

## Medical Marijuana Policy

Questions about this policy may be directed to the Dean of Students Office, 395-7800

Medical marijuana which is prescribed for healing purposes is prohibited at Hope College even though there may be state laws which permit its use.

Background: Hope College received federal funding through Title IV in the form of student financial aid (grants, loans, and work-study programs) and through federal research grants. As a condition of accepting this money, Hope College is required to certify that it complies with the Drug-Free Schools, and Communities Act (DFSCA) (20 U.S.C. 1145g part 86 of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Regulations). The federal government regulates drugs through the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) (21 U.S.C. A 811) which does not recognize the difference between medical recreational use of marijuana. Thus to comply with the Federal Drug Free School and Communities Act and avoid losing federal funding, Hope College must prohibit all marijuana use, including medical marijuana, and provide sanctions for its use.

## Loss of Student Eligibility for Federal Aid due to Drug Conviction

Questions about this policy may be directed to the Office of Financial Aid, 395-7765

The Higher Education Amendments of 1998 include a student eligibility provision related to drug offenses. A student is ineligible for federal student aid if convicted, under federal or state law, of any offense involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance during a period of enrollment in which federal student aid was received. Federal aid can be grants, student loans, and/or college work study. The period of ineligibility begins on the date of conviction and lasts until the end of a statutorily specified period. The student may regain eligibility early by completing a drug rehabilitation program or if the conviction is overturned.

Section 484, Higher Education Act of 1965, detailing the suspension of eligibility for drug-related offenses and rehabilitation, follows:

Suspension of Eligibility for Drug-Related Offenses.

1. In general. - A student who has been convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under this title during the period beginning on the date of such conviction and ending after the interval specified in the following table:

### **If convicted of an offense involving:**

The possession of a controlled substance:

Ineligibility period is:	First offense	1 year
	Second offense	2 years
	Third offense	Indefinite

The sale of a controlled substance:

Ineligibility period is:	First offense	2 years
	Second offense	Indefinite

2. Rehabilitation. - A student whose eligibility has been suspended under paragraph (1) may resume eligibility before the end of the ineligibility period determined under such paragraph if -
  - a. the student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that -
    - i. complies with such criteria as the Secretary shall prescribe in regulations for purposes of this paragraph; and
    - ii. includes two unannounced drug tests; or
  - b. the conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered nugatory.
3. Definitions. - In this subsection, the term “controlled substance” has the meaning given the term in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.802(6)).

\* This subsection was added by section 483(f) of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (H.R. 6).

## **Food Service and Board Policies**

Questions about this policy may be directed to Bob VanHeukelom, Director of Dining Services, 395-7930

Students living in residential halls are required to have a minimum of a 10 meal plan with the College Food Service. The 21 meal plan is the best value and recommended for all new students. Students living in off-campus residences or in College operated apartments and cottages often choose to have a meal plan, but it is not required. An enhanced meal plan is available for these students called the 7+ meal plan. It provides 7 meals per week (meals may be used in Phelps Dining Hall, the Cook Servery, and the Kletz snack bar) plus one snack and one beverage per day at many loctions on campus. Eating in Cook Hall is generally reserved for students living in Cook Hall, cottages, apartments, off-campus or those with special permission. Use of the meal plan in the Kletz is limited to residents of the cottages, apartments, those who reside off-campus, or live in residential halls and have earned 70 or more credits.

Returning students may change their meal plan only during the first week of class of fall and springs semester. First year students may change their meal plan only durng the first two weeks of fall semester and the first week of spring semester. If a student wishes to cancel a meal plan or change the number of meals other than during the designated periods, he/she may pick up an appeal form in the Dining Services Office in Phelps Hall. This appeal will be reviewed by the Director of Dining Services and the Dean of Students.

It is wise to think about which meal plan is best for you and make the selection that best meets your needs before the semester begins or during the above change period. A healthy body is important to developing a healthy mind!