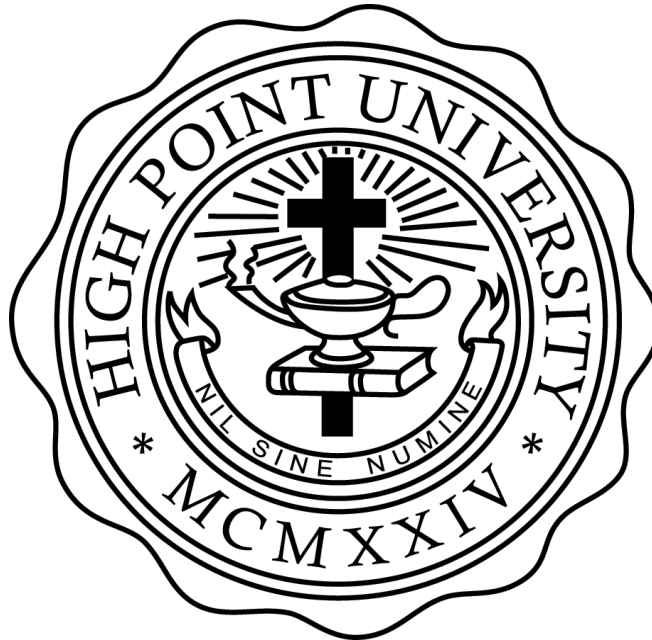


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FEDERAL MANDATES

Compliance with Federal Regulations. The University seeks to comply with federal regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

Equal Opportunity: gender, race, religion, national origin, physical handicap

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504;
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

Program Non-discrimination: age, gender, national origin, physical handicap, race

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972;
- Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504;
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975;

Privacy of Student Records: access to records

- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974;

Copyright

- Copyright Act of 1976;

Environmental Compliance

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976;

Consumerism: academic programs, financial aid, persistence/graduation rates, tuition

- Education Amendments Act of 1976;
- Student Right-to-Know Act of 1990;

Campus Crime Reporting: crime statistics

- Campus Security Act of 1990;

Drug Prevention

- Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988;
- Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989.

Sources of Information. Students who wish information descriptive of the above acts or about institutional efforts to comply should contact the Office of Communications. Where appropriate, the student may be referred to other offices on campus.

Grievance Procedures. Unless otherwise indicated in student handbooks for the day, evening or graduate programs, students who believe that they have been denied access to the programs and services of High Point University should contact the vice president for academic affairs (academic grievances), the vice president for student life (non-academic grievances) or the athletic director (athletic grievances). The administrator may (1) attempt to adjudicate the case directly; (2) refer the case to a Board of Adjudication (*see Board of Adjudication*) or (3) allow the student to choose between the two options. Decisions resulting from any of the three hearings may be appealed to the president of the University who, at their discretion, may refer the case to the Executive Committee of the Faculty.

STUDENT RECORDS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-380), also known as the Buckley Amendment, requires that all educational institutions establish policies designed to encourage the privacy and accuracy of student records.

Access. High Point University accords all the rights under the law to students who are declared independent. Except for directory information, no one outside the institution shall have access to, nor will the institution intentionally disclose, any information from student records without the consent of the student, except to personnel within the institution, to officials of other institutions in which the student seeks to enroll, to persons or organizations providing financial aid, to accrediting agencies carrying out their accrediting function, to persons in compliance with judicial order, or to persons in an emergency in order to protect the health and safety of students or other persons.

Safeguards. Within the High Point University community, only those members, individually or collectively, acting in the educational interests of the student are allowed access to student records. These members may include the president of the University, vice presidents, deans, and the director of financial planning. Other personnel, including the faculty advisor, faculty in whose classes the student is presently enrolled, professional staff in the Office of Student Life, persons acting on behalf of the individuals named *supr*, and persons writing recommendations at the request of the student, may be granted access within the limitations of their right to know.

Directory Information. High Point University may provide *directory information* to include student name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, honors received, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height of members of athletic teams.

A student may seek to limit the release of directory information for one academic year by filing the Request to Prevent Disclosure of Academic Records with the Office of the Registrar [206 Roberts Hall] by the last day of drop/add each academic term. Provided the request is filed, the name of the student will be listed in the student directory, but directory information will not be printed as a signal to University employees that directory information should not be disseminated. Forms requesting non-disclosure of directory information must be filed annually.

Guardians. In order to guarantee the privacy to which a student is legally entitled, all records, including, but not limited to, grades, academic/administrative sanctions and financial aid, will be provided routinely to the student alone. Grades are issued at the end of each term; and, for undergraduates, progress reports are posted at mid-term if, at that point, the student does not have a grade of C or higher in one or more courses. Grades are posted as received from the instructor on MyStuff (the student's personal website at High Point University).

