

Policy changes in the new Residence Life Contract

Terms and Conditions, Section V- Official petition process

In the past, there was no formal process for petitioning for exceptions to a provision of the contract. This section allows a resident to petition for a waiver to a provision of the contract states that process by which it will take place.

Terms and Conditions, Section XI- Interim break fees and Cancellation of Contract fees

There is now a \$75/week fee for staying in the residence halls during the breaks. In the past, there was no charge.

In addition, to bring us in line with other OUS institutions and to help with budgeting and planning processes, student will be required to pay \$8 per contract day remaining in the contract if they choose to break their contract by moving off-campus. This only applies if the student does not withdraw from school but simply decides to move off campus.

Housing Procedures, Section III- No more than two strings of lights strung together

This is a standard fire safety provision. Recommendations range from no more than two to no more than three. Given the possible catastrophic results from a residence hall fire, we chose to go with the lower number.

Housing Procedures, Section V- No cinder blocks

This was added due to concerns from maintenance and custodial staff. Cinder blocks are used to create lofted beds or bookshelves. They are very hard on flooring and very often not safe for the types of uses that are found in the residence halls. In addition, they are often left by students requiring a great deal of staff time to remove.

Conduct, Section I(4)- No displays of empty alcohol containers by anyone. Minors may not possess alcohol containers

The first change prohibits students from creating “trophy” walls or “dead soldier” displays. This is primarily for the reason that it is incompatible with the educational purposes of residence hall living. The second change states that there is no real reason for minors to be in possession of empty alcohol containers. The old handbook did not address this specifically.

Conduct, Section V- Dangerous devices section

These changes were made in response to comments from the ASAC in a Fall meeting.