A Bill
To Create an Ad Hoc Alcohol Policy Review Committee

Whereas, the use and abuse of alcohol at Bates College is an issue that affects all students; and

Whereas, it is important to have student input on the creation and enforcement of alcohol policy on this campus; and

Whereas, up to this point students have not been directly consulted regarding changes in the enforcement of the school alcohol policy following the events of the 80's dance on September 16, 2006; and

Whereas, the student body has expressed a desire to become more involved in the alcohol policy of this school; now therefore be it

Enacted,

Section 1: Goals of the Committee
A) That the Bates College Student Government creates an ad hoc Alcohol Policy Review Committee (APC).
B) The goal of this committee will be to seek out diverse viewpoints from the student body on the current enforcement of the Bates College alcohol policy and create recommendations for future policies, to be brought before the RA no later than February 16, 2007.
C) The APC will be charged only to research policy options regarding the newly reinforced hard alcohol policy, specifically that of giving strikes to students that are in the same room as hard alcohol regardless of whether they are consuming it or not.

Section 2: Creation of the Committee
A) The Committee on Committees will seat the APC within 10 days of passage of this bill.
B) The APC will consist of ten (10) members, to be chosen from the student body at large through an application process determined by the CoC.
C) Once the CoC has sat the committee, the RA will approve the slate of members with a simple majority vote.
D) Once the committee has been approved, the members of the committee will determine the chair by a plurality vote at the first meeting. A member of the CoC will act as interim chair until the chair is elected.

Section 3: Criteria for Selection of the Committee
A) Ability to serve as needed on the APC for the remainder of the 2006-2007 academic year.
B) Ability to communicate effectively with students, faculty, and staff.
C) The CoC will attempt to select members of the APC with diverse viewpoints and backgrounds regarding the alcohol policy at Bates College.

Section 4: Role of the committee
The committee will be responsible for publicizing their mission and obtaining student input on the issue of alcohol policy at Bates. Following that, the APC will be required to present
recommendations to the RA on the alcohol policy that they believe best represents the views and interests of students at Bates College.

Respectfully submitted,

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Monday, October 30, 2006:
Originally proposed.
Section 1.B amended to change the deadline from “the end of the Winter Semester 2007”.
Section 2.D amended to make a member of the CoC interim chair until the chair is elected.
Passed as amended.