



## **2021-2022 Wofford College Policy Statement on Beverage Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

In keeping with the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, which require that all College students receive annual notice of the laws regarding alcohol and other drug use, the following information is offered:

The Wofford College (hereafter referred to as “Wofford”) community is one in which students, faculty and staff are devoted to learning and to the development of the whole person. Part of being a responsible and caring member of the college community is to recognize that we are situated in a state and a community that has specific laws and ordinances prohibiting the sale, possession, and consumption of alcohol and controlled substances. The college upholds these laws and assists local and state law enforcement agencies. These laws are in place because they serve an important role in protecting individuals and our community from the unwanted effects of the misuse of alcohol and other drugs which can lead to serious health risks and behavioral problems such as violence, sexual assault, accidents, vandalism and other dangerous acts. Our community does not condone members who make irresponsible choices, including violating the laws of the State of South Carolina, ordinances of the city of Spartanburg, or policies of Wofford. The purpose of the following policies is to aide in the development of a safe and healthy educational environment for all members of our college community.

### **Parental Notification**

The College reserves the right to notify parents/guardians of dependent students regarding any health or safety risk, change in student status, or conduct situation, particularly alcohol and other drug violations. The College may also notify parents/guardians of non-dependent students who are under age 21 of alcohol and/or drug policy violations. The College may contact parents/guardians to inform them of situations in which there is a significant and articulable health and/or safety risk. The College also reserves the right to otherwise notify parents/guardians where allowed by law and further reserves the right to designate which college officials have a need to know about individual conduct reports pursuant to FERPA.

### **Documentation**

Violations of this policy and other associated policies will be documented in the student’s record maintained in the Office of the Dean of Students. A record of sanctions and their completion will also be maintained in this file.

For all violations of this policy, sanctions are due to be completed within 30 days of the case resolution unless otherwise noted. A hold may be placed on the account of any student failing to complete sanctions.

## Definitions

1. **Alcoholic beverages:** any spirituous malt, vinous, fermented, brewed (whether lager or rice beer) or other liquors or any compound or mixture thereof, by whatever name called or known, that contains alcohol and is used as a beverage.
2. **Common container:** any container (e.g., kegs, pony kegs, trash cans, punch bowls, etc.) in which a quantity of alcohol can be stored or mixed in order to be distributed to or consumed by more than one person, as well as alcohol delivery devices (e.g., funnels, gelatin shots or ice luge) used for the rapid administration of alcohol in unknown quantities.
3. **Event:** party, concert or other social gathering attended by undergraduate students.
4. **Public areas/places:** All locations other than a student's private room or apartment or Greek Village houses including, but not limited to, common rooms, hallways, restrooms, balconies, courtyards, the areas between the houses in the Greek Village, benches, classrooms, athletic facilities, campus grounds and sidewalks. The definition includes, but is not limited to, any public access outdoor areas, the Richardson Pavilion, the Pavilion by Wightman Hall, the dining hall, hallways, lobbies, stairwells, bathrooms, lounges, the lawns at the Greek Village, study areas, classrooms and the Glendale campus.
5. **Sale of alcohol:** any transfer, trade, exchange or barter in any manner by any means for consideration of alcohol (e.g., cover charges, mug/T-shirt sales, etc.)
6. **Use of alcoholic beverages:** includes possession, consumption, distribution, purchase, sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages.
7. **Hall party:** See residence hall policy.
8. **Possession** is defined to include but not limited to:
  - a. **Individual possession:** any alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia within immediate proximity of an individual person or that is being transported by or carried on an individual person.
  - b. **Residential possession:** storage of any quantity of alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia not deemed individual possession will be attributed to the assigned residents of the residence hall room or vehicle. In the event that no individual resident claims the alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia, the possession will be assigned to all residents assigned to the residence hall room or the owner/occupant of the vehicle.
9. **Drinking contests:** Activities in which students consume alcoholic beverages in a risky manner, such as beer pong, shot parties, pre-gaming.
10. **Student's record:** A record of code of conduct violations for each Wofford student is maintained by the Division of Campus Life and Student Development. This record is kept on file for seven years after termination of a student's enrollment or as required by law.

