

POLICY - ALCOHOL AND DRUGS



Consensus

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Background and purpose

The purpose of this policy is to account for Consensus' internal guidelines and stances on alcohol and other drugs in regard to student welfare. Consensus represents all students at the Medical Faculty and can therefore be regarded as a role model for organized groups, sections and students which Consensus encompasses. The use of alcohol and other drugs during the reception period is regulated through the common reception policy.

Drugs are defined in this policy as highly psychoactive substances, both scheduled and unscheduled, legal and illegal, with the exception of prescribed medication.

Alcohol is defined in this policy as any alcoholic beverage with a volume percentage above 2,25.

Consensus' basic views

Consensus will always work towards improving our student's health and opportunities within and outside of their studies. This work includes working towards an enriched and varied campus life, including a healthy alcohol culture. Alcohol shall therefore not be the main focus of student life.

Consensus fully rejects and has a zero-tolerance policy towards the usage of drugs. Consensus is in continuous cooperation with parties at all student houses and strives for a unified vision regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. Consensus works actively together with other parties in this regard, such as the Student Health Care Centre and the police, as well as the municipal councils of Linköping and Norrköping, to spread awareness about the effects of alcohol and drugs.

Consensus' events

Consensus maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards the use of drugs at events Consensus has organized. The use or sale of drugs and other related activities shall have appropriate consequences.

Consensus may budget for the serving of alcohol at specific events, including those organized through Pub Örat as well as planned events organized by Consensus for which tickets will be sold. Serving of alcohol is permitted during events hosted by Consensus but may not be the event's primary purpose. Alcohol-free alternatives should always be present and be of equal quality to the alcoholic options.

Alcohol-free drinks shall be presented at the top of the drinks list. The number of alcohol-free beverages in the available assortment may not be fewer than two, not including water, and water shall be served free of charge. Simple meal options should also be made available for purchase in conjunction with the sale of alcohol.



Each event which includes the sale of alcohol shall have a theme and any marketing for said event shall place sense of community, food or planned activities in focus as opposed to the drinks being served.

Pub Örat is a business run subordinate to Consensus, with the implication being that each event organized by Pub Örat counts as a Consensus event and so must follow the guidelines outlined in this policy document.

Representation

An elected representative within Consensus represents both the organization as well as all its members, which comes with the responsibility of setting a suitable precedent and maintaining the union's reputation. The consumption of alcohol shall always be exercised with sound judgement and common sense, and the representative shall never become so intoxicated that they lose their composure. If the representative is not capable of restraint of this kind, then the matter will be handled internally.

This policy document refers to those events where representatives of the union are expected to participate in their capacity as representatives of Consensus and not as private individuals. Such events are often, but not always, held outside normal business hours. When representing the union, choice of menu items and drinks shall be made with sound judgement and with appropriate regard to the situation and event. Consensus will not pay for alcoholic beverages in representative situations.

Consensus should avoid accepting gifts consisting of or relating to alcoholic beverages and should also not give gifts to other parties consisting of or including alcoholic beverages.

