

LSU Greek Alumni Unity Council

*The Definitive Voice for LSU Greek Alumni
Committed to Eliminating Hazing & Substance Abuse*

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3.1. Social Event Registration Process. Steps must be taken to reverse the trend of unregistered social events and reduce the effects of unregulated alcohol consumption.

a. Organizations Reaffirm to Register all Social Events in Houses.

i. Revisit current policy details

The on-campus registration requirement of PS-78 are well established and accepted. However, we feel there is a very slippery slope if the Administration extends these requirements to off-campus events.

- Understanding the objective is to reduce underage and overall alcohol consumption, we don't believe regulating alcohol at off-campus events is something the University should be doing but rather a law enforcement issue.*
- Upholding the student Code of Conduct is essential, but mandating certain off-campus activities might be overreaching.*
- Registering off-campus events under PS-78 regulations may extend University liability to unacceptable positions.*
- Off-campus establishments possess the licenses, security, and responsibility to serve their patrons legally and safely is paramountly their responsibility that we should not try to overregulate.*
- Our national protocols for all events (on and off campus) are already established.*

If fraternity and sorority off-campus exchanges must be registered under PS-78, this would effectively eliminate all exchanges since sororities cannot sponsor this type of event. This traps fraternities in a position to register events as an off campus "open party" and invite a sorority to meet them at that time.

- We need different criteria for off-campus events and not just shoehorned into current PS-78 policies.*

We are suggesting using different terminology, such as "scheduling and notifying" Greek Life of off-campus events. The term "registering" denotes approval and unnecessary liability when most of the liability is already established.

We understand the responsibility of the hosting organization is to control and monitor their events. Additional training from Greek Life, IFC, and national organizations can further train leaders on "shared host responsibilities".

If individuals and/or groups cross the line of acceptable standards, they should be held accountable.

- Herein is one of the key elements of the path for long-term success; accountability.*

The term "social event" needs to be further defined.

Further discussions would be needed if the University requires chapter advisors to be present for off-campus events with alcohol. Organizations' national insurance policies may not extend coverage to them for these events.

- ii. Improve LSU approved security vendor options
- iii. Allow chapters to register "tailgate" parties at houses before and during home football games ~~without~~ *with reduced costs for* security and third-party vendor requirements; these gameday activities are in a more confined and safe environment.
 - i. Better food options
 - ii. More alumni participation at house than around campus
 - iii. Consider anything after the game ends a party that should be fully registered

Gameday tailgates back at the chapter houses will dial back the alcohol consumption and provide a much improved and safer venue for the members. However, the cost of full PS-78 compliance must be significantly reduced or the gameday tailgating will be once again spread out all over campus. For organizations that have campus facilities, our suggestions include:

- *Negotiate a licensed vendor to have exclusive access to all houses with no fixed setup fee and their revenue would be generated exclusively from sales.*
- *No registered party fencing requirements to comply with facility services requests.*
- *Work with LSUPD and identify ways to significantly reduce security costs.*
- *Establish rules that no alcohol or non-resident members are allowed in the living quarters during tailgates to further promote safety for all students.*

- b. Organizations Agree to Ban Hard Alcohol & Common Source Alcohol from Chapter Premises (any drinks with an ABV higher than 15%).

Our Unity Council Board members, numerous student leaders, and chapter presidents have confirmed they can eliminate the hard alcohol from the chapter houses and from on-campus events. Our common objective is to make social events more safe for our students. Combined with organizational accountability, our suggestions should accomplish these objectives.

- *University regulations banning hard alcohol in resident rooms should probably be recommended for all 6,000 campus residents and all student organizations.*

- c. Organizations Agree to Strict Implementation of BYOB Policies.
- d. Alcohol Restricted to Common Areas During Registered Social Events.
- e. Implementation of 3:1 Guest/Member Ratio.

The 3:1 ratio should reference undergraduates when alcohol is present. All events are also subject to fire marshal maximums.

- *An unintended consequence would be to prohibit larger ratios when attendees include alumni and parents.*
- *For parent or alumni events there should be a higher number if not just within the fire marshal maximum allowed people per facility.*