



# Interfraternity Council

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**Outcome Letter**  
*October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

**From:** Tobe Obochi, IFC Judicial Committee Chair

**To:** Garrett Whitmore, Theta Tau President

**CC:** Anthony Dominguez, Assistant Dean, FSILGs

James Reed, Assistant Dean, Student Conduct and Community Standards

Liz Jason, Associate Dean, FSILGs

Tessa McLain, Assistant Dean, Student Conduct and Community Standards

Dear Garrett,

This letter is to notify you of the resolution of a report I received from MIT Police regarding an incident that occurred on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The report stated that an officer was dispatched to Theta Tau in response to an intoxicated female. The report stated that the student required a medical transport, was under the age of 21, and had been drinking hard alcohol. Additionally, the report stated that there were large groups of college age individuals present at the chapter house. The FSILG Office confirmed with me that Theta Tau did not have an event registered for the night of October 14<sup>th</sup>. Based on this information, Theta Tau may have violated the following policies:

*MIT Mind and Hand Book*

## **II (2) (A). Alcohol Policy**

MIT prohibits any persons under the age of 21 from possessing or consuming alcohol. Additionally, MIT prohibits persons from providing, serving, or selling alcohol to any person, except as expressly allowed in Institute policy 9.11.2. Small social gatherings (usually considered to be 25 guests or fewer) at which alcohol is served to individuals over the age of 21 are not considered a violation of this policy.

*FSILG Social Events Policy*

## **Event Registration Protocol – All FSILGs**

### Registration Timeline

Events that do not require a paid security detail and/or municipal approval, as further defined below, shall be registered by 11:59pm on the Wednesday immediately preceding the date on which the event is scheduled to occur. Same-day registrations are not permitted.

## **Management Requirements for Social Events with Alcohol**

### Guest Management

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Open parties, meaning those with significantly unrestricted access by nonmembers of a fraternity without specific invitation where alcoholic beverages are present, are prohibited.

1. Events with alcohol must have guestlists.
2. All guests must provide photo identification with proof of age and sign the guest list prior to entering the event (see Proof of Age below).
3. No lines or crowds of individuals are permitted outside of the door.

## Alcohol

The service of hard liquor is prohibited at all FSILG social events.

## Proof of Age

Proof of age must be checked at all entrances to an event at all times. Only government-issued ID's may be used to verify proof of age. Those attendees that are 21 years of age or older must wear a wristband at all times.

## *IFC Risk Management Policy*

### **VIII. Event Registration**

All events must be registered with the IFC according to the rules outlined in the FSILG Social Event Policy. As of this writing, the Social Policy requires that events must be registered by 11:59 pm on the Wednesday before the event is scheduled to take place (events on Wednesday must be registered by 11:59 pm on the preceding Wednesday). The Social Policy's requirements shall supersede the requirements listed here.

### **Procedures for Events with Alcohol**

#### II. Admittance

- A. Each entrance and exit to an event must be monitored by at least one non-consuming individual.
- C. Fraternities are responsible for keeping an accurate list of the name and over/under 21 status of all attendees to a party.
- E. Those guests who are of legal age and who wish to drink must show proof of age, and then be fitted with a wristband.
- F. Those that do not show proof of age to drink must have a non-washable mark placed on the same hand that would otherwise have a wristband applied.
- G. All events must be limited to the safe capacity of the event location as described in the FSILG Social Event Policy. An accurate account must be kept as to the number of guests currently in an event; the IFC Risk

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Manager will provide capacity “clickers” upon request. An accurate count of the number of individuals inside the chapter's house must be presented to IFC Risk Management Consultants his/her inspection

### 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.

After reviewing the police report and your response, I have decided to resolve this case administratively. Based on the information provided, I find Theta Tau not responsible for any policy violations.

The FSILG Office and I have confirmed that the medical transport in this report was covered under the Good Samaritan Amnesty Policy, as it was called by a member of your chapter, so all potential policy violations previously listed are not applicable.

While Theta Tau was found not responsible for any policy violations, I strongly encourage your chapter to make sure you are being responsible with alcohol and guest management at all social events in the future, as well as ensuring your chapter follows all registration policies for social events, with or without alcohol. The FSILG Office has informed me that you had a meeting with Anthony Dominguez to discuss event registration, and how you can prevent incidents like this from happening again.

Sincerely,

**Tobe Obochi**

Judicial Committee Chair, MIT Interfraternity Council