*Students are advised of the right of the parent/guardian to access the student record if the student is younger than 18 or if the parent/guardian **officially** demonstrates that the student is legally and financially dependent upon the parent/guardian, or if student has signed and turned in the Authorization to Disclose Academic Information to the Registrar's Office.*

Retention of Records. Permanent records are kept by the Office of Financial Planning (student accounts), the Office of Institutional Advancement (alumni records) and the Office of the Registrar

(academic records), with the assistance of the *Office of Information Technology*. Temporary records may be kept in the following offices:

- Academic Advisors
- Student Health Services
- Carr Sports Medicine Center
- Office of Undergraduate Admissions
- Department of Education
- Office of Student Life
- Faculty Athletic Representative
- Office of Security and Transportation
- Academic Services Center
- Office of Graduate Studies
- Office of Academic Affairs
- Office of Financial Planning
- Office for Athletic Compliance
- Office of Evening Degree Program
- Office of Career Planning
- Office of Counseling
- Office of Information Technology (data files)

Disposal of Records. Ordinarily, temporary records will be disposed of within six years, except that the University reserves the right to retain student records where information contained therein would be important in legal background checks and/or where possible legal action is projected. An inventory descriptive of the policies governing the creation, retention and disposal of the separate student records is available for review in the Office of Student Life.

Right to Challenge. As a student, you have the right to inspect and review your educational records, to challenge the contents of your records by discussing your records with the appropriate vice president, to have a hearing before the Student Life Committee if the outcome of the challenge is unsatisfactory and to submit explanatory statements for inclusion in your files if you feel the decision of the hearing panel is unacceptable.

Right to Copy. Except for transcripts and supporting documents forwarded from an institution previously attended and except for documents to which you have waived your right of access, you may secure copies of your records provided your financial account with the University does not reflect a balance due. These copies will be made at your expense at the prevailing rate for transcripts and copying.

Exceptions. You do not have access to the following:

- confidential information which may have been placed in your file before January 1, 1975;
- medical and psychiatric records, with the exception that such records may be reviewed by a physician or
- other qualified individual or forwarded to the health center at another educational institution upon the written request of the student;
- the financial statements filed by your parents or guardians;
- confidential recommendations written after January 1, 1975, where you have waived right of access.

DATA ON SIX-YEAR STUDENTS UPON GRADUATION

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions at High Point University publishes annually summary data descriptive of the University's persistence and graduation ratios. These data are available for review in the Office of Community Relations. In compliance with mandates established by the federal government and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the University announces the following six-year graduation rates for first-time freshmen:

Date of Entry	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Year of graduation for 6-year graduates	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Entire Class	57%	53%	52%	55%	56%	56%
Men	63%	45%	47%	60%	53%	56%
Women	52%	56%	55%	52%	58%	56%
Student Athletes	48%	51%	59%	70%	50%	49%
SAT < 800	60%	48%	58%	44%	50%	44%
SAT 801 – 900	57%	55%	54%	58%	53%	55%
SAT 901 – 1000	48%	45%	46%	55%	50%	50%
SAT 1001 – 1100	52%	52%	51%	53%	57%	57%
SAT > 1100	69%	57%	57%	62%	69%	64%
Conditional Admit.	49%	56%	43%	39%	55%	39%
Presidential Scholars	56%	69%	64%	53%	67%	75%
Presidential Fellows	67%	71%	67%	68%	79%	71%

ADVANCEMENT RATIOS. Because the number of students who transfer into the University exceeds the number of first-time freshmen who transfer out, historically the graduating class at High Point University is larger than the number of freshmen who entered four years earlier.

FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN		NUMBER OF GRADUATES		PERCENTAGE
1988	494	1992	525	106%
1989	391	1993	525	134%
1990	385	1994	495	129%
1991	299	1995	475	159%
1992	359	1996	512	143%
1993	431	1997	538	125%
1994	367	1998	519	141%
1995	446	1999	550	123%
1996	561	2000	569	101%
1997	682	2001	579	85%
1998	707	2002	603	85%
1999	507	2003	547	108%
2000	469	2004	529	113%
2001	489	2005	548	112%
2002	465	2006	564	121%
2003	550	2007	581	106%
2004	429	2008	479	112%
2005	454			
2006	575			
2007	736			
2008	875			

CAMPUS SECURITY

Although no institution today can guarantee security and safety, High Point University intends to be as safe as any institution of higher education can be. Safety and security are encouraged by a professional security force, a student patrol, good campus lighting, blue light call boxes, peep holes on doors to student rooms and residence halls which are secured 24hours a day via card access.

EMERGENCIES. If you require assistance from the Office Security and Transportation, you should:

- call 9111 from on-campus phone;
- call 336-841-9111 from off-campus phone;
- push the call button on any blue security tower.
- **Call the City of High Point's emergency number by dialing 8-911 from on campus.**

EMERGENCY SECURITY TOWERS. ADA-compliant blue security towers with emergency push button phones are at strategic locations around campus.

ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES. Students have access to the public areas of campus, except where they have been excluded for disciplinary reasons or when the buildings are officially closed. Students have access to rooms in their residence halls during the period of assignment, except where they have been excluded for disciplinary reasons or when the buildings are officially closed to all students or to students of another gender. Access to authorized areas will be accomplished via university-issued HPU Passports. Access to facilities assumes that students maintain the security of the buildings, including their residence halls where they must use a security key/card to gain access.

AUTHORIZED ENTRY. Authorized individuals may enter student rooms for purposes of routine maintenance, housekeeping, inspection or search. These individuals include, but are not limited to, residence hall staff, maintenance and housekeeping personnel, safety/security officers, University officials, health inspectors and fire inspectors. When authorized individuals enter rooms, they shall exercise reasonable effort to maintain the safety and security of persons and property.

Room Inspection. In order to encourage health and safety, your room will be inspected periodically by authorized individuals, including, but not limited to, residence hall staff. Although such entry is not for purposes of search, if, in the course of such inspections, items are discovered which suggest violation of University policies or legal statutes, they will be seized and disciplinary action may result. In the event that both students are under 21, alcohol will be considered an illegal substance. In the event that halls have been designated alcohol-free, alcohol will be considered a violation of University policy.

Room Search. Where reasonable cause exists, authorized University officials, including residence hall staff, may enter and search rooms should life or property appear to be in danger or to investigate alleged violations of University policies or municipal, state or federal laws.

CRIME REPORTS. Members and guests of the University community should report crimes to the Security Office, which is located in the lower level of the Old Student Center. Security staff includes:

- Director of Security and Transportation [Jeff Karpovich, CPP] 336-841-9011
- Administrative Assistant to the Director of Security [Susan C. Hodge] 336-841-9109
- Security Officers 336-841-9112

Students may report crimes directly to police but preferably by calling 9111 from a campus telephone. Where extenuating circumstances exist, crimes may be reported to the:

- VP for Student Life [Gail Tuttle] 336-841-9141
- Director of Residence Life [Sarah Haak] 336-841-9120
- Director of Counseling Services [Dr. Kim Soban] 336-841-9121

Students, or anyone, may report crimes or suspicious behavior via the HPU Website-based Crimestoppers Tip link.

***A Guide to Campus Life*, the student handbook of High Point University, encourages members of the University community to contact the Security Office if they have reasons to believe that persons are trespassing, soliciting or contemplating/undertaking criminal activity. Security officers will investigate such complaints and file reports with the director of security and the vice president for student life. Where appropriate, the security director and/or the vice president for student life will involve local law enforcement agencies.**

EDUCATION. At the commencement of each academic year, staff in the Office of Student Life meet with all entering students to discuss campus safety and security. In addition, as needed, staff meet with members of the University community, including faculty, staff and students to discuss matters of campus safety. In addition to organized educational programs, the Security Office attempts to educate the University community by posting notices and through the *High Point University Campus Chronicle*, as needed.

CRIME STATISTICS. The Security Office maintains and reports statistics descriptive of crime on campus.

The following statistics summarize reported crimes on campus for calendar years 2000 - 2008.

VIOLATIONS	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Negligent Manslaughter	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Sexual Offenses [forcible]	00	00	00	01	00	01	00	01
Sexual Offenses [non forcible]	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Robbery	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	02
Assaults	10	05	00	00	02	00	00	00
Burglaries	03	26	17	24	13	07	06	12
Motor Vehicle Thefts	02	00	03	04	04	02	03	00
Arson	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Larcenies	18	11	27	54	60	49	24	25
Hate Crimes [28.U.S.C.534]	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

REFERRALS

Liquor Law Violations	132	82	96	131	109	158	172	290
Drug Law Violations	07	12	02	00	05	08	11	16
Illegal Weapons Violations	02	01	00	00	01	02	02	00

At the commencement of each academic year, crime statistics for the offenses identified supra, and covering the three most recent academic years, ordinarily are distributed to all members of the University community, including faculty, staff and students. Such statistics are provided, upon request, to the general public.

In November and April, the Security Office publishes three-year crime statistics for the offenses identified *supra* in the *Campus Chronicle*, along with statistics to date for the academic year in progress.

In addition, special reports will be issued where extenuating circumstances exist.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS. All students must carry student identification cards (Passports), which may be obtained from the Security Office. Passports must be presented to security officers, city police working on campus and University officials upon request.

LIABILITY. Although the University seeks to protect the property of members of the High Point community, the University cannot be responsible for property that is lost, stolen or damaged by accident, by nature or by others. Therefore, the University recommends personal property insurance, especially when you bring valuables, including, but not limited to, vehicles, to campus. Also, if you have valuable property in your room or vehicle, you should:

- complete Form SEC 101 [Property Registration Form] and return it to the Security Office because this information, which includes property identification numbers, will be especially useful if your property is lost or stolen;
- engrave your name and the telephone number for security [336-841-9112] on property which might be the object of theft. For assistance, call the Security Office.

OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITY. Although the University is not in a position to police off-campus activities, it should be understood that any person, group of persons or organization who/which violates University regulations or legal statutes of federal, state or local agencies is liable. Moreover, any person who aids or abets another in violating University regulations or legal statutes of federal, state or local agencies may be liable not only for aiding or abetting, but also for personal injuries or property damages resulting from such violations. Organizations and officers of such organizations also have such liabilities. Should it become evident that individuals, groups of individuals or organizations who/which are members of the University community and/or the guests of such members are engaged in criminal activity or in activity which endangers the health or safety of persons, such individuals or groups may be subject to stern disciplinary action by the University. Such action may include the withdrawal of the organizational charter and/or the exclusion, expulsion or termination of members of the University community (see *A Guide to Campus Life*). In addition, as appropriate, reports will be filed with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

University regulations apply when individuals are representing the University or organizations thereof away from the campus or when the University provides or arranges off-campus housing for members of the University community.

RECORDS. Records created and maintained by the Security Office, when not shared with Student Life or administration, are not educational records and are not protected from disclosure by FERPA. Records of the school's disciplinary actions or proceedings against a student are not available to the public without the consent of the student or the student's parent (if applicable). However, this law does not prevent a school from releasing records of its law enforcement unit to the public without the consent of the student or the student's parent (if applicable).

Under law, a school is permitted to disclose the results of disciplinary proceedings to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (as defined in the United States Criminal Code). However, disclosure may not be made to the public without the consent of the student or parent (if applicable).

A school is not relieved of compliance with the reporting requirements of the campus security regulations when the school refers a matter to a disciplinary committee rather than to the school's law enforcement unit or directly to local authorities.

RESIDENCE HALLS. All external doors to residence halls should remain shut and locked at all times, except for legal entry. Sanctions shall be imposed (see *A Guide to Campus Life*) where students violate the security of these doors. Both on-campus and off-campus visitors to residence halls must be escorted throughout the hall by a resident.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. Students are expected to contribute to campus safety and security by being proactive. The University asks students to:

- Report suspicious activity.
- Confront friends and acquaintances who violate security doors or fire safety devices by talking with them directly or by asking staff in the Office of Student Life to talk with them. [Ordinarily, the conversation will not result in sanctions if it is initiated for educational purposes and if it is the first offense.]
- Confront friends and acquaintances who are involved in aggressive behaviors or criminal activities either directly or by asking staff in the Office of Student Life to talk with them.
- Keep doors and windows to your room locked when the room is not occupied.
- Call 911 if there is reason to believe that persons are soliciting, trespassing or contemplating/undertaking criminal activity.
- Register valuables with the Security Office by completing Form OSC 101 [Property Registration Form] and by returning it to the Security Office.
- Engrave your name and the telephone number for Security [336-841-9112] on property which might be the object of theft.
- Park vehicles in the assigned areas, lock valuables in the trunk, and lock the doors.
- Walk in pairs – use the “buddy” system.

SECURITY PERSONNEL. Campus security officers, student patrol and law enforcement officers collaborate to provide campus safety and security.

University Security Officers. Trained security officers employed by the University seek to maintain the safety and security of persons and property on campus on a 24-hour basis. These officers are required to investigate and report criminal activity. A copy of their report is filed with the director of security and distributed to selected campus administrators, including the vice president for student life and vice president for administration and community relations. The director of security and/or the vice president for student life will follow up on such reports and, where appropriate, report such violations to appropriate law enforcement agencies. Although campus security officers do not carry guns and do not have the power of arrest, they may detain when a crime is committed in their presence.

University Student Patrol. The student patrol consists of students on work-study or work-ship who patrol the campus during selected hours in order to provide auxiliary support for the University's professional security force. The student patrol exists to enhance the safety and security of persons and property. For purposes of identification, members of the patrol wear special uniforms; and they are equipped with two-way radios. Among other duties, they assist students who request escorts and summon security officers by two-way radio if they identify suspicious persons or activities, and they issue parking citations.

Off-Duty Police Officers. In order to encourage safety and security of persons and property, the University employs off-duty police officers, who are employed full-time by the High Point Police Department, to patrol the campus during peak hours. Police officers are armed and have powers of arrest.

SEXUAL ASSAULT. The University maintains an environment free of sexual harassment and other coercive sexual behaviors, whether implicit or explicit. Offenders may be male or female; the victim's superior, co-worker or subordinate; a college employee, a student or a non-employee. The victim may be male or female, a member of the same sex or a member of the opposite sex.

Counseling. In the event of sexual assault, you should contact the director of counseling services [Slane Student Center]. You may schedule an appointment by calling 336-841-9121. If you need assistance in contacting the director of counseling services, you may ask a security officer [336-841-9112], the vice president for student life, the director of residence life, your area/resident director or your resident advisor to contact the counselor on your behalf.

At your request, the director of counseling services will assist you in scheduling appointments with persons off-campus who provide counseling related to sexual assault or mental health.

