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WSSU REFRIGERATOR AND MICROWAVE POLICY

Our first-year students and those students living in Wilson Hall live in buildings that do not have kitchenette/kitchens. First year students all have large meal plans so on-campus dining options are accessible. The Residence Hall Association (a registered student group that represents students specifically living in the residence halls at WSSU) through Standards For Living offers Micro-fridge Rentals delivered to the student room prior to move-in. Micro-fridges have specific features that make them energy efficient and useful to our students including a microwave. It should be noted that the current approved policy states that the only way students are permitted to have a microwave in their room in the first-year housing is if they rent a Micro-fridge. These Micro-fridges have built in surge protection and features that keep breakers from tripping in the building. In acknowledging the energy usage involved in students bringing their own refrigerator and sometimes having more than one in a room the following policy is requested. The proceeds would go directly into funding the programming and leadership development of RHA that is focused on the residential students. In addition a portion of the fees generated would go to the thematic program "Green Adventure," which furthers the cause of sustainability on campus.

Underclass Halls

Calls for: Atkins, Martin-Schnexnider, Wilson, and Moore – students can rent a micro-fridge (refrigerator microwave combo) from our contracted vendor, Standards for Living. Students are not permitted to bring their own microwaves in the buildings; only a micro-fridge is permitted because they have safety redundancies and energy efficiency built into them. If a student rents a micro-fridge, they will not be charged the refrigerator usage and registration fee. Students are permitted to provide their own refrigerator, no bigger than 4.0 cubic feet, but a refrigerator registration usage fee will be assessed for any personally purchased refrigerators. Students will need to register their refrigerator with the Housing and Residence Life at a cost of \$15 a semester or \$30 for the academic year. This fee off-sets the electrical drainage that inefficient mini-fridges contribute. When a student registers their refrigerator, they will receive a sticker that will need to be placed on the fridge in a visible location. During Health and Safety checks if this sticker is not visible, the student will receive a \$100 one-time fine and will then register their refrigerator (regardless of the time or semester). The usage charge for these buildings is reduced because a refrigerator unit is not provided as part of their housing assignment. A list of approved appliances that are permitted in the residence halls is available on the housing website (and sent to students as part of their sign-up packets).

Upper-class Halls

Calls for: Gleason Harrison Terrace, Rams Commons, and Foundation Heights – these four communities have refrigerators and microwaves provided by the university at the present time. The expectation is that students assigned to the living space will use what is provided. If students want to have their own refrigerator of 4.0 cubic feet or less, they will need to register their refrigerator with Housing and Residence Life at a cost of \$40 per semester. This fee off-sets the electrical drainage that inefficient and extra refrigerators contribute and registers the appliance with housing. When a student registers their refrigerator, they will receive a sticker that will need to be placed on the fridge in a highly visible location. During Health and Safety Checks if this sticker is not visible, the student will receive a \$100 fine and will at that time receive a sticker registering their refrigerator. Students are not permitted to bring their own microwaves in the buildings. A list of approved appliances that are permitted in the residence halls is on the housing website. The only exception would be to rent a micro-fridge from Standards For Living.