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Outcome Letter
April 12th, 2021

From: Kameron Dawson, IFC Judicial Committee Chair

To: John Poliniak, Zeta Psi President

CC: Liz Jason, Associate Dean and Director, FSILGs

James Reed, Assistant Dean, Student Conduct and Community Standards

Dear John Poliniak,

This letter is to notify you of the resolution of a report I received from MIT Police regarding an incident that occurred on February 12th, 2022. The report stated that an officer responded to reports of an intoxicated student at Zeta Psi and upon arrival the officer was advised that the student came from the party at Zeta Psi. The FSILG Office confirmed that the event was registered as a dry event. The report stated that the student required a medical transport and was under the age of 21. Based on this information, Zeta Psi may have violated these 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

Management Requirements for Social Events with Alcohol

Guest Management

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.

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

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attendees that are 21 years of age or older must wear a wristband at all times.

IFC Risk Management Policy

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 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.

Finding

After reviewing all information available at the time of the hearing, the IFC Judicial Committee has found Zeta Psi not responsible for violating any of the policies. The Panel made this decision because the event was a registered dry party and there was no indication in the police report that the student drank alcohol at the party, so there was not enough evidence to suggest alcohol was served at the party and that the intoxicated student was served at the party.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this outcome or the overall process.

Sincerely,

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Judicial Committee Chair, MIT Interfraternity Council

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