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General Policies for Student Housing

FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
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The Fort Hays Kansas State College considers the various living quarters of students, that is, dormitories, private homes and organized houses, to be an integral part of the educational facilities of the college. In fact, if education is a process of learning to be useful, helpful, responsible persons, then group living in residence houses of whatever size or kind is a real opportunity, a laboratory, if you please, provided for the student where he may develop his ability to live, work and play helpfully, happily and responsibly with other people. Such group living brings into play some of the most basic matters of good citizenship. For example, it involves an understanding of the meaning of the term "freedom"—not freedom to do as one pleases, but freedom plus consideration for the welfare of others; freedom tempered by a sense of responsibility.

Where a number of people (in this case students) live together in a house, it is only the part of wisdom that they have certain understandings and regulations which will help give freedom, yet consideration, for all concerned. Orderliness and regularity of behavior, in time and place, makes more people more happy more of the time than irregularity and irresponsibility. It all adds up to just a matter of putting consideration for others, as well as welfare of oneself, into a usable form. Thus, when we set up such a regulation as "every student in his rooming place by 10:30 p.m. on school nights" we are just being sensible and practical in the welfare of everybody concerned. It is only fair to the house-mother that she be not kept up night after night until late hours because someone wants to be out late; it is only fair to roommates and to oneself that regular hours be kept.

It is with this attitude and in this spirit that there have been established and are here given, general policies and regulations for students in their rooming place relations.

Policies and Regulations

1. **Approved houses.** To protect both students and housekeepers it is required that all rooms, apartments, and houses to be occupied by students be approved by the housing committee of the college. Cards of approval are issued to the housemothers. Students should rent rooms in approved houses only. The list of approved houses is in the office of the advisor to men and the advisor to women in Picken Hall, room 207.

2. In general, houses in which rooms are offered for rent are to be reserved for students only; and either to men or to women, not both. Any situation which might seem to justify a deviation from this regulation must be passed upon by the housing committee.

3. When women students meet or entertain their dates or guests in their rooming places, they should, of course, do so in the general parlor of the house, only; never in rooms or apartments. Parlor privileges are to be provided on the main floor of the house.

4. For the protection of housemothers it is only fair and just that there be made regulations with regard to changing residence during a semester or term, as follows:

(a) Changes of rooming places shall not be made during a semester except for "cause," and then only after consultation with and approval of the advisor to men or the advisor to women, and providing all

money due has been paid and proper notice has been given.

(b) In the case of a room change at the end of a semester, at least one week's notice must be given.

(c) Students who pledge a sorority or fraternity may not move to a sorority or fraternity house during the semester in which they become a pledge.

5. When students desire to share their rooms with guests, they should, of course, first secure the permission of the housemother.

6. Cooking should not be done in sleeping rooms.

7. Housemothers are to furnish nourishment at a reasonable price to students who become ill, or until other arrangements can be made.

8. The occupant of a room shall be liable for all furnishings damaged, broken, or destroyed during his or her occupancy.

9. Quiet hours should be set up by the students in each house or dormitory to provide for satisfactory conditions for study. Such periods should include at least the afternoons of school days to 5 p.m. and after 7:30 p.m. on the evenings which are followed by school days.

10. Closing hours for women students throughout the year, on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights is 10:30. On Friday nights it is 12:00 o'clock, and on Saturday nights it is 12:30. Any deviation from this rule is to be approved in advance by the advisor to women. It is expected that men students will conform to these closing hours.

11. Permission for any overnight absence for women students must be obtained in advance from the housemother or director of the dormitory in which the student stays.

12. All students are under the direction of the college policies from the time they enroll in college until they return home.

13. We recommend that each student residence group, whether it be in dormitory, organized house, or private home, organize to plan for its own social affairs and to make such further regulations as the group may desire. The larger groups may well elect a council to plan dormitory affairs and to work with the director on matters of policy.

14. The director of a dormitory, or the house-mother of a rooming place is the head of the house. Her wishes and suggestions should receive the same courteous respect as any mother receives in her home. A housemother is a counselor, guide, and friend, and is in authority on all matters involved in the foregoing regulations and the maintenance of good citizenship on the part of all concerned.

15. Housemothers renting rooms to women students do not retire until the regular closing hour or until all students are in.

16. In case of illness where it is apparent that the student cannot be in school, it will be the duty of the dormitory director or housemother to report the same to the school nurse, and in the case of women to the Advisor to Women, in the case of men to the Advisor to Men.

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