## **General Provisions Regarding the Consumption and Possession of Alcohol**

1. Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited in: Marsh, Greene and Richardson Halls (regardless of age); residence hall rooms in which both residents are under the age of 21; other residence areas designated by the Division of Campus Life and Student Development as dry (regardless of age), including but not limited to bathrooms, hallways and lounges; and public areas of Wofford (unless officially designated by Wofford for special events).
2. Alcohol is allowed to be consumed by students 21 years of age and older at: patios and the inside of houses in the Greek Village; and individual residence hall rooms where both residents are 21 years or older and the porches in the Village apartment houses.
3. For information on residence hall rooms shared by a student who is at least 21 years of age and a student who is under the age of 21, read the Residence Life Policy in the Student Handbook online.
4. The use of alcoholic beverages on campus or at college-sponsored functions (on or off campus) is permitted only by those of legal age as specified in accordance with South Carolina law or the state law of the state/nation in which the event is located. A list of applicable local, state and federal laws may be viewed in the Student Handbook online.
5. Aiding and abetting in the sale or transfer and the actual sale and transfer of alcoholic beverages to any person under 21 years of age is prohibited.
6. Any individual consuming or possessing alcohol must have a valid picture identification card on his or her person proving that he or she is 21 years of age or older. Use of another individual's identification or the possession of false identification is prohibited.
7. Under no circumstances will college-appropriated funds be used by individual students, student groups or student organizations for the purchase of alcoholic beverages for student events.
8. Drinking contests or alcoholic delivery devices resulting in rapid consumption of alcohol are prohibited. No prizes or incentives may be awarded for consuming alcoholic beverages, nor may alcoholic beverages be awarded as prizes or incentives.

## **Part A: Individual Student Violations of the General Provisions of Alcohol Policy and Sanctions**

Violations by individuals of this policy will be assigned to one of two categories as defined below. Students who fail to complete assigned sanctions will have a judicial hold placed on their accounts that may affect the ability to view grades, make changes in the academic schedule, participate in registration, participate in the housing lottery, and maintain financial aid.

### **CATEGORY A VIOLATIONS**

1. Underage possession, consumption or use of alcoholic beverages
2. Aiding and abetting the underage possession, consumption and or use of alcoholic beverages
3. Possession and or consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession of an open container in areas where alcoholic beverages are prohibited
4. Production, possession, and/or use of false identification

#### **First Offense: Formal Warning/Alcohol Education Option**

The Alcohol Education Option is available to a student with no prior alcohol or drug violations. The student must complete the following within 30 days of selecting this option:

1. An educational workshop led by a staff in the Wellness Center addressing the issue of alcohol use and abuse must be completed.
2. A fine of no more than \$25 must be paid to Wofford.

Note: The charge against the student will be rescinded upon completion of the sanctions listed above. Completion of the Alcohol Education Option will be noted in the student's record maintained within the Dean of Students office for administrative purposes.

**Second Offense:** Students must meet with a member of the Division of Campus Life and Student Development staff. Students may accept responsibility and agree to complete the sanctions below within 30 days or request an administrative hearing to determine a resolution.

1. An individual assessment by the director of the Wofford Wellness Center who may require an assessment at the Forrester Center for Behavioral Health for further assessment and treatment, if indicated, with any associated costs or fees incurred by the students.
2. A fine of no more than \$50 must be paid to Wofford
3. Completion of up to 10 hours of community restitution on campus. These hours will be completed under the direction of the Judicial Commission's clerk of court or a designee of the dean of students.
4. The College will notify the student's parents/guardians

**Third Offense:** Students must meet with a member of the Division of Campus Life and Student Development staff. Students may accept responsibility and agree to complete the sanctions below within 30 days or request an administrative hearing to determine a resolution.

