



Interfraternity Council

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Phi Beta Epsilon
IFC Judicial Committee Outcome
Wednesday May 6, 2015

At an IFC Judicial Committee hearing on Tuesday April 14, 2015, Phi Beta Epsilon was found responsible for the following policy violations:

IFC Risk Management Policy:

II. Alcohol

- A. Fraternities are responsible for insuring that the possession, sale, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, while on chapter premises or during a fraternity event, any situation sponsored or endorsed by the chapter, or in any event an observer would associate with a fraternity, is in compliance with all MIT, local, state, and federal laws, statutes, and regulations.
- H. When hosting events with alcohol, all fraternities must follow the guidelines for hosting events.

Procedures for Events with Alcohol

II. Admittance

- C. Fraternities are responsible for keeping an accurate list of the name and over/under 21 status of all attendees to a party.
- D. Guests lists must be compiled ahead of time, subject to the rules outlined in the FSILG Social Event Policy.

III. Control of Alcohol

- D. Alcohol should not be served to any individual who does not have a proper wristband, whose hand has been marked as an underage guest, or who is not of the age of 21. In addition, no alcohol should be served to an individual who is visibly intoxicated. Party monitors shall monitor the event for guests distributing alcohol or for underage guests possessing alcohol, and will deal with such guests accordingly.

Phi Beta Epsilon Letter to File (Nov. 14, 2014):

Phi Beta Epsilon has agreed to keep all wet events completely closed for the duration of the 2014-2015 school year. This requires that every guest for an event be on a pre-invited guest list. This list must be emailed to the IFC Risk Manager and the FSILG Office upon registering any wet events. Sign-in sheets should be available upon request by the IFC Risk Manager or FSILG Office to ensure compliance.



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As a result of this finding, the hearing review board determined the following to be appropriate sanctioning taking in regard the specific events of the incident and Phi Beta Epsilon's actions:

- 1) The president and risk manager of Phi Beta Epsilon must give a presentation to the IFC Presidents' Council on the incident and what Phi Beta Epsilon has learned as a result.
 - a. The presentation must touch on the takeaways Phi Beta Epsilon mentioned during the hearing, including (but not limited to):
 - i. Appropriate timelines for officer transitions
 - ii. House management practices during IAP
 - iii. Alumni relations/communication
 - iv. Responsibility for occurrences on chapter property
 - b. This presentation must occur at the IFC Presidents' Council meeting on Thursday May 7, 2015.

In its ruling, the review board sought to emphasize that an event that occurs on chapter property, even if not officially sanctioned by the chapter, can technically be said to have been hosted by the chapter and is therefore subject to Institute policy. The sanctions applied are intended to spread awareness of this fact to the community at large, since a number of chapters have similarly faced the consequences of "unofficial" events held on chapter premises.

Respectfully,

Jack Spira
Judicial Committee Chairman
MIT Interfraternity Council