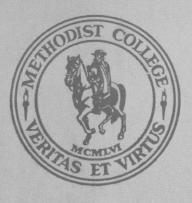


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STUDENT COUNSELORS

There are three Student Counselors for each men's residence hall — one for each floor. They are appointed by the Dean of Students in consultation with the House President and will receive the full support of these two officials. Their purpose is to act as guides and resource persons for dormitory life. As their title implies, they are to be available for any student to turn to for advice on any kind of problem or question.

The Student Counselors have as part of their guidance functions the maintenance of reasonable peace and order. While primarily responsible for their assigned floor, their authority is dormitory-wide in scope. Anyone needing a Student Counselor for an emergency or disturbance who cannot locate the one for his floor should feel no hesitation in calling upon the counselor from another floor. Their authority and position should be respected and all their reasonable requests promptly complied with.

SOME POLICIES OF THE COLLEGE

- The administration of the college believes that participation in the college will be helpful and valuable to the Student Government Association. However, the following matters are reserved to the administration and faculty of the college, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.
 - A. Academic matters
 - B. Operation of infirmary and health of the students
 - C. Dormitory assignments
 - D. Food services on campus
 - E. Organization of student groups on campus
 - F. Control of all college property
 - G. Supervision with student representative on committees, of assembly programs, special events, and speakers.
- The President of the college, the Dean of the college, and the Dean of Students reserve the right to handle special cases of discipline, which in their judgment should be handled by the administration.
- 3. The administration of the college will consider the following possible grounds for separation of the student from the college and reserves the right to review decisions of the student courts involved in such matters:
 - A. Conviction of a crime in court
 - B. Damage to college property that indicates vandalism
 - C. Stealing or abuse of another's property or possessions
 - D. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus
 - E. Cheating in any form in academic matters
 - F. Breach of social probation
 - G. Participation in a riot or unlawful demonstration
 - H. Hazing in any manner
 - I. Giving of false information for excuse
 - J. Tampering with fire alarm equipment on campus
 - K. Failure to follow general rules and regulations of college as printed in publications

- L. The use or possession of drugs outlawed by State and Federal Laws
- M. Interruption or interference with the normal program of the college
- N. Conduct that is derogatory to the college community.

Each student is expected to work for the best interest of Methodist College, to represent the best thinking of the student body, to conform to the regulations of the college, to strive to perpetuate the finest traditions of the college, and to plan intelligently for improvement and adjustment wherever needed.

ALCOHOL

In addition to SGA rules, there is a college policy prohibiting the possession or use of any kind of intoxicating beverages in the residence halls. If you feel you must drink, do it off campus. Violators of this policy will be in serious trouble.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

Use or possession of any drugs considered illegal by State or Federal laws will result in the immediate and permanent dismissal of the student involved from the college. Please note that this policy does not apply *just* to the dormitory – proof of use or possession of illegal narcotics ANYWHERE by a Methodist College student will result in dismissal from the college. Do not jeopardize your permanent record here and your future anywhere by use of drugs.

ROOM VISITATION

Female visitors are NEVER permitted in the men's residence halls EXCEPT under the following conditions:

- (1) Female visitors may visit in the lobby or the Residence Hall Director's apartment during the hours when the dormitory office is in operation.
- (2) Female visitors may visit in the dormitory rooms ONLY when a properly scheduled and announced Open House is being held. Whenever such a visitor is present, the room door must remain fully open at all times.

HOUSING POLICIES

When you signed your room contract, you agreed to conform to the college's rules and regulations as contained in the contract and as contained in this Handbook. IT IS THE PREROGATIVE OF THE COLLEGE TO INSPECT ROOMS FOR FIRE, SAFETY, MAINTENANCE, AND TO CONDUCT SEARCHES IN CONNECTION WITH VIOLATIONS OF COLLEGE REGULATIONS.

Room Assignments

In the spring you and other students who have been living in a college residence hall have the privilege to express a preference for your room and roommate. The date and procedure for this will be announced. Preference is

given to occupants of a room to reserve their present room for the next college year.

Window Sills

In accordance with the rules of the North Carolina fire Laws, NOTHING is to be put on window sills or fire escapes, or thrown from your window. Violation of this is cause for immediate disciplinary action.

Room Cleaning

The janitor will clean the halls, lounges, bathrooms, and stairs. YOU are expected to keep your room clean. We do not have maid service.

Lounges and group rooms are here for your convenience and pleasure. Take care of them. After using the chairs, replace them. Papers, cigarettes and the like are to be put in wastebaskets that are available in each room and the corridors.