1. Completion of an individual assessment and treatment (if indicated) with all associated costs or fees incurred by the student.
2. Notification (oral, written or electronic) that the student will be suspended or expelled if found guilty of a fourth violation of this policy.
3. A fine of no more than \$100 must be paid to Wofford
4. Completion of up to 20 hours of community restitution on campus. These hours will be completed under the direction of the Judicial Commission's clerk of court or a designee of the dean of students.
5. The College will notify the student's parents/guardians

**Fourth Offense.** Students must meet with a member of the Division of Campus Life and Student Development staff. Students may accept responsibility or request an administrative hearing to determine a resolution. If the student accepts responsibility or is found responsible, the student will be suspended or expelled from Wofford. The dean of students, the registrar, the director of financial aid and the director of residence life at Wofford will be notified that the student has been suspended or expelled. In the event of suspension, the report from the administrative hearing board, the dean of students, or their designee will confirm the length of the suspension and the dean of students or their designee will confirm any terms or conditions for readmission to Wofford. However, if members of the administrative hearing determine there are extenuating circumstances and the student should be allowed to remain enrolled, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate:

1. Completion of an individual assessment with all associated costs or fees incurred by the student.
2. The student will be notified in writing that he/she may be suspended or expelled if found responsible of another violation of this policy.
3. A fine of no more than \$150 must be paid to Wofford College
4. Completion of up to 50 hours of community restitution on campus within 30 days of the date of the sanction. These hours will be completed under the direction of the Judicial Commission's clerk of court or a designee of the dean of students.
5. The College will notify the student's parents/guardians

#### **CATEGORY B VIOLATIONS**

(Count as two (2) violations of this policy)

Students committing the following actions while under the influence of alcohol:

1. Causing harm to oneself, others or college property.
2. Engaging in physical violence or vandalism.
3. Showing disrespect to an employee of Wofford.
4. Possessing a keg or common container except for nonstudent events approved by the Wofford administration.
5. Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcoholic beverages and or other drugs.

**First Offense:** Students must meet with a member of the Division of Campus Life and Student Development staff. Students may accept responsibility or request an administrative hearing for a resolution. If the students accept responsibility or are found responsible, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. Completion of an individual assessment and treatment (if indicated) with all associated costs or fees incurred by the student
2. A fine of no more than \$150 must be paid to Wofford
3. The student shall be notified in writing that he/she may be suspended or expelled if found responsible of a second offense Category B violation
4. The College will notify the student's parents/guardians

**Second Offense:** Students must meet with a member of the Division of Campus Life and Student Development staff. Students may accept responsibility or request an administrative hearing to determine a resolution. If the student accepts responsibility or is found responsible, the student will be suspended or expelled from Wofford. The dean of students, the registrar, the director of financial aid and the director of residence life at Wofford will be notified that the student has been suspended or expelled. In the event of suspension, the report from the administrative hearing board, the dean of students, or their designee will confirm the length of the suspension and the dean of students or their designee will confirm any terms or conditions for readmission to Wofford.

## **Part B: Provisions for the Possession and Consumption of Alcohol at Student Organizational and Community Events and Associated Sanctions**

Wofford College encourages social activities for students and social gatherings on or off campus. Organizations and individuals given permission to host an event on or off campus at which alcoholic beverages will be present may be held responsible for the actions and well-being of their guests. All social events, on or off campus, must be registered in the Division of Campus Life and Student Development. Registration forms are available in the Division of Campus Life and Student Development. These forms must be completed and returned to the assistant dean of students or his designee four days prior to the event.

The definitions and requirements stated below are the minimum standard to be followed. Organizations and individuals governed by regulations from bodies, including but not limited to the NCAA, national fraternities, national sororities and others may have additional regulations that must be met.