Disciplinary Procedures. In the event of sexual assault, the University will follow those disciplinary procedures described in detail in the chapter entitled "The University Judicial System" which is published in *A Guide to Campus Life: The Student Handbook of High Point University*. The student handbook is available from the Office of Student Life [Slane Student Center] or at <http://www.highpoint.edu/campuslife/>. The vice president for student life will oversee the administration of such procedures.

Where a complaint exists, both the accuser and the accused:

- are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding (see the chapter on the University judicial system which appears in *A Guide to Campus Life* and which is available from Slane Student Center);
- will be informed of the University's final determination with regard to disciplinary proceedings and of any sanction(s) imposed against the accused.

Educational Prevention Programs. The director of counseling services is assigned responsibility for coordinating educational programs and activities designed to discourage rape, acquaintance rape and/or other forcible or non-forcible sexual offenses, including the use of drugs designed to induce or enhance sexual activity which is either unwanted or unknown. In the administration of this responsibility, the director of counseling services will be assisted by staff in the Office of Security and Transportation, Office of Student Life and Student Health Services.

All entering day students shall participate in educational programs designed to discourage bigotry, racism and sexism, and related criminal activities, including sexual harassment and sexual assault. In addition, staff in the Office of Student Life will sponsor educational programs and other activities designed to discourage unwanted or illegal sexual activity on campus.

Evidence. In the event of sexual assault, it is critical that you preserve evidence and that you receive a medical examination (*see below*) immediately. If you delay such examination, critical medical evidence may be lost.

Notification. Students who have been sexually assaulted should notify one of the following University officials immediately: a security officer or dispatcher, the vice president for student life, the director of

residence life or the director of counseling services. You may contact the Security Office by calling 9111 from an on-campus phone or 336-841-9111 from an off-campus phone. If you would like for someone other than a security officer to assist you, you should ask the officer/dispatcher to assist you in contacting the person with whom you would like to speak. Although you are encouraged to tell the officer/dispatcher that you are a victim of a sexual assault, you are not required to do so. At your request, a security officer/dispatcher, the vice president for student life or his/her designated representative will contact the local law enforcement agency for you or will assist you in making such contact.

Medical Attention. Students who have been sexually assaulted should immediately report to the emergency room of the High Point Regional Health System. A delay could result in the loss of critical evidence.

Reasonable Accommodation. Where appropriate and reasonable and at the request of the student, the University will change the academic environment or room assignment for persons who are victims of sexual assault. Students seeking such accommodation should contact Gail Tuttle, the vice president for student life [Slane Student Center], or Irene Ingersoll, assistant director of the Academic Services Center and coordinator of Disability Services, in the event that such accommodation is not routinely provided.

Identification of Registered Sex Offenders. Information descriptive of registered sex offenders in North Carolina may be secured at <http://sbi.jus.state.nc.us/DOJHAHT/SOR/Default.htm>. The NC Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry describes the sex offender registration requirements and allows online searches of the Registry.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

As an institution related to The United Methodist Church, High Point University recommends abstinence regarding recreational use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Furthermore, the University expects all students to comply with federal, state and local laws related to the use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics and other drugs.

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 requires that educational institutions publicize local, state and federal consequences for the unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs and that they provide information descriptive of health risks associated with substance abuse.

Although summaries contained herein constitute good-faith efforts to provide information mandated by federal law and although portions of the summaries were provided by the federal government, High Point University does not guarantee that they are error-free or exhaustive.

General Policy. The University prohibits the *unlawful* possession of alcohol and illicit drugs by students, faculty and staff either on University property or at any University-sponsored activity. This prohibition extends to activities sponsored by groups or organizations related to the University; and it extends to off-campus professional activities, including professional conferences, where attendance by faculty, staff or students is sponsored, wholly or in part, by the University or by organizations related thereto. Furthermore, the University reserves the right to discipline members of the University community who, in other situations, whether on campus or off, are found to be in violation of federal, state and local laws related to the use of controlled substances.

General Sanctions. High Point University will impose disciplinary sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion or termination where members of the University community violate the University policy involving controlled substances. Where members of the University community are charged with such offenses, cases may also be referred to federal, state, or municipal agencies. In addition, the University reserves the right to impose sanctions, up to and including expulsion or termination, where members of the University community are found to be guilty of violating federal, state, or local laws involving controlled substances even where the activity is not University-related. In addition to sanctions imposed for the misuse of controlled substances, disciplinary action will be taken for misconduct which results from the misuse of alcohol and/or other controlled substances. Members of the High Point University community also will be held accountable for damages which result from misconduct. Conditions of continuation or readmission, where allowed, may include the completion of an appropriate program of rehabilitation approved by the University.

ALCOHOL

Recognizing that alcohol creates some of the most serious social problems in our society and that the use thereof causes pain and/or death to countless numbers of persons each year, the University recommends abstinence with regard to the use of alcoholic beverages. Cognizant of the availability of and misuse of alcohol in this secular and pluralistic society, the University seeks to inform students about laws governing the use of alcohol; to discourage the illegal use and abuse of alcohol, whether on campus or off; and to educate persons who either misuse alcohol or enable other persons to misuse alcohol.