Trash Disposal

You are expected to empty your own wastebasket into the large receptacle placed in the corridor. This is not the janitor's job. PLEASE empty it into the hall trash cans, NOT on the hall floor of your school home.

Linen Rental Service

You may find it a great convenience to rent linen rather than bringing and laundering your own. The linen company will provide two sheets, three bath towels, and one pillow case each week. Information on prices for this service can be obtained at the Business Office, and payment made there. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT THE STUDENT PAY THIS FEE IN ADVANCE, SINCE HE CANNOT RECEIVE ANY LINEN WITHOUT FIRST SHOWING HIS RECEIPT FOR PAYMENT. Pillows can also be purchased from the same company. The linen service is entirely voluntary on the student's part, but anyone participating in the linen service for two weeks is not eligible for a refund if he later decides to discontinue it.

Times and procedures for the weekly distribution of fresh linen will be announced over the dormitory intercom.

Room Changes

There will be absolutely NO room changes made until things have had a chance to settle down following the opening of school — a period of 2 weeks. To apply for a change, a request in writing must be presented to the Dean of Students, listing all changes involved, and carrying the personal signatures of ALL parties affected by the change. Ordinarily, such requests will be honored, but ABSOLUTELY NO changes are to be made until authorized by the Dean of Students. Violators of this policy will each be subject to a \$5.00 fine.

Vacating Your Room

You are expected to vacate your room and RETURN YOUR ROOM KEY 24 hours after your last final exam in the spring. Rooms should be completely cleared of all personal belongings and left clean. The college bears NO responsibility for any articles left behind. The residence halls will be CLOSED during all official vacation periods, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter; so, do not plan to stay in the dorms during those periods. If you are not planning to go home during one of the vacations, please make plans in advance to stay somewhere else, as you cannot be allowed to stay in the dorm.

Keys

A one dollar (\$1.00) deposit is required at the time keys are issued. If you leave the Hall or change rooms during the year, you must return or exchange your key at the Residence Hall Director's office. It is important that you return your key to the office so that records can be kept up-to-date. DO NOT exchange your keys with another student. If you lose your key, a duplicate may be obtained at the office. Another dollar deposit will be required.

Your deposit will be returned when you return your key at the end of the

year. If the key is not turned in, your deposit will be forfeited.

Your room should be locked any time it is not occupied, and unlocked ONLY when you are there. Although almost all of our student body are fine people, there inevitably seems to be one or two thieves in every crowd — so always keep your room locked when you are not inside it. The college and its agents can assume NO responsibility for items lost or stolen from your room or from storage rooms.

Carry your key with you at all times. Should you happen to be locked out of your room, ask your House Director to unlock your door FOR YOU. Do NOT ask her to give you the master key so you can unlock it, as this cannot be

permitted.

Firearms

In the interest of student safety and because of State law, NO firearms of any description are allowed on the campus (this includes air rifles, air pistols and pellet guns). Fireworks of any type are illegal in North Carolina and are not to be brought on campus. Violators of these rules will be subject to disciplinary action.

Repairs and Damages

The occupant is held responsible for the care of college property in his room, the halls and the lounges. ANY DAMAGE WILL BE CHARGED TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE ROOM, unless they can prove someone else to be responsible. Any damage in the corridors will be charged to the culprit — if he can be found. Otherwise, it will be pro-rated among the occupants of that section, since they are held responsible for their section. Remember — in accordance with

college regulations, a student may not receive grades, graduate, or receive a transcript until all financial obligations are paid in full.

The use of any kind of thumb tacks, nails, hooks, screws, etc., in the room is forbidden. Pictures may be taped to the wall with scotch tape, masking tape, etc., but pasting or gluing pictures to the wall in any manner is absolutely forbidden.

Report all damages and needed repairs to the House Director whether or not you are responsible. When the House Director cannot be reached, report the need for emergency repairs (broken faucets, toilets, serious leaks, etc.) to the Boiler Plant.

Damage Deposit

Every resident student must pay a \$25 Damage Deposit upon entrance to the college. This deposit is paid at the Business Office as part of the regular student fees. This deposit is NOT refunded at the end of each academic year, but is held in escrow throughout a student's career at Methodist College as insurance of payment for damages.

If damage costs are assessed against a student, these costs are deducted from his Damage Deposit. The student is then billed for the amount necessary to bring his Damage Deposit back up to the original \$25 level. The deposit must always be maintained at the \$25 level.

When leaving at the end of the academic year, you should be sure to have the Residence Hall Director check your room for damages BEFORE you leave. This way you insure against being charged for damages someone else may do after you have gone.

