Alcohol Services at Student Functions Policy

Student organizations may request to have alcohol present at an official organization function. The following guidelines must be followed before alcohol may be served:

1. All laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must be observed.
2. All alcoholic beverages are to be obtained and served by Chartwells (WPI Dining Services). WPI will only allow beer and wine to be served at student functions.
3. During the week, alcoholic beverages may only be served after 4:00 pm.
4. No person under 21 years of age and without proper identification may be in any area where alcoholic beverages are served and or consumed.
5. If a student organization would like to request alcoholic beverages to be served at their event, the president of the organization must meet with the Assistant Dean of Student Programs in order to discuss the proposed activity and details associated with alcoholic beverage service. All events where alcohol beverages are consumed must be coordinated by the Events Coordinator at the University with approval, as appropriate, by a member of the President’s Cabinet.
6. Non-alcoholic beverages must be available at the same price or less than the price of the alcoholic beverages and must be prominently featured.
7. Food items must be present during a bar hour. A reasonable portion of the budget for the event must be designated for the purchase of food items.
8. No event may include any form of drinking contest in its activities or promotion.
9. “All you can drink” events, at which an unlimited amount of alcohol may be consumed for one fee, or special price promotions, are not permitted.
10. WPI Campus Police must be present at all times during the event. The cost of the Campus Police is the sole responsibility of the sponsoring organization.
11. Alcohol may not be used at membership recruitment functions by any student organization, nor may alcohol be used as an inducement to participate in a campus event.
12. Alcohol may not be served, consumed, or otherwise be present at club sports events.
13. Signs in which alcohol is the main focus of the advertising is not permitted in any area of campus.
14. WPI accepts no responsibility through the adoption of these guidelines for the behavior of guests at these functions. This responsibility rests soley with the sponsoring individual/organization. WPI, through the Events Coordinator and Chartwells, reserve the right to schedule and manage each function in the best interests of both organizations.