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. Social events include, but are not limited to, band parties, hall parties, mixers, formals, theme parties or other activities, including fundraisers featuring musical entertainment (e.g., step performances, disc jockeys).
2. Organizational/individual sponsorship is defined as an event to which: the organization or individual has invited students to attend by either verbal, written or electronic invitations; or the organization or individual is associated with, has leased or owns the place where the event is being held.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Wofford College faculty, staff, students and organizations are expected to know the Wofford Policy on Beverage Alcohol and Drug Abuse. To promote personal responsibility and self-governance, organizations and individuals that sponsor social events shall assume the responsibility of enforcing the following guidelines, unless exceptions are approved by the Wofford administration for nonstudent events:

1. Wofford expects any group of students formally or informally organized to act responsibly and to obey Wofford policies, and to follow all applicable local, state and federal laws.
2. Before hosting an event, officers and social chairs of the organizations or sponsoring individuals must participate in a risk management program conducted by a member of the Division of Campus Life and Student Development, Department of Campus Safety and or the Wellness Center staff. Risk management training must be renewed each semester for social organizations.
3. Organizational officers or individuals sponsoring the event are encouraged to assist in making arrangements for the safety of those who appear to be impaired.
4. The sponsoring organization or individuals shall designate at least two students to serve as monitors (referred to as "sober party monitors" or "SPMs") for the event. The monitors must not consume alcoholic beverages before or during the event. The monitors are to ensure that the age of each attendee is checked and some type of identification, such as wristbands, indicates individuals who are of legal age to possess and consume alcohol.
5. If alcoholic beverages are being consumed at an event that is individually sponsored or under the aegis of a student organization, whether the event is held on or off campus, the members of the group and guests (who are at least 21 years old) must bring their own alcoholic beverages to the event (BYOB/BYOL) or the alcohol must be provided by a third-party vendor.
6. If a social event is to be held off campus, if it will be a BYOB or if it will be a third-party vendor event, the sponsoring organization or individuals must provide transportation for all students and guests.
7. At every social event where alcohol is to be served, all attendees shall be required to have a valid picture identification card with birth date listed. Wofford students are additionally required to have their Wofford student identification card.
8. Events sponsored by organizations or individuals are closed to all but members and their invited guests.

9. Social events may not include any form of drinking contests in their activities or promotions. No alcoholic beverages may be awarded as prizes or incentives.
10. Organizations or individuals sponsoring an event may not distribute alcoholic beverages to attendees, including free alcoholic beverages. They may not use common containers or distribute alcoholic beverages that were brought to the event by a host, a member or a guest.
11. Organizations or sponsoring individuals are to provide non-salty food items and non-alcoholic beverages.
12. Organizations or sponsoring individuals shall hire security personnel to maintain order and to enforce all applicable laws and policies.
13. Advertisements, posters or invitations that are intended for public viewing may not mention or depict alcohol or use terms referring to alcohol, such as “beer” or “happy hour.”
14. SPMs should supervise the amount of alcohol consumed by individual attendees of the social event.
15. Campus safety officers and staff members may visit social events periodically to check with the persons responsible for the event, primarily to offer assistance. If a violation of the law or college policy is observed, the officer will issue a violation and report the incident to the appropriate college official.

### **SANCTIONS**

If an organization, an individual or a group of individuals host an event at which alcoholic beverages are present and one or more of the 15 requirements listed above are not adhered to, the individual(s) or organizational leaders may be charged with an organizational violation of the alcohol policy. Depending upon the severity of the situation, the dean of students or their designee may propose one or more of the following sanctions for the violation(s):

- Formal written warning.
- Monetary fine.
- Educational seminar.
- Community restitution on campus.
- Creating and hosting dry events.
- Loss of use of Wofford facilities.
- Suspension of college charter.

