University Sanctions

The University of Wisconsin System and University of Wisconsin Colleges prohibit the unlawful possession, use, distribution, manufacture or dispensing of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on university property or as part of university activities.

Wis. Adm. Code UWS 18.09, Alcohol and drug prohibitions: The use or possession of alcohol beverages is prohibited on all university premises, except in faculty and staff housing and as permitted by the chief administrative officer, subject to statutory age restrictions. The chief administrative officer may generally permit the use or possession of alcohol beverages by promulgating institutional regulations in consultation with appropriate staff and students, or in specific instances by written permission but without exception, alcohol consumption and procurement are governed by Wisconsin statutory age restrictions, all as set forth in UWS 18.09(1)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.

In accordance with UWS 18.09(2)(a), Wis. Adm. Code, no person may use or possess, with the primary intent to use, drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance or controlled substance analog on university property, in violation of Chapter 961, Wis. Stats.

Violation of these provisions by a student may lead to the imposition of a disciplinary sanction, up to and including suspension or expulsion, under UWS 17.10, Wis. Adm. Code. University employees are also subject to disciplinary sanctions for violation of these provisions occurring on university property, the worksite or during work time, up to and including termination from employment. Disciplinary sanctions are initiated and imposed in accordance with applicable procedural requirements and work rules, as set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes, administrative rules, faculty and academic staff policies, and collective bargaining agreements. Referral for prosecution under criminal law is also possible. Employees who are convicted of any criminal drug statute violation occurring in the workplace must notify their dean, director or department chair within 5 days of the conviction if the employees are employed by the university at the time of the conviction. Further, violations may result in the following additional penalties.

Wis. Adm. Code UWS 18.13, Penalties: Unless otherwise specified, the penalty for violating any of the rules in ss. UWS 18.06 to 18.12 shall be a forfeiture of not more than $500, as provided in s. 36.11(1)(c), Stats.

Wis. Adm. Code UWS 18.15, Additional statutory penalty provisions regulating conduct on university lands.

(1) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. The use or possession of controlled substances as defined in s. 961.01 (4), Stats., is prohibited on all university property with the specific exemptions set forth in ch. 961, Stats., and as permitted under s. 961.34, Stats. The penalty provisions of ch. 961, Stats., and chs. UWS 17 and 18 may apply to violations occurring on university lands.

(2) STUDENT CONVICTED OF DANGEROUS AND OBSTRUCTIVE CRIME. Section 36.35(3), Stats., provides: "Any person who is convicted of any crime involving danger to property or persons as a result of conduct by him which obstructs or seriously impairs activities run or authorized by an institution and who, as a result of such conduct, is in a state of suspension or expulsion from the institution, and who enters property of that institution without permission of the chancellor of the institution or the chancellor's designee within 2 years, may for each such offense be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both."

Federal Sanctions

See charts at pages 62 and 63.