North Carolina General Statutes: 18B-102. All members of the University community are expected to comply with North Carolina statutes prohibiting the use of alcoholic beverages by persons younger than 21 years of age. Specifically, it is against the law:

- to sell or give beer, wine, liquor or mixed beverages to anyone younger than 21 years of age;
- for a person younger than 21 years of age to purchase or possess beer, wine, liquor or mixed beverages;
- to use fraudulent identification or to permit the use of one's identification by another in order to obtain alcohol illegally.

Sanctions. Any person younger than 21 who aids or abets another in violation of the above regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500, or imprisonment for up to six months or both. Any person 21 years old or older who aids or abets another in violation of the above regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, or imprisonment or both. Any person who aids or abets another in securing alcohol may be liable for personal injuries or property damages resulting from misconduct by those who are intoxicated. Organizations and officers of such organizations may also have such liabilities.

Upon conviction, a report is sent to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. Any person convicted of violating the above regulations may automatically have his/her driver's license revoked for a period of one year.

University Policy. The University expects members of the University community to abide by state laws governing the use of alcohol; and, therefore, it prohibits the use of alcohol by persons who are younger than 21 either on campus or at campus-related events.

Although the University does not sanction the use of alcohol, and except as indicated *supra*, students who are 21 years old or older may consume alcohol in their rooms in the residence halls provided the door is

shut, provided no person under 21 is in the room, and provided legal users conduct themselves in a positive manner. In the event that alcohol is discovered in student rooms anywhere on campus, and provided neither student is 21 or older, the alcohol will be confiscated, and additional sanctions will be imposed.

Your special attention is called to the following:

- even where consumption of alcohol is legal, alcohol, whether open or closed, should not be publicly displayed on campus;
- where the legal use of alcohol results in behavior which is disruptive, disrespectful, destructive, loud or threatening, sanctions up to and including exclusion or termination may be imposed;
- alcohol may not be used as an award or trophy for any event or program of the University or by any University organization, group or individual.

University Sanctions. Although sanctions may be increased for exceptional violations, the following sanctions are typical for possession, consumption or distribution of alcoholic beverages in violation of University policy.

Possession/Consumption. Sanctions for the first offense typically include a \$75 fine and/or 10 hours of community service. For the second offense, sanctions typically include a \$100 fine, 20 hours of community service and disciplinary probation for one semester. Further sanctions may include parental notification, exclusion from campus, suspension or expulsion.

Illegal Distribution. Upon the first offense, sanctions for selling alcohol illegally or for illegally distributing alcohol to individuals younger than 21 years of age typically include a \$175 fine. Upon the second offense, students ordinarily will be fined a minimum of \$250 and disciplinary probation for remainder of the term or probable suspension. Sanctions may also include referral to judicial agencies. In addition, mandatory counseling and a positive report may be requisite to consideration for readmission.

Failure to Enforce University Policy, University Recommendations, or North Carolina General Statutes. Where organizations fail to enforce University policies, University recommendations or legal statutes involving the distribution, possession or use of alcohol, sanctions ranging up to suspension or expulsion of the organization may be imposed. Where appropriate, municipal authorities and/or the national headquarters of the organization may be notified.

Anti-social Behavior. Typical sanctions for students involved in anti-social behavior while intoxicated are as follows:

Abuse of Persons. Intoxicated persons who abuse persons should expect expulsion and referral to law enforcement agencies. At the discretion of the vice president for student life, alternative sanctions may be imposed. Abuse of persons includes, but is not limited to, assault, battery, intimidation and insubordination.

Abuse of Property. Intoxicated persons who violate the property rights of others must make restitution within ten (10) days. Typically, minimal sanctions for the first offense include a fine. Sanctions may also include loss of campus housing, disciplinary probation, referral to law enforcement agencies, suspension or expulsion.

Upon the second offense, students should expect suspension or expulsion from the University and referral to enforcement agencies. Where extenuating circumstances exist, alternative sanctions may be imposed by the vice president for student life.

Public Drunkenness. Sanctions for typical offenses are the same as those listed for possession/consumption.

Off-campus events. Although the University ordinarily is not in a position to police off-campus events, it should be understood that any person or any group of persons who aids or abets others in securing alcohol may be liable not only for aiding or abetting, but also for personal injuries or property damages resulting from misconduct by those who are intoxicated. Organizations and officers of such organizations may also have such liabilities. Therefore, in part because they are intended to help persons or groups avoid such liabilities, it behooves individuals, groups of individuals or organizations to comply with the following guidelines. Furthermore, should it become evident that individuals, groups of individuals or organizations who/which are members of the University are unlawfully furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons who are not of the legal drinking age or using alcohol in games or as prizes, such individuals, groups of individuals or organizations may be subject to stern disciplinary action by the University. Such action may include the withdrawal of the organizational charter or the expulsion or termination of individuals.

