Memo

Alcohol policy AUC (revised)

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By Management Team AUC

In the Dutch National Prevention Agreement the government states that it aims to reduce problematic alcohol consumption across society. Excessive alcohol consumption is particularly harmful for young people, and it affects the well-being of students and their study performance.
UNL, Universiteiten van Nederland (formerly called VSNU), has a facilitating role in the development of alcohol policies at the 14 Dutch Universities. UNL has made agreements with the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) aimed at ensuring that all universities have an alcohol policy.
Since AUC's operations are arranged via the UvA, AUC follows the general line of UvA's alcohol policy, which focuses on fostering a new social standard in which alcohol consumption is not automatically the norm. AUC supports the idea of making alcohol consumption less of a given in an academic environment, and to this end AUC has adopted the additional following policy:

1. In general, alcohol consumption will not be promoted at any AUC event. A wide and appealing range of non-alcoholic beverages will be made available whenever drinks are organised for an AUC event, whether organised in the AUC Academic Building or at an external location.
2. a. Only non-alcoholic beverages can be served at events if they take place in the AUC Academic Building.
   b. AUC (staff) organised events by default take place in the Academic Building with the possible exceptions of AUC's graduation ceremony, farewell parties, and team outings
   c. Exceptions to this can only be authorised by the Dean.