



Memo:

1/28/16

From the Desk of the Vice President of the Student Government Association of the University of North Texas.

Attached to this memo is a copy of legislation that was passed last night in our Student Senate meeting. This was voted on and passed by 19 votes for and 5 votes against. If there are further concerns or questions please contact the Student Government Association office.

Thank you,

-Christopher Lee

Vice President of The Student Government Association

Speaker of the Senate.



Union Internal Operations-R1-S2016

WHEREAS, the alcohol policy at the University of North Texas (10.14) does not include a provision for the University Union to serve alcohol year round¹

WHEREAS, in conversations with constituents, the vast majority of students have had a positive or ambivalent attitude toward the sale of alcohol in the University Union²

WHEREAS, statistics and research at other universities shows the trend of little to no long term rise in alcohol related incidents³,

WHEREAS, the old bar in the union (Rock Bottom Lounge) is not known to have caused any alcohol related incidents⁴

WHEREAS, in 1977 the Board of Regents approved the sale of beer and wine for the Rock Bottom Lounge 6-2 after lobbying from the Student Association (now known as SGA)^{5,6}

WHEREAS, as of Fall 2014 the average age of a student at the University of North Texas is 24⁷

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, beer and/or wine sales be allowed in the new University of North Texas Union

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, all beer and/or wine sales to begin no earlier than 3pm Monday through Thursday and no earlier than Noon Friday through Sunday⁸.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, all beer and/or wine sales end at 11:30pm and consumption of beer and/or wine to end at midnight⁸

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, anyone who handles beer and/or wine have an updated TABC membership,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Board of Regents, President of the University, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Union Board of Directors and Director of the Union.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Aaron Lara

College of Arts and Sciences

Senator Mercedes Mercado

College of Education

Senator Randall Hall

College of Arts and Sciences

Senator Megan Leonard

College of Education

Senator Macarena Astorga

College of Visual Arts and Design

Senator Austin Bourdeau

Mayborn School of Journalism

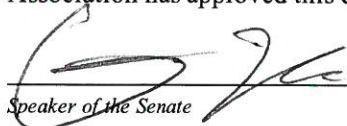
Senator Owen Saenz

College of Arts and Sciences

Senator Mia Muric

College of Arts and Sciences

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.



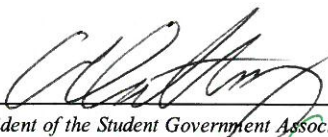
Speaker of the Senate

1/28/16

Date

Presidential Action:

- Vetoed
 Approved



President of the Student Government Association

1/28/16

Date



Vice President of Student Affairs

2.1.16

Date

1. https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/untpolicy/10.14_Use%20of%20Alcoholic%20Beverages.pdf
2. http://ntdaily.com/please-new-union-dont-kill-my-vibe/?fb_comment_id=646042185487614_670388463052986
3. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2895497/>
4. Many professors and students cannot remember any incidents on campus; also, we could not find any incidents scanning police records and the Clery Act. I talked to The Dean of Students, the Assistant Dean of Students, and we found nothing
5. Poyner, Jim. "Agenda Lacks Proposal." The North Texas Daily [Denton] 21 Oct. 1976, 1st ed. Print.

PAGE 2 - THE NORTH TEXAS DAILY Thursday, October 21, 1976

An Editorial

Agenda Lacks Proposal

The Board of Regents meets this morning at 9:30, and one item that is missing from the agenda is the proposal to allow the sale of beer and wine on the University campus.

The issue was put before the regents this past summer and was defeated by a 5-3 vote. Regents Hugh Wells and Carroll Sullivan led the anti-alcohol faction.

Wells based his case on the reasoning that alcohol is the forerunner to drug addiction and it frustrated this by recounting a story of a TCU student he knew who began drinking beer and ended up as an alcoholic and drug addict. He applied to this analogy that he has very little faith in the ability of North Texas students to face the use of alcoholic beverages with maturity.

Wells labeled the proposal "the whistle of a fire who have more freedom now than they can handle." He is mistaken.

The results of the Student Government Association's referendum vote in September revealed that 82 per cent of the 2,471 students who voted approved of the measure. Hardly the whim of a few.

Further refusal on the part of the board to adopt the proposal actually undermines one of the university's purposes - to prepare students to cope with the outside world.

Although Regents Wells and Sullivan may consider the use of alcohol a social ill, the fact is that the every alcoholic there are students who know how to control their drinking.

In short, by not allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on campus, drinkers are being subjected to the social stigma of the state. Nondrinkers are vented as well by being denied the opportunity to adapt to an early age to a social phenomenon they will have to face anyway. Drinkers and non-drinkers alike could develop more informed, mature attitudes about alcohol if it were served in the quiet atmosphere of the Union.

Regent William Jester Jr., who supported the proposal earlier, said, "I don't see any reason to leave alcohol out of the Union, which can provide a controlled, responsible atmosphere, where drinking would otherwise be restricted only to the barroom. I think the students are mature enough to handle beer and wine being served to them as part of the process of education."

The Board of Regents can begin the process of its review by judging the proposal on the next meeting's agenda. Then, by passing the measure, the board will be exposing students to part of their education instead of subjecting them to "the whim of a few."

-JIM POYNER

Trip Reveals Life Behind Iron Curtain

By JO HUNGHER, Daily Reporter

A report on communist youth camps encounters surprising political news and hardships encountered. Assistant life, Dr. Mariana Oost, of the Foreign Language Faculty, discussed on a trip to Eastern Europe and Russia last summer.

Dr. Oost found the Free Europe countries with friends, and got a totally different story. Quite the opposite, she said.

From Back the group flew to Yugoslavia, which used to be called Yugoslavia. They got quite a surprise when propaganda there, according to Dr. Oost, since the time of Yugoslavia, which started the whole era was one of the greatest battles of World War II, she said.

Will They Survive?

6. Rogers, James L. *The Story of North Texas: From Texas Normal College, 1890, to the University of North Texas System*, 2001. Denton, TX: U of North Texas, 2002. Print.

Alcohol on Campus?

For most of the twentieth century, Denton was known as a “Dry City,” forbidding the sale of alcohol. State law permitted such sale, however, to members of licensed private clubs. A number of such businesses appeared on the traditional “Corner” of the campus at Hickory and Fry Streets.¹¹ Nevertheless, students sought the sale of beer and wine in the University Union. There was some administrative resistance to this and considerable opposition from the Board of Regents. After much discussion and legal investigation, the board on January 14, 1977, approved, 6–2, seeking a license for the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption in the Rock Bottom Lounge of the union. Sale was to begin at 5:00 P.M. on weekdays and 1:00 P.M. on Saturdays.

7. UNT 2014-2015 Fact Book, Page 17.
 - a. (<https://institutionalresearch.unt.edu/sites/default/files/FactBook-2014-2015.pdf>)
8. <http://alcalc.oxfordjournals.org/content/44/5/500.short>

This is just the data used in the resolution. There are plenty more, these narrowed it down significantly.