

Board Meeting  
January 15, 2009

APPROVE MANAGEMENT POLICY, SALE OR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES

**Action:** Approve Management Policy, Sale or Service of Alcoholic Beverages

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

In September 1980, the Board of Trustees approved the sale or service of alcoholic liquors to participants in conventions and conferences pursuant to legislation enacted by the Illinois General Assembly in an amendment to the Liquor Control Act of 1934. The Board also approved a set of principles that were to be embodied in specific guidelines and mechanisms for control to be developed by each campus. In accordance with this action, the campuses obtained liquor licenses in the name of the Board of Trustees and established appropriate guidelines and control mechanisms for the sale or service of alcoholic liquors to convention and conference participants.

In 1987, the Liquor Control Act of 1934 was amended again to expand its permissive coverage to include the sale or service of alcoholic liquors not only to convention or conference participants but also to participants in cultural, political, or educational activities. To accommodate this new legislation, the principles adopted by the Board of Trustees in September 1980 were modified by the Board of Trustees in

October 1987 to provide for the sale or service of alcoholic liquors to this expanded group of individuals.

Once again, the Liquor Control Act of 1934 has been amended to broaden the powers of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois. Alcoholic liquors may now be sold or served in any buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees for any event that the Board may determine is a public event and not related to student activities. The amended legislation further provides that the Board of Trustees shall issue a written policy concerning the types of events that will be eligible for this new permissive exemption. To accommodate this recent legislation, the chancellors have recommended the approval and adoption of the University of Illinois Alcoholic Beverages Management Policy.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs with the chancellors' recommendations and seeks the approval and adoption of the University of Illinois Alcoholic Beverages Management Policy in accordance with and consistent with the recent amendment to the Liquor Control Act of 1934.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MANAGEMENT POLICY

The possession, service, sale or consumption of alcoholic liquors on University of Illinois property is regulated by State statute, the University of Illinois Alcoholic Beverages Management Policy (“Policy”) and applicable campus regulations and procedures. This Policy establishes a set of University-wide principles to be incorporated and embodied into specific regulations and procedures to be developed by each campus. The principles set forth in this Policy incorporate the guidelines previously set forth by the Board of Trustees in their October 1987 Board item with the guidelines required by the recent passage of Illinois Public Act 95-0847.

Alcoholic liquors may be served or sold in buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees for public events related to athletic, cultural, educational, entertainment, social or similar events, conventions, conferences or activities and that are not related to student activities. University administrators shall give consideration to the following factors and principles when making decisions regarding the service or sale of alcoholic liquors on University property:

- i) whether the event is a student activity or student-related activity;
- ii) whether the physical setting of the event is conducive to control of liquor sales and distribution;
- iii) the ability of the event operator to ensure that the sale or serving of alcoholic liquors and the demeanor of the participants are in accordance with State law, University policies and applicable campus regulations and procedures;
- iv) the relative proportion of individuals under the age of 21 to individuals age 21 or older of the anticipated attendees at the event;
- v) the ability of the venue operator to prevent the sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors to individuals under the age of 21;
- vi) whether the event prohibits participants from removing alcoholic beverages from the venue;
- vii) whether the event prohibits participants from providing their own alcoholic liquors to the venue;
- viii) whether the sale or service of alcoholic liquors will be handled by established campus food and beverage service operating units or approved caterers.

Each campus is delegated the authority to prepare and develop campus regulations and procedures controlling the possession, service, sale or consumption of alcoholic liquors on that campus. Campus administrators must specifically incorporate the above-referenced factors and principles into each of the respective campuses’ regulations and

procedures. In addition, campus regulations and procedures must require that any event at which alcoholic liquors are served or sold in buildings under the control of the Board of Trustees shall require the prior written approval of the Office of the Chancellor for the University campus where the event is located. The Office of the Chancellor for each University campus shall keep a record of all such events that are approved pursuant to this Policy for a period of five years and a listing of all such approved events will be forwarded to the Office of the President on a quarterly basis for oversight purposes. Furthermore, it is recommended that each campus Chancellor designate an individual, who shall report directly to the Chancellor, to oversee the administration of the University of Illinois Alcoholic Beverages Management Policy on that campus. Campus regulations and procedures may include additional factors and principles for consideration in the decision making process that are consistent with, but not less stringent than, the factors and principles set forth in this Policy.