When you are PERMANENTLY leaving the college for some reason (graduation, transfer to another school, etc.) be sure to have the Residence Hall Director check your room for damages, so that your name can be sent to the Business Office with certification that your room is free from damage and your Damage Deposit can be refunded. Refunds will be sent by mail about two weeks after the closing of school in May.

Pets

Due to North Carolina health laws, absolutely NO pets of any kind can be kept in your room.

Dry Cleaning and Laundry

A cleaner picks up and delivers cleaning and laundry each week. A schedule will be posted on the bulletin board regarding pick-up hours, prices, etc.

Coin-operated washing machines and dryers are located in the basement. They require 25 cents to operate the washer and 10 cents for the dryer. Remember to keep a supply of quarters and dimes on hand. No change will be given out by the staff.

Dress In The Dormitories

While there is no special code of dress for the dormitories, students are urged to maintain basic standards of decency and good taste in order to avoid offending fellow students and visitors, particularly in the lounge and office areas.

Keep Off The Roof!

For the protection of student health and welfare, and to protect college property, the roofs of the dorms are strictly off limits. Anyone seen up there without authorization from college authorities will be tried as having violated the SGA Act on Restricted Areas.

No Solicitation In The Residence Halls

Any effort to sell articles or services in the dormitories — whether by students or outsiders — is forbidden unless formally authorized in writing by the Dean of Students. This rule is made for the resident students' own protection and peace of mind, and anyone violating it should be reported immediately to the Dean of Students. This last statement especially applies to outside salesmen of any type.

Office Hours

Office hours will be posted following the opening of school. An intercom system is available in the office for the worker to page someone you would like to contact. Please do NOT ask the office worker to let you make a long-distance phone call on the office telephone, as this cannot be allowed. For these calls you must use a pay phone.

Emergencies

For emergencies — including illness — please report to your House Director. If she is not available at the moment, try to contact the Dean of Students; or, in case of illness, phone the Nurse on call, using the schedule posted in the office.

Guests

Students are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Callers can have you paged over the office intercom. Women are NOT permitted in the dormitories – except for the lobby – unless a special occasion is announced by the college.

Any student having an overnight guest must remain in the Hall on the dates for which his guest is registered. PERMISSION TO ENTERTAIN AN OVERNIGHT GUEST MUST BE OBTAINED. YOUR GUEST MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE HALL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, AND MUST PAY A FEE OF \$1.00 PER NIGHT. Permission to use your roommate's bed must be in writing. Guests are expected to observe hall and college regulations. ANY INFRACTIONS BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST.

Miscellaneous Information

Students are urged to sign out with the Residence Hall Director when leaving for an overnight visit. This is not as complicated as the girls' sign-out procedure and is designed solely to aid in locating you in case of an emergency of some type at your home or elsewhere. You owe it to your parents to let us know where you can be located.

A pay phone will be located in the Hall for incoming or outgoing phone calls. Long distance calls are NOT to be made on the phone in the office or in the Residence Hall Director's apartment. Please try to limit calls to a maximum of 10 minutes. Damage to the phones may result in the company removing them and thus result in everyone losing this privilege. You protect your own interests by reporting those damaging or tampering with phones.

Fire extinguishers are NOT to be used except in case of fire. Any tampering

with fire equipment will be severely disciplined.

Fire drills - Students are expected to cooperate fully in the holding of periodic fire drills.

A first aid kit is located in the Resident Hall Director's office.

Other information regarding rules and regulations will be posted on the bulletin board and/or discussed at regular House Meetings. Please read the bulletin board daily in order to keep up with things.

Automobiles

Students may operate a car on the campus as long as their use of the car does not warrant it being barred from the campus. Anyone receiving four (4) traffic citations or a citation for any single moving violation such as speeding or reckless driving will have his right to continue operating a car on the campus reviewed by the Student Life Area.

Any motor vehicle (including motorcycles and mini-bikes) operated on the campus MUST have a current college registration sticker displayed on the rear bumper. This may be obtained by filling out the proper forms at the Business Office and paying the registration fee. A STICKER MUST BE OBTAINED WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE OPENING OF SCHOOL.

Parking spaces in the lots in front of and between each men's dorm are allotted by the dormitory council on the basis of class seniority. Once assigned, this parking space becomes the private, reserved space of the person involved. Do

NOT park in it at any time, day or night without his permission.

If someone is in your assigned parking space, park your car where YOU will not get a ticket for illegal parking. Do NOT park it in another person's assigned space. Get one of the dorm Hall Counselors, who will issue a ticket to the person parked in your space. These tickets are the same kind as issued by the Security Guards, and receiving four of them will result in revocation of the violator's campus driving privileges.

