

Resolution Regarding the Establishment of a Task Force to Review Carleton College's Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

WHEREAS, 240 colleges and universities and 11 states have adopted policies that embrace the concept of medical amnesty,

WHEREAS, Carleton College's Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy does not align with the alcohol and other drugs policies adopted by many of Carleton's peer institutions,

WHEREAS, many studies have shown that students are more likely to call for help in dangerous and life-threatening situations at colleges and universities where medical amnesty policies are in place and/or where open dialogue about alcohol and other drug use is facilitated,

WHEREAS, a more comprehensive drug and alcohol policy would better align with Carleton's historic emphasis on student safety and awareness,

- I. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carleton Student Association here assembled, and the signatories of this resolution who represent a diverse set of students, urge the Dean of Students Office, the Committee on Student Life, the College Council, and any other relevant administrative bodies of Carleton College to adopt a revised Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, under the Health and Safety section of the Campus Handbook,
- II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Carleton Student Association encourages the formation of a Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy Task Force—henceforth referred to as the “Task Force”—to review and modify Carleton's current Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy,
- III. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chair of the Task Force be appointed by the Dean of Students Office within two weeks of receiving this resolution,
- IV. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force be comprised of students, staff and faculty of diverse opinions and perspectives,
- V. FURTHER RESOLVED, that students be appointed by the Carleton Student Association Senate following an open application process,
- VI. FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff and faculty be appointed by the Dean of Students Office in consultation with the heads of the Divisions of Student Life following an open application process,
- VII. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force focus on amending Section III. Sanctions and Responsive Action of Carleton's current Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy to reflect the explicit mission and historic priorities of Carleton College, and to emphasize the importance of student safety, especially in cases where alcohol and other drugs have caused a medical emergency and outside assistance is required,
- VIII. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force consider adopting a system in which Carleton's responses to various violations of its Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy are clearly stated and easily understood by students,
- IX. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force collaborate with the Student Health and Counseling Center, Student Wellness Advocates, and Residential Life to revise *The Buzz*, Carleton's first-year orientation presentation centering on the safe consumption of alcohol and care for Carleton students in need, in order to reflect revisions made to the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy by the Task Force,
- X. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force present the revised Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy to the College Council by the end of Winter Term 2014–15,
- XI. FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dean of Students Office communicate the changes made to the Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy to the Carleton community upon the new policy's adoption by the College Council.

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Approved by the Carleton Student Association Senate on October 20, 2014