

4. Campus departments and sponsored campus/community groups may serve alcoholic beverages under the condition that at least one faculty or staff person shall supervise the event to ensure compliance with state and local laws and the college's alcohol guidelines.
5. The United Students' Government shall forward approved major student events where alcohol will be sold to the director of student life for alcohol eligibility. The dean of students may provide guidance for reviewing the qualifications of potential alcohol vendors.
6. Whenever alcoholic beverages are served, non-alcoholic beverages and food shall also be made available.
7. Alcoholic beverages may be served only in conjunction with the program. They shall not be used as the main attraction of the event.
8. **Students who unlawfully use, possess, manufacture, or distribute alcohol will be subject to the college's due process disciplinary procedures as published in the Student Handbook and distributed once a year in the Record. Penalties may include probation, suspension, expulsion, and referral for criminal prosecution.**
9. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act provides a penalty of \$50 per offense for any person under the age of 21 who is in possession of an alcoholic beverage with the intent to consume it. A person under the age of 21 who presents falsified or fraudulently altered proof of age for the purpose of purchasing, or attempting to purchase, alcoholic beverages is guilty of a violation of the act and is subject to a one year probationary period and fine. A person who uses a falsified driver's license for the purpose of purchasing, or attempting to purchase, alcoholic beverages may have his or her driver's license suspended.

Specific questions and comments regarding campus regulations and alcohol-related events should be addressed to the dean of students.

## 6. \_\_\_\_\_ **BIAS CRIME PREVENTION**

**Hate Crimes and the Law.** The Office of University Police at Buffalo State College is mandated to protect all members of the campus community by preventing and prosecuting bias or hate crimes that occur within the campus's jurisdiction.

Hate crimes, also called bias crimes or bias-related crimes, are criminal activity motivated by the perpetrator's bias or attitude against an individual victim or group based on perceived or actual personal characteristics, such as their race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. Hate/bias crimes have received renewed attention in recent years, particularly since the passage of the federal Hate/Bias Crime Reporting Act of 1990 and the New York State Hate Crimes Act of 2000 (Penal Law Article 485). Copies of the New York law are available from the Office of University Police, Chase Hall.

Penalties for bias-related crimes are very serious and range from fines to imprisonment for lengthy periods, depending on the nature of the underlying criminal offense, the use of violence or previous convictions of the offender. Perpetrators who are students will also be subject to campus disciplinary procedures where sanctions including dismissal are possible.

In addition to preventing and prosecuting hate/bias crimes, the Office of University Police at Buffalo State College also assists in addressing bias-related activities that do not rise to the level of a crime. These activities, referred to as bias incidents and defined by the University as acts of bigotry, harassment, or intimidation directed at a member or group within the Buffalo State community based on national origin, ethnicity, race, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, color, creed, or marital status, may be addressed through the College's Complaint Procedure for Review of Allegations of Unlawful Discrimination/Harassment or the *Code of Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities for Students*. Bias incidents can be reported to University Police, Chase Hall, as well as to the Office of Equity and Campus Diversity, Cleveland Hall, room 415.

If you are a victim of, or witness to, a hate/bias crime on campus, report it to University Police by calling 878-6333 or by stopping by the Office of University Police in Chase Hall. University Police will investigate and follow the appropriate adjudication procedures.

Victims of bias crime or bias incidents can avail themselves of appropriate counseling and support services by contacting the Office of Equity and Campus Diversity, Cleveland Hall, room 415, telephone 878-6210 and/or the College Counseling Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Weigel Health Center, telephone 878-4436.

For general information on security procedures at Buffalo State College, refer to the *Code of Rights, Freedoms and Responsibilities for Students* in the Student Handbook, or visit the website for the Office of University Police at <http://www.buffalostate.edu/offices/police/services/>.

More information about bias-related and bias crimes, including up-to-date statistics on bias crimes, is available from the Office of University Police in Chase Hall. All bias crimes are reported to the Department of Criminal Justice in Albany, New York on a monthly basis.

## 7. --- **CAMPUS SAFETY FORUM**

The Campus Safety Forum is the College's advisory committee on campus security. The Safety Forum consists of a minimum of six members, at least half of whom shall be female; one-third of the committee shall be appointed from a list of students that contains at least twice the number to be appointed which is provided by the United Students' Government, one-third thereof shall be appointed from a list of faculty members that contains twice the number to be appointed which is provided by the