Parking is also available on a first-come, first-served basis around each dormitory driveway (SINGLE-FILE ONLY) and along the FAR edge of the road that runs in front of Sanford and Cumberland Halls.

Summary

We hope that the preceding compilation of college housing policies and information will prove helpful to you in your stay here at Methodist College. We hope you will look on them not as burdensome rules but as simple, basic procedures through which dormitory life can be as pleasant as possible for as many people as possible.

Aside from a few rules like those against drinking and narcotics which are inescapably tied in with our college's heritage as a church institution, our major concerns as this handbook is being prepared for press are two. They are two very simple factors that every Methodist College student should want to adhere to:

- Reasonable peace and quiet in the dormitory we do not seek or
 expect the deathly hush of a mausoleum or a monastery. We do hope
 that every student will mature to the point where he will see it as a
 simple point of elementary human decency to keep things quiet enough
 so that someone else wanting to study can study, and someone else
 wanting to sleep can sleep.
- 2. Respect for the property everyone is rightly concerned over the steadily increasing cost of a college education. One of the ways you can help to keep costs down at Methodist is to refrain from knocking out ceiling tiles, punching holes in walls and all the other little vandalisms that have to be repaired. Repairs cost money! Let's all begin to try to eliminate unnecessary costs and also to build a better spirit and atmosphere by respecting the dormitory property as our home away from home.

DORMITORY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Statement of Purpose

The internal affairs of each men's dormitory at Methodist College are to be run and managed as much as possible by the people who live there. The officials who comprise the dormitory House Council are nominated and elected by their fellow residents. Their sole purpose is to work toward the ultimate benefit of the people living in the dorm.

But any effort toward a democratic type of government such as this cannot possibly succeed without the whole-hearted cooperation and help of the average resident student. Your suggestions and ideas will be helpful to them. Your labor together with them may occasionally be needed on some dorm project. Do everything you can to help them – your elected leaders – in their efforts to make your dormitory the best possible place in which to live.

Sometimes occasions will arise when some of the dorm officers will have to function in their capacity as the House Judicial Council. This is an aspect of life that no one enjoys, but it is one that must be exercised faithfully and well for the good of the greatest number of people. If a violation of House rules does occur, please cooperate willingly with your officials in their investigative efforts.

Rules Violations

It would be repetitive to print here the various offenses for which you could be tried at Methodist College, along with their proscribed sentences, when a listing of them can be found in the Student Handbook. We would urge you to read the various acts of the SGA Senate contained in the Student Handbook, and know them, as ignorance is not accepted as an excuse in our SGA courts. So far as life in the dormitory is concerned, we would call particular attention to the SGA Acts on Drinking, Restricted Areas, Hazing, and Vandalism.

For offenses committed in the dormitory, you will be tried by the SGA Judicial Council if the penalty for your offense involves possible suspension or dismissal. Lesser violations would be tried by the dormitory judicial council. You have the right to appeal their decisions to the SGA Judicial Council.

Gambling

Gambling of any type is forbidden in the dormitories. This is not just on moral grounds alone but because gambling has proven to be detrimental to group life and morale, and it can easily put students in a hazardous financial position.

Vandalism

When you flunk a test or get jilted by your girl friend, please don't take out your frustration on the building and equipment! Destructiveness is a dormitory problem. But from now on it will be dealt with by the house officers taking a survey at the beginning of school to list any damage already existing. Any subsequent damage in a room will be charged to the occupants of that room

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours begin every evening at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights. When quiet hours are not in effect, there are always "consideration hours." Even though you may not feel like studying or sleeping, there are others who do. Please keep your voice low and the radio, TV or record player turned down. Remember, there will come a time when YOU would like the same consideration from others!

Any kind of ball games or practice should NOT take place in the halls. We have ample outside facilities for sports.

"Water fights" are damaging to the dormitory and disturbing to people trying to study or sleep. They are strictly forbidden.

Loud talk, "horseplay," running up and down the halls, etc., are annoying to fellow students and detrimental to dormitory life. Consideration for others should prevent you from indulging in such disturbances.

If you are being bothered by such things as described above, try asking the persons involved to quiet down. It they do not do so, go and locate a Hall Counselor or house officer and request them to handle the situation. If the people do not quiet down upon the request of one of these officials, the official is expected, as part of his duties, to cite them before the House Judicial Council for trial

CONSTITUTION ASSOCIATION OF MEN RESIDENTS OF METHODIST COLLEGE

PREAMBLE

We, the men resident students of Methodist College, recognizing that every community has laws which, in the interest of the whole, the individual must respect; believing that through self-government the members of such a group may grow in character and power; and desiring to assume this responsibility individually and collectively, have organized ourselves into an Association.