For legal and/or moral reasons, the following guidelines should apply wherever alcohol is available at off-campus events:

- alcohol should not be provided by organizations or individuals to persons not known to be 21 years old or older;
- the sale of alcohol should be prohibited unless the distributor is licensed by state or local authorities;
- the use of common containers of alcoholic beverages, such as kegs, large bottles, punch bowls, trash cans, ice tubs, refrigerators, *et cetera*, by undergraduates should be prohibited;
- the use of pure grain alcohol by individuals or organizations should be prohibited;
- the use of alcoholic beverages in games should be strictly prohibited;
- the use of alcoholic beverages as a prize should be strictly prohibited;
- individuals, groups of individuals or organizations who influence excessive and/or harmful consumption of alcohol through games, peer pressure, subterfuge or other activities should know that they are subject to stern disciplinary action both by the University and by external authorities;
- alcohol should not be available where fewer than 33% of the persons present are 21 years old or older;
- any organization or group of individuals which sponsors an event where alcohol is available should provide alternative food and beverages during the duration of time when alcohol is available;
- any individual, group of individuals or organization which sponsors an event where alcohol is available should consider the effects, including noise and parking, upon the community where the event is scheduled. Specifically, such events should not be scheduled where noise pollutes residential communities or where people park on private property other than that of the hosts;
- litter should not be allowed to accumulate, even temporarily;
- any chartered organization which allows alcohol at any off-campus event must designate a Risk Management Officer at the beginning of each academic year. This officer must participate in an Alcohol Awareness Session and must provide all members of the organization with information about local, state and federal statutes, University policies and possible sanctions for the violations thereof;
- sponsoring organizations and groups are responsible for social events which they sponsor or allow, and therefore they may establish regulations which are more stringent than existing laws and University policies.

Alcohol-free events. Any chartered campus organization which sponsors a social event where alcohol is available in a given semester must sponsor at least one alcohol-free social event during the same semester. Alcohol-free events must be comparable, in significance, to a typical social event sponsored by the organization where alcohol is served; and a written report descriptive of such events and endorsed by the advisor must be submitted to the Office of Student Life.

Effects of Alcohol Abuse. Even minimal consumption of alcohol may affect behavior, but the abuse of alcohol ordinarily has acute or chronic effects.

Acute. Even low doses of alcohol may have acute effects: (1) most vehicular accidents among persons aged 15 to 24 are related to drinking; (2) aggressive acts, such as abuse of family/friends and acquaintance rape, are almost always related to alcohol abuse; (3) mental functions may be impaired, making it difficult for a person to process and remember information. High doses of alcohol can cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses may produce similar effects.

Chronic. Repeated use of alcohol can lead to dependence, in which case sudden cessation of alcohol intake is likely to produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations and convulsions. Alcohol withdrawal can be life-threatening. Long-term consumption of large quantities of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs, such as the brain and the liver. Some studies suggest that brain cells are actually destroyed permanently by high levels of alcohol.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN ALCOHOL

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, the University provides the following information descriptive of the effects of selected controlled substances and the types of sanctions which may be imposed either by the University or as a result of legal statutes. Although summaries contained herein constitute a good-faith effort to provide information mandated by law, High Point University does not guarantee that they are error-free or exhaustive.

University Policy. The illegal possession, use or distribution of drugs or paraphernalia associated with drug use is specifically prohibited.

Illegal Possession of Drugs. The illegal possession and/or use of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug or other controlled substance by any person on University property or at University-related functions is specifically prohibited.

Sanctions. Sanctions include mandatory referral to the vice president for student life for assessment. Additional sanctions, including, but not limited to, fines or suspension may be imposed.

Illegal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The illegal possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, roach clips, bongs, pipes or rolling papers, while on University property or while attending a University-related function is specifically prohibited.

Sanctions. Sanctions include mandatory referral to the vice president for student life for assessment. Additional sanctions, including, but not limited to, fines, the loss of campus housing or suspension, may be imposed.

Illegal Distribution. The illegal distribution, delivery or sale of any narcotic, hallucinogenic drug or other controlled substance while on University property or while attending a University-related event is strictly prohibited.

Sanctions. Members of the High Point University community who distribute illegal drugs should expect expulsion or termination.

North Carolina Statutes. Article 5 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes makes it unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell or deliver drugs designated as "controlled substances." Sanctions include terms of imprisonment and heavy fines.

United States Statutes. Portions of the summary which follows were provided by the federal government. Although the summary represents a good-faith effort to provide information, High Point University does not guarantee that it is error-free or exhaustive.

18 U.S.C. 922.g. Conviction: Ineligibility to receive or purchase a firearm.

21 U.S.C. 884.a. First conviction: Imprisonment for up to one year, a fine of at least \$1,000 but not more than \$100,000, or both.

After one prior drug conviction: Imprisonment for at least fifteen days but not more than two years, a fine of at least \$2,500 but not more than \$250,000, or both.