The individual(s) or organizational leaders may sign and accept the sanctions and the deadline for completing them or they may request an administrative hearing. If the organization or sponsoring individual is found in violation of the provisions of this policy, the administrative hearing can impose the same (including but not limited to) sanctions listed above. Wofford reserves the right to suspend the activities of an organization or deny the ability of individuals to sponsor social events when said organization or sponsoring individual has been charged with a violation, pending the findings and resolution of the administrative hearing.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING DRUGS**

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. Drugs are defined as any controlled substance or illegal drug to include but not limited to marijuana, hashish, amphetamines, LSD compounds, mescaline, psilocybin, DMT, narcotics, opiates, other hallucinogens including Spice, K2, and synthetic cannabinoids, salvia and pyrovalerone derivatives (found in substance marketed as “bath salts”).
2. Manufacture, sale and/or distribution of any illegal drug or controlled substances (consistent with federal, state or local laws) is strictly prohibited.
3. The possession, distribution, sale or use of prescription drugs without a legally valid medical prescription is prohibited.
4. The use of prescribed medication and substances not as directed (over-use, huffing, snorting, smoking or otherwise possessing or using legal substances) is prohibited.
5. Possession, consumption, sale and and/or distribution of synthetic stimulants, such as “bath salts” (also known as Cloud 9, White Dove, Hurricane Charlie, White Lightning) is prohibited. Normal bathing salts are permitted.
6. The use or possession of drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to weights, scales, rolling papers, e- cigs, blunts, vapes, hookahs and other smoking devices used to consume illegal substances is prohibited.
7. Students may not be in the presence of the possession, sale or use of prohibited, controlled or illegal substances, to include prescription medications.
8. Students may not manufacture or share prohibited, controlled or illegal substances, to include prescription medications.
9. Misbehaving or causing disruption as a result of drug use on or in college property, or at Events sponsored by the college or by a chartered organization is prohibited.
10. Students who are members of NCAA sanctioned teams may be drug tested. The names of students with positive results of illegal drug testing conducted by Wofford or the NCAA will be considered to have consumed drugs. They will be referred to the judicial system for violating this policy.
11. Students convicted of any offense involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance may be deemed ineligible to receive financial aid.

### **SANCTIONS**

Wofford College will cooperate with all law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of such laws both on and off campus. Anyone who violates the drug policy is subject to Wofford’s sanctions in addition to criminal sanctions. At the same time, Wofford will assist students according to the Medical Amnesty/Assistance Policy who voluntarily submit themselves to college officials for counseling and help with the misuse of alcohol or drugs, as long as the students are not involved in the sale or distribution of drugs to others.

Persons convicted of drug possession under state or federal law may be ineligible for federal student grants and loans for up to one year after the first conviction and five years after the second. The penalty for distributing drugs is loss of benefits for five years after the first, 10 years after the second and permanently after the third conviction.

Wofford will impose sanctions on students who violate the drug policy. The following minimum sanctions will apply for violations. Repeated violations of the drug policy may result in suspension or expulsion. It should be noted that drug violations which are also in conjunction with other student conduct code violations may result in additional sanctions.

For all offenses listed below, Wofford will notify the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s) of the pending charge, the hearing date, and the findings of the hearing by letter, email, fax or telephone call.



### **Category 1: Simple possession and/or use of a controlled substance or illegal drug**

Examples include but are not limited to marijuana, synthetic marijuana (K2 and “Spice”), salvia and pyrovalerone derivatives (found in substance marketed as “bath salts”); prescription drugs without a valid/current medical prescription; use of prescribed medication not as directed (over- use, snorting prescribed medication, etc.); huffing, snorting, smoking or otherwise possessing or using legal substances not as intended.

**First Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. The student will meet with the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) to be referred to a certified addiction specialist for an individual assessment and treatment if indicated, with any associated costs or fees incurred by the student. The student will agree to have a report from the external agency communicated to the director of the Wellness Center.
2. A fine of no more than \$100 must be paid to Wofford .
3. Completion of up to 25 hours of community restitution on campus within 30 days of the date of the sanction. These hours will be completed under the direction of the Judicial Commission’s clerk of court or a designee of the dean of students.