ARTICLE I Name and Membership

- Section 1. The name of the association shall be the Association of Men Resident Students of Methodist College.
- Section 2. Every male student residing in the dormitories shall be a member and shall have all the rights and privileges accorded as such.
- Section 3. Each men's dormitory shall conduct its business independently of each other and shall be subject as well to the By-laws and Provisions of the Methodist College Student Government Association.

ARTICLE II Purpose

Section 1. To establish a governing body to insure the rights and privileges to each member as an individual.

Section 2. To act as a liaison between the men dormitory students, the administration, and the Student Government Association.

Section 3. To help promote self-responsibility and unity within the student body.

ARTICLE III Officers and Qualifications

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be:

- A President who shall have attained at least Junior class status and has maintained a 2.0 cumulative average.
- A Vice-President who shall have attained at least Junior class status and shall be in good academic standing.
- A Secretary who shall have attained at least Sophomore class status and shall be in good academic standing.
- d. A Treasurer who shall have attained at least Sophomore class status and shall be in good academic standing.
- A House Manager who shall have attained at least Sophomore class status and shall be in good academic standing.
- f. A Senator to the Student Government Association Senate whose qualifications shall be those stated in the By-laws of that Association.

Section 2. All requirements shall be met by the time of the beginning of the semester in which he shall take office.

Section 3. All dormitory elections shall be held in accordance with the Student Government Association By-laws.

Section 4. Hall counselors shall be appointed by the Dean of Students with the advice of the House President and shall be considered "ex officio" officers.

Section 5. All the above listed officers shall be the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IV Duties of the Officers

Section 1. House President

- To call or cancel and to preside at all House meetings and meetings of the Executive Council.
- b. To officially represent his respective dormitory.
- c. To supervise dormitory workers assigned to him by the Administration.
- d. To coordinate all dormitory elections.
- e. To supervise Freshman orientation in his respective dormitory.

Section 2. Vice-President

- a. To execute the office of President in the President's absence and to assume the office of President in the case of said officer's resignation.
- b. To publicize all dormitory activities and keep them posted.

c. To coordinate all social activities.

d. To supervise and assign all parking surrounding the dormitory.

Section 3. Secretary

- a. To record and keep files of minutes of each House meeting.
- b. To record and keep file of the meetings of the Judicial Board.
- c. To keep record of room assignments and keep it up to date and posted.
- d. To keep check on all mail in the dorm's box in the classroom building.

Section 4. Treasurer

- a. To keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures incurred by that dormitory and to submit the same on demand by any member of that dormitory.
- b. To issue all refunds for expenditures incurred upon any member of the dormitory for materials for use by that dormitory.

Section 5. House Manager

- a. To insure the general physical welfare of the dormitory.
- b. To insure that the proper janitorial supplies are received from the maintenance department and are delivered to the janonitors.

Section 6. Senator

- a. To represent his dormitory in the Student Government Association.
- All other duties shall be those specified in the Student Government Association By-laws and Provisions.

ARTICLE V Judicial Board

Section 1. Judiciary power shall be vested in the Judicial Board.

Section 2. The Judicial Board shall consist of five (5) members; the Vice-president, the Secretary, and the House Manager shall be members upon election; the remaining seats shall be filled by appointment of the House President.

Section 3. The Judicial Board shall have original jurisdiction in violations of all the rules and regulations established by the respective dormitory or by the Student Government Association.

Section 4. The Chief Justice shall be elected by and from the Board.

Section 5. No justice shall serve concurrently on more than one judicial board.

ARTICLE VI Procedure

Procedure for all meetings and trials within the Association shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII Removal From Office

Section 1. Removal from office shall be effected with the presentation of a petition requesting that officer's removal which shall consist of no less than one third (1/3) signatures of that dormitory. At that time, an open trial will be held in order for that officer to offer his defense. Decision shall be reached by dormitory

vote, and shall require a three-fourths (3/4) vote for removal.

Section 2. In case of a vacancy, a special election shall be held within two weeks of the vacancy.

Section 3. Dissatisfaction with the execution of the duties of an "ex officio" officer shall be referred to the Dean of Students.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

Section 1. Any member of the Association may present a proposal for an amendment and shall be considered with no less than one fourth (1/4) of the signatures of the men resident students.

Section 2. The proposed amendment will be posted for one week prior to a meeting of the Association to debate and vote on the proposal. It shall become effective with a two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IX Ratification

Section 1. This Constitution shall become effective with a majority vote of the members in attendance for this ratification meeting and approval by the Student Government Association Senate.

Section 2. The Constitution in effect at the time of the ratification meeting shall be null and void upon ratification of this Constitution.