SECTION 5: USE OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES

5-10 STATEMENT ON ROOM PRIVACY

Privacy of the individual is of the utmost concern to the Housing Office and the University; however, entry of a student’s residence (residence hall room(s) or apartment) may at times be necessary.

A. Room Entry - University officials may enter a room under the following conditions:

1. When there is sufficient reason to believe that an emergency situation exists.

2. For routine maintenance and cleaning. Whenever possible, 24 hour notice will be given to the student prior to entry. This notice will be posted on the individual floors or wings in a designated area.

3. To deal with disturbances which are in violation of university regulations, residence hall room/board contract, residence hall calendar handbook policies, RESNET computer services and support agreement, and/or violating the rights of other students within the hall.

4. Materials found during entry as described in this section may be used in any University disciplinary proceeding if said material is found in plain sight or during the course of performing the objectives described in 1, 2, or 3. Materials found beyond the scope of such entry shall constitute a search as defined below and may not be admitted if found in violation of that section. Any unauthorized materials found during an entry may be impounded.

B. Room Search - A student’s residence is considered private and searches of student occupied premises or a student’s personal possessions shall be only as authorized by law. A search of a residence will be guided by the following principles:

1. University officials and/or University Police may search a room upon obtaining a legal warrant. University Police officers will be accompanied by additional University officials when the search is conducted.

2. Law Enforcement may search a room with consent of the student, with or without another university official present. UPD’s practice will be to involve a housing staff member when possible.

3. Searches of University residence hall rooms by non-University law enforcement officials is a matter between the student and the law enforcement officials involved. The University has discretion to use information resulting from such searches.

(For further information on Residence Halls, University Apartments, or Family Housing, contact the Housing Office at 701-777-4251.)

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