**Second Offense:** Students may accept responsibility for the violation and the sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. Suspension for a minimum of one academic semester.
2. A fine of no more than \$150 must be paid to Wofford
3. Verification of substance abuse assessment and completion of all recommended treatment at student’s expense prior to application for re-enrollment.
4. Possible loss of college housing privileges upon re-enrollment.

### **Category 2: Possession and/or use of other drugs including but not limited to cocaine, heroin, LSD, and PCP.**

**First Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. Suspension for a minimum of two academic semesters.
2. Verification of substance abuse assessment and completion of all recommended treatment at student’s expense prior to application for re-enrollment.
3. A fine of no more than \$150 must be paid to Wofford.

**Second Offense:** If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the sanction of expulsion will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate. Students may sign and accept this sanction or request an administrative hearing for resolution.

**Category 3: Possession of drug paraphernalia including but not limited to pipes, roach clips, bongs, e-cigs, blunts, vapes, hookahs, blow tubes, papers, scales or any material or apparatus containing drug residue.**

**First Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. The student will meet with the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) to be referred to the appropriate assessment and treatment program with all costs incurred by the student.
2. A fine of no more than \$75 must be paid to Wofford .

**Second Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing for resolution. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. The student will meet with the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) to be referred to a certified addiction specialist for an individual assessment and treatment if indicated, with any associated costs or fees incurred by the student. The student will agree to have a report from the external agency communicated to the director of the Wellness Center.
2. A fine of no more than \$125 must be paid to Wofford .

**Category 4: Present during the possession, use or sale of drugs: being in the presence of the possession, sale or use of prohibited, controlled or illegal substances, to include prescription medications.**

**First Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. The student will meet with the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) and complete AlcoholEdu for sanctions.
2. A fine of no more than \$50 must be paid to Wofford .

**Second Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. The student will meet with the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) and complete an appropriate assessment and treatment program with all costs incurred by the students.
2. A fine of no more than \$100 must be paid to Wofford.

**Category 5: Accessory to drug use or possession: sharing prohibited, controlled or illegal substances, to include prescription medications.**

**First Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. The student will meet with the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) to be referred to a certified addiction specialist for an individual assessment and treatment if indicated, with any associated costs or fees incurred by the student. The student will agree to have a report from the external agency communicated to the director of the Wellness Center.
2. A fine of no more than \$100 must be paid to Wofford.
3. Completion of up to 15 hours of community restitution on campus within 30 days of the date of the sanction. These hours will be completed under the direction of the Judicial Commission's clerk of court or a designee of the dean of students.

**Second Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. Suspension for a minimum of one academic semester.
2. Verification to the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) that the student completed any and all recommended treatment at student's expense prior to application for re- enrollment.
3. A fine of no more than \$150 must be paid to Wofford.

**Category 6: Distribution or intent to distribute: including the sale or exchange (including without financial gain) of controlled, illegal or prohibited substances, to include prescription medications.**

**First Offense:** Students may sign and accept the following sanctions or request an administrative hearing for resolution. If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the following sanctions will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate.

1. Possible expulsion (depending on type/amount of prohibited substance); if not expulsion, suspension for a minimum of two academic semesters.
2. Verification to the director of the Wellness Center (or designee) that the student completed a substance abuse program and completion of all recommended treatment at student's expense prior to application for re- enrollment.
3. Possible loss of college housing upon re-enrollment.
4. A fine of no more than \$250 must be paid to Wofford.

**Second Offense:** If the student accepts responsibility or is found to be responsible for a violation, the sanction of expulsion will be imposed as well as others deemed appropriate. Students may sign and accept this sanction or request an administrative hearing for resolution.

## ***MEDICAL AMNESTY/ASSISTANCE POLICY***

Wofford College supports a safe and inclusive campus environment which promotes the development of the whole student and student success. Students are encouraged to safeguard the health and safety of themselves and their peers.

