

University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate
Resolution 2012:3
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A resolution supporting changes to the Babcock Hall alcohol policy

WHEREAS, Babcock Hall is a non-Res-life Housing building that is advertised as unique housing for graduate students, non-traditional students, international students over the age of 21, and upper level undergraduate students over the age of 21, and

WHEREAS, prior to the 2009-2010 academic year Babcock residents were permitted to consume alcoholic beverages in common areas of the hall with a limit on one container per person at a time, (source: Babcock newsletter from 2007 and 2009), and

WHEREAS, Babcock Hall is staffed with a Hall Director and three Community Assistants who are (and should be) capable of maintaining hall-appropriate conduct from residents,

WHEREAS, the recent Superbowl-related cautions from UNH Housing's Michael Saputo illustrate the benefit of allowing residents to gather in common areas by reducing incentives to gather downtown during periods of heightened security,

WHEREAS, UNH Housing advertises Babcock as catering to an older student demographic, and it is unnecessarily restrictive to maintain policies designed for younger students,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Senate strongly advises Housing to consider changing the alcohol policy for Babcock Hall, or those portions of Babcock Hall that remain 21+ living areas, to reflect the unique characteristics of Babcock Hall as a non-Res-life, 21+ building, advertised to attract graduate, non-traditional, and older students.