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This is regarding Koerner's Pub in the Graduate Student Centre. As you know, the University owns the Liquor License and permits the GSS to operate it as a Liquor Primary establishment.

In April 2008, the BC Liquor Inspector for Vancouver West held a compliance meeting with the GSS President, Koerner's Pub Manager, UBC Legal Counsel and a representative from the Office of the Vice President Students to discuss a violation ticket issued to an underage patron. At that time the GSS assured the University and the Liquor Inspector that corrective action would be taken to improve ID checks. The Liquor Inspector imposed no fine or penalties and provided the GSS and Pub Manager with copies of the booklet entitled Liquor-Primary Licence, Terms and Conditions, dated June 2007.

Following an incident in September 2009 when the RCMP issued a violation ticket to an underage patron in the Pub, the GSS assured the University that they were able to operate the Pub in a safe and lawful manner. The RCMP, Liquor Inspector and University staff met with representatives from the GSS and Pub staff to discuss how the Pub operation could be improved. The University advised that it would consider suspending the Pub license if there were future violations. The Liquor Inspector imposed no fine or penalties but noted the GSS and Pub staff needed to take this matter very seriously.

The RCMP and Campus Security have advised of two incidents that again raise questions about the Pub operation:

1. On March 11 we were advised that on March 6, 2010, an intoxicated student fell from a roof overhang at the GSC and was taken to hospital with multiple injuries that required surgery. Her four companions informed RCMP they had been drinking in the Pub. Four of the five are underage including the victim. Two interfered with RCMP attending to the victim, became belligerent with the RCMP and were arrested for public drunkenness.
2. On March 15 we were advised that on March 12, 2010, during a routine identification check in the Pub, RCMP arrested an intoxicated patron who yelled at RCMP members, became

belligerent and interfered with the ID check of other customers. The patron was arrested for public drunkenness. A Pub bartender confirmed he served the patron several drinks. The RCMP advises this was an admission of over-serving a patron.

The RCMP has advised the Liquor Inspector regarding both these incidents and we are awaiting her response.

Given underage patrons continue to be served in the Pub and the serious consequences of over-serving to underage, and of age, patrons, the University is no longer confident the GSS can operate the Pub in a manner that observes liquor laws and promotes responsible drinking. We are, therefore, no longer prepared to allow the GSS to serve alcohol in Koerner's Pub under the authority of the University's license until we are satisfied the GSS will manage the Pub in accordance with legal requirements. *This means that alcohol may not be served in Koerner's Pub until further notice, effective immediately.* The University is prepared to work with the GSS to address this issue.

Please contact Anne DeWolfe at anne.dewolfe@ubc.ca if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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