This Medical Amnesty/Assistance Policy benefits our college community by encouraging students to make responsible decisions in seeking medical attention in serious or life-threatening situations that result from alcohol and/or other drug use or abuse and in any situation where medical treatment is reasonably believed to be appropriate. This policy seeks to diminish fear of disciplinary and conduct sanctions in such situations and to encourage individuals and organizations to seek needed medical attention for individuals in distress from alcohol and drug use. Alcohol or other drug consumption (including but not limited to: excessive consumption; consumption of a dangerous or illegal substance; or consumption by someone with sensitivity) can cause serious harm or pose a threat to life. Given these risks, students are encouraged to make responsible decisions and to seek medical attention in serious or life-threatening situations that result from alcohol and/or other drug consumption and to call campus safety at (864) 597- 4911 or call 911 for medical attention.

Students are also encouraged to seek help for any situation where medical treatment is reasonably believed to be appropriate or when problematic use and/or abuse is an issue. If a student is incapacitated, letting that person "sleep it off" or having a friend "look after" that person are not reasonable alternatives to getting him/her the necessary medical help. Under this policy, a student who seeks emergency assistance on behalf of him- or herself, another student, or a friend experiencing an alcohol and/or other drug related emergency will not be subject to disciplinary action under the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Although students who qualify for Medical Amnesty are exempt from the student judicial process, they are required to meet with a staff member, complete educational measures and pay for any incurring costs.

In addition, if a registered student is transported to an emergency medical treatment center for intoxication or drug use, the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) will typically be notified by a representative from the Student Affairs Office if it is determined to be necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals. It is the expectation of the Division of Campus Life and Student Development staff that a student use Medical Amnesty once. If the student is involved in any subsequent (i.e., repeat) alcohol and/or drug abuse incidents, the situation will be evaluated by the dean of students and the director of the Wellness Center to determine if the student qualifies for a medical amnesty exemption. The availability of medical amnesty exemptions for students with repetitive violations will be determined on a case-by-case basis. This subsection applies only to students receiving medical attention; students who help others seek medical assistance are not limited to one medical amnesty exemption.

This policy does not grant "full immunity" to a student or an organization who acts under this policy (i.e., seeks emergency assistance on behalf of him- or herself, another student, or a friend experiencing an alcohol and/or drug related emergency) if a determination is made, independent of any information gained as a result of the call for medical attention, that charges are appropriate for other violations of the Code or any other (non-alcohol) college policy (such as hazing, injury to persons and vandalism).

## HEALTH RISKS OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AND ABUSE & SUPPORT

Alcoholic beverages, in the form of beer, wine, wine coolers or distilled spirits, require no digestion. They are absorbed directly into the bloodstream from the digestive tract. Within approximately three minutes after drinking, alcohol may be found in the brain and all other tissues, organs and body fluids.

Even low dosages of alcohol can significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely or perform other tasks in a safe manner. Moderate to high doses of alcohol cause marked impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses of alcohol may cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other central nervous system depressants, such as some seizure medications, antihistamines and sleeping pills, lower doses of alcohol will produce the effects just described. Long-term drinking of moderate to large quantities of alcohol can have significant effects on the body. The following are some of the serious physical consequences: heart disease and failure; liver disease, including hepatitis and cirrhosis; gastrointestinal disorders; cancer of the lungs, pancreas, esophagus, stomach and mouth; high blood pressure; and malnutrition. Heavier users may also experience periods of amnesia, called blackouts. During these periods, the person functions, but later cannot remember what he or she has done during this time.