After two or more prior drug convictions: Imprisonment for at least ninety days but not more than three years, a fine of at least \$5,000 but not more than \$250,000, or both. See special sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine.

21 U.S.C. 844.a. Civil fine of up to \$10,000.

21 U.S.C. 853.a. Denial of federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts and professional and commercial licenses, up to one year for first offense, up to five years for second and subsequent offenses.

21 U.S.C. 853.a.2 and 881.a.7. Forfeiture of personal and real property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if that offense is punishable by more than one year imprisonment. See special sentencing provisions for the possession of crack cocaine.

21 U.S.C. 881.a. Forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft or any other conveyance used to transport or conceal a controlled substance. [Vehicles may be impounded in cases involving any controlled substance in any amount.]

Special sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine. Mandatory at least five years in prison, not to exceed twenty years, and fine of up to \$25,000, or both, if (a) first conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds five grams; (b) second crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds three grams; (c) third or subsequent crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceeds one gram.

Miscellaneous. Authorization to revoke certain federal licenses and benefits, e.g., pilot licenses, public housing tenancy, are vested within the authorities of individual federal agencies.

Effects of Selected Drugs. The following is a summary of health risks associated with the use of certain illicit drugs. Although a part of the summary was provided by the federal government, High Point University does not guarantee that the summary is error-free or exhaustive.

Marijuana. Marijuana and related compounds are ordinarily used to encourage relaxation or to produce an altered sense of reality. Marijuana is usually smoked, and it is toxic to the lungs. Disorders of memory, including loss of memory and of mood, including apathy about life, school or work, often occur in chronic users.

Cocaine (stimulant). Cocaine, crack and related forms are usually used for stimulation or because they produce a sense of euphoria. All forms of cocaine are highly addictive, producing a habit that is extremely difficult to abandon. Criminal activity to support the habit often results. In some individuals, cocaine may produce fatal cardiac rhythm disturbances.

Amphetamines (stimulants). Amphetamines and their derivatives, "crystal" and "ice," are used for stimulation. These compounds are very addictive and may produce psychotic and violent behaviors.

LSD and PCP (hallucinogens). These chemicals are used to produce "altered states," in an effort to escape reality. They are very dangerous and can cause psychosis.

Valium, Barbiturates, et cetera (depressants). These and similar prescription drugs are ordinarily used for their sedative or hypnotic effects. Some of these drugs are highly addictive, and others can cause seizures (convulsions) in individuals who take them over long periods of time.

Heroin, Codeine, et cetera (narcotics). These are some of the most addictive substances known. They produce a high or euphoria. Withdrawal can produce convulsions or even coma. Overdose is common and can result in death. Persons who use needles to support consumption are in a high-risk group for infection with human immunodeficiency virus, believed to be the cause of AIDS.

Other. Many medications and drugs, including those which are prescribed for you, have the potential for abuse.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

As members of the University community, we are responsible not only for ourselves, but also for each other. While they are not always related to substance abuse, the following traits often are related, and regardless of the cause, they are ordinarily indicative of a need for help:

- withdrawal from social situations
- increased boredom or drowsiness
- change in personal appearance
- change in friends
- a defeatist attitude (easily discouraged)
- low frustration tolerance (outbursts)
- violent behavior or vandalism
- terse replies to questions or conversation
- sad or forlorn expression
- lying
- poor classroom attendance
- dropping grades or poor work
- apathy or loss of interest

Positive Response. When negative behaviors, such as those listed *supra*, become manifest in persons you know, you should:

- express concern and caring

- be ready to listen
- communicate a desire to help
- make concrete suggestions about finding help or coping with specific problems
- encourage the person to seek professional help
- ask for assistance from campus resources
- be persistent

Negative Response. When negative behaviors, such as those listed *supra*, become manifest in persons you know, you should not:

- take the situation lightly or as a joke
- be offended if the person tries to "put you off"
- take "I don't have a problem" as an answer
- try to assist the person without asking for professional help
- promote guilt feeling about grades, *et cetera*
- gossip

Resources. If you or a person you know is encountering difficulties because of substance abuse or other negative behaviors, you should seek help immediately.

On Campus. You are encouraged to make an appointment with Dr. Kim Soban, the director of counseling services (336-841-9121) or with a University Counselor. Their offices are located on the third floor of the Slane Student Center.

Off Campus. The following agencies specialize in substance abuse services, including treatment, counseling and education: Alcohol and Drug Services of Guilford County (336-882-2125); High Point Behavioral Health Services (336-878-6098); Psychological Services of the Triad (336-882-2812); Triad Psychiatric and Counseling Center (336-886-1702).

Support Groups. If a person you know abuses alcohol, Al-Anon (336-454-4467) may be able to help you understand what is happening and give you the support and direction you need. If you or a person you know frequently gets drunk or drinks to get drunk, Alcoholics Anonymous (336-885-8520) may be able to help you understand what is happening and give you the support and direction you need.

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