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A RESOLUTION

TO RECOMMEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMNESTY POLICY AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE LSU COMMUNITY HAS A NEED FOR AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMNESTY POLICY TO ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR IN ALCOHOL-RELATED EMERGENCIES, AND;


PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THIS POLICY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND APPROVED BY THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND;


PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE IS A FINAL WORDING APPROVAL PROCESS AND THAT THIS IS A NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATION OF THE STUDENT SENATE, AND;

PARAGRAPH 6: WHEREAS, THE STUDENT SENATE RECOMMENDED EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMNESTY POLICY SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

“A Policy on Emergency Response Amnesty for the Students of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College

Philosophy

- “Louisiana State University is an interactive community in which students, faculty and staff together strive to pursue truth, advance learning and uphold the highest standards of performance in an academic and social environment.”
- The University views the health and safety of its students as an utmost priority.
- Responsible behavior in an alcohol-related emergency is encouraged and appreciated from all members of the LSU community.
- Hesitation in situations where immediate medical attention may be needed because of excessive alcohol consumption can lead to more damaging health consequences.
The Policy on Emergency Response Amnesty for the Students of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College is designed to create a community where students will not hesitate to seek emergency medical attention when faced with an alcohol-related emergency due to fear of University ramifications.

This Policy is in place to promote each student’s safety, to encourage personal accountability, and to foster a sense of responsibility within each student.

The purpose of the Policy is to increase the likelihood that students will seek medical assistance for those suffering the effects of an alcohol-related emergency and to eliminate University charges upon the student, student responder or organization for infractions of the Student Code of Conduct concerning the consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol in situations which meet the below-mentioned criteria for Medical Amnesty.

Policy

Emergency Response Amnesty may be granted to a student(s) in need of medical attention in an alcohol-related emergency, to a student(s) who calls for medical assistance on behalf of another individual(s) needing medical attention or to student organizations that seek medical assistance for a student(s) in need of medical attention.

The students and organizations who need, receive or seek medical attention will be eligible for Emergency Response Amnesty from Student Code of Conduct charges, receiving no permanent record with the University beyond a record that Medical Amnesty was granted.

Provided that the individual student(s) complies with the Department of Residential Life, or Student Advocacy and Accountability and meets any requirements set forth by these offices, the student(s) or organization in question will not be charged for alcohol-related infractions of the Student Code of Conduct.

This Policy applies only to those students or organizations that seek emergency medical assistance in connection with an alcohol-related medical emergency and does not apply to students found by University employees or law enforcement.

This Policy is not intended to cover repeat offenders. Students in need of medical attention repeatedly are not guaranteed Emergency Response Amnesty. Therefore, past the first incident, the availability of Emergency Response Amnesty to the student in need of medical attention will fall to the discretion of the Dean of Students.

Student responders who call on behalf of another student are eligible for Medical Amnesty more than once.

Infractions not related to the consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol may still be evaluated per the Student Code of Conduct.

This Policy is not intended to shield students or organizations from any legal ramifications that may arise in on or off-campus situations involving local, state or federal law enforcement.

Student

To qualify for Emergency Response Amnesty, the student(s) must meet the following stipulations: the student must need and receive medical attention and the student must meet with and comply with the Department of Residential Life and/or Student Advocacy and Accountability according to the individual situation.

The student(s) agrees to meet with and abide by the conditions set forth by the Department of Residential Life and/or Student Advocacy and Accountability who
may make requirements of the student, limited to behavioral and educational
programs, counseling, alcohol awareness student success plans or any other
appropriately deemed alcohol awareness plan to attain academic, social and
personal integrity with consideration to any local, state, and federal repercussions.

- Should the student(s) not agree to the standards set by the above mentioned
offices, he/she will be subject to appropriate actions from the University as
outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and will not be eligible for Medical
Amnesty.

- Repeat offenders are subject to courses of action as deemed appropriate by
Student Advocacy and Accountability.

Student Responder

- Emergency Response Amnesty is granted to students who seek medical attention
for an individual or respond to the emergency by helping the student(s) in need in
contacting medical assistance. Amnesty may be granted to students seeking help
for an individual, protecting responders and callers from University action
regarding the consumption, possession or distribution of alcohol.

- Student responders are eligible only if they seek help before being reported by
University employees or law enforcement agencies.

- The student responder(s) agrees to meet with and abide by the conditions set forth
by the Department of Residential Life and/or Student Advocacy and
Accountability who may make requirements of the student, limited to behavioral
and educational programs, counseling, alcohol awareness student success plans or
any other appropriately deemed alcohol awareness plan to attain academic, social
and personal integrity with consideration to any local, state, and federal
repercussions.

- Student responders are eligible for reoccurring Medical Response Amnesty.

Organizations

- A student organization is any organization at LSU that is officially registered with
Campus Life.

- LSU organizations are considered affiliated with an incident, and are thus eligible
for amnesty, if the incident occurs at an official organization event.

- When an organization acts to respond to a medical emergency, it shall be granted
Emergency Response Amnesty and not charged with violations of the Student
Code of Conduct for activities related to the consumption, possession and
distribution of alcohol; however, it will still be subject to charges for any
violations of local, state or federal law by law enforcement officials and may be
held accountable for any further violations from the organization’s Nationals,
Campus Life, or Greek Life.

- Members of the organization may be contacted to discuss the event with Student
Advocacy and Accountability, who may make requirements of the organization,
limited to behavioral and educational programs, counseling, alcohol awareness
student success plans or any other appropriately deemed alcohol awareness plan
to attain academic, social and personal integrity for its officers and/or members
with consideration to any local, state, and federal repercussions.

- Organizations are not eligible to receive Emergency Response Amnesty more
than once every four years or until all liable members are no longer enrolled at
LSU, though the Dean of Students may evaluate leniency on a case-by-case basis.
• Students and student responders are still eligible for Emergency Response Amnesty even if they are members of an organization affiliated with the incident and the organization was not eligible for Emergency Response Amnesty.

1 LSU Commitment to Community, adopted as a “Statement of University Position,” May 5th, 1995

PARAGRAPh 7: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE THAT AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AMNESTY POLICY BE IMPLEMENTED AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY WITH STRONG CONSIDERATION OF THE STUDENT SENATE PROPOSAL.

PARAGRAPh 8: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO KATHLEEN WHITE, DEAN OF STUDENTS; JENNIE STEWART, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS; MATT GREGORY, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS; MICHAEL SMITH, COORDINATOR, STUDENT ADVOCACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY; THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE.

PARAGRAPh 9: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

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Meredith Westbrook        R. Taylor Cox
Speaker of the Senate      Student Body President

Date: ____________________  Date: _____________________