Repeated use of alcohol and other drugs can lead to chemical dependency. When dependency has occurred, sudden withdrawal is likely to produce a variety of symptoms, including irritability, anxiety, insomnia, tremors, hallucinations, convulsions, etc. Severe alcohol withdrawal can be fatal.

| Drug   | Short Term Effects   | Long Term Effects   |
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| Amphetamines: speed, meth, ice, dex, Ritalin, uppers:                | increased breathing and heart rate, high blood pressure, increased alertness and energy, impaired judgment, impulsiveness, death                   | severe anxiety, chronic sleeplessness, malnutrition, heart problems, agitation                                      |
| Cocaine: coke, nose, rock, blow, crack                               | anxiety, delusions, headache, nausea, impaired judgment, death   | loss of appetite, dehydration, constipation, impotence, nose and nostril damage, heart problems, psychosis          |
| Designer Drugs: MDMA, X, ecstasy, cat, AMF, TMF, MPPP                | euphoria, dizziness, nausea, sweating, increased blood pressure, extreme wakefulness, hyperactivity, loss of appetite, death                       | aggression, depression, mood and sleep changes  |
| Hallucinogens: LSD, acid, shrooms, special K:                        | impaired coordination, increased heart rate and temperature, nausea, detachment, fatigue, hallucinations, paranoia, mental confusion               | generally unknown, flashbacks, depression   |
| Inhalants: nitrous oxide, whip- its, paint, glue                     | irregular heart rate, depressed respiratory rate, nose and eye irritation, nausea, vomiting, spasms, headache, suffocations, death                 | brain damage, tremors, poor coordination, speech problems, lung, liver and kidney damage, chromosomal abnormalities |
| Marijuana: pot, weed, dope, ganja, chronic, purp, grapes, kush, ents | reddening of eyes, dry mouth, increased heart rate and body temperature, hunger, dizziness, drowsiness   | upper respiratory problems, lung damage, lower immune system responses, memory loss, concentration impairment       |
| Opiates: Heroin, smack, morphine, black tar                          | pain relief, mental confusion, drowsiness, nausea, constipation, muscle constriction, low blood pressure and heart rate, respiratory arrest, death | chronic constipation, vision impairments, hallucinations  |
| Sedatives: Blues, roofies, GHB, seconal, reds, barbs                 | dizziness, lethargy, drowsiness, lack of coordination, nausea, death   | chronic fatigue, vertigo, reduced sex drive, visual disturbances  |

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| Tobacco | increased heart rate & blood pressure, adrenaline production, muscle relaxation, relief of tobacco withdrawal | lung problems, chronic cough, blockage of blood vessels, chronic respiratory infections and problems, reduced fertility, death |
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***Community Helplines and Support Groups***

- Carolina Center for Behavioral Health 864/235-2335
- Crisis (Mental Health Association) 864/583-5802
- The Forrester Center Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission 864/582-7588
- SC Bar Lawyer Referral Service 1-800-868-2284
- Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center 864/582-6616
- Spartanburg Health Department 864/596-2227
- Substance Abuse Information 1-800-662-HELP

***Local Hospitals and Emergency Care***

- Emergency 911
- Mary Black Memorial Hospital 864/573-3000
- Spartanburg Regional Medical Center 864/560-6000
- Regional Nurse on Call 864/591-7999

For additional information, contact the Wellness Center (864-597-4370) and the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Drug Information Access Line (1-800-942-DIAL).

***Education***

Wofford is committed to education and the sound development of mind, body and spirit. Therefore, a commitment to alcohol and drug education is a continuing priority. Educational programs are organized and conducted throughout the year to promote continued awareness and to encourage an attitude of concern and caring for others. All money collected from sanctioned fines for alcohol and drug violations will be applied toward educational programming.

Information on responsible use, effective party planning, indications of abuse or addiction, and resources for assistance are available through Wofford’s Wellness Center. Examples of these programs include, but are not limited to: Campus programming facilitated by members of the residence life staff; FYI Class; alcohol awareness programming as part of focus weeks; communitywide educational programs; training opportunities and workshops for officers and members of Greek letter organizations and other chartered organizations; and substance-free social events in collaboration with the director of student activities and individual organizations.