review**

The Dean of Students is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

**Forms/Instructions**

N/A

**Appendices**

N/A

**Related Information**

N/A

**History**

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Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]
Responsible Officer

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