

AOD BIENNIAL REVIEW ANNUAL SUMMARY

THE AOD BIENNIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE EVALUATED THE INFORMATION IN THE 2020-2022 AOD BIENNIAL REVIEW AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRESS OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. THIS SUMMARY WILL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE THE UNG COMMUNITY WITH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

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RECOMMENDATION 1

To strengthen comparative data that assesses the whole student body to better track trends, set learning outcomes, and guide programming decisions, the review committee recommends UNG adopt the National College Health Assessment as a measurement tool to assess alcohol and drug trends.

UNG has launched a new [Live Well UNG](#) Initiative that focuses on helping the campus community achieve optimal well-being. One of the goals of this initiative is to “through collaborative efforts with internal and external partners, complete a University Needs Assessment to capture the well-being needs and priorities of UNG students and employees.” This assessment will review several comparative data sets, including the National College Health Assessment.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Create an AOD Annual Notification document for students and employees that includes: drug and alcohol programming (substance use services, prevention, education and support), health risk associated with drug and alcohol misuse, alcohol and other drug policies, student and employee sanctions regarding drug and alcohol use, and federal and state sanctions.

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RECOMMENDATION 3

Create procedures for AOD Annual Notification for students and employees to be administered by the VP Student Affairs.

UNG has included procedures for distribution of the AOD Annual Notification within its AOD Biennial Review Procedures. The procedures call for distribution of the AOD Annual Notification, to students and employees after roll verification each semester.

RECOMMENDATION 4

To complete a University Needs Assessment to capture the wellbeing needs and priorities of UNG students. This will provide the priorities for addressing alcohol and drug use with educational programming. Once priorities are established the committee recommends that a list of University accepted learning outcomes and appropriate assessment strategies be established.

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RECOMMENDATION 5

To increase the clarity of the University’s position on alcohol and other drugs and expectations of students, faculty, staff and visitors the University Alcohol Policy should be adopted as an official policy in the policy database.

UNG has adopted a new Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy to provide guidance to the University Community and ensure compliance with federal and state laws and the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG) policies and procedures. This policy applies to the entire University Community.

RECOMMENDATION 6

To increase access to AOD resources the committee recommends that the University create a centralized digital platform and provide interactive tools that connect students with real-time resources.

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If you have any questions about this summary or would like to be a part of the Live Well UNG Initiative that address well-being needs of the UNG Community, please reach out at livewell@ung.edu.