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2. Because dress codes and appearance policies may effectively bar students from participating in college events they would otherwise wish to, the greatest care should be taken when determining and applying such codes and policies. Interference with a student's ability to participate in college events and activities is normally grounds for judicial charges under the rules and regulations and so any decision to limit this ability must be carefully considered.

3. In general, the college discourages the creation and application of dress/appearance codes unless such codes are demonstrably necessary to the function of the program.

4. Adherence to an appearance or dress code may not be required for membership in a student organization.

5. Public health laws require that shirts and shoes be worn in dining halls.

Q. Animals in Public Buildings or on the Campus

Dogs may not be brought into college buildings, including college housing units or other facilities. (Service animals accompanied by their blind users are exempted from this section of the regulation.) Dogs running loose on the campus, in violation of the city leash-law, may be picked up and impounded by Office of Safety and Security or the City Dog Warden. Dogs may not be tied or leashed to any trees, shrubs, sign posts, railings, or other such stationary objects on campus.

For information pertaining to caged pets, see Housing and Dining Regulations, section D.6.

R. Unauthorized Keys

Any student who is found to have in his/her possession a key to any college room, residence or building for which he/she is not authorized, or who misuses an authorized master key, is subject to suspension or dismissal. Unauthorized keys must be surrendered upon demand to any college officer or staff representative.

S. Dangerous Weapons, Fireworks, or Explosives

Because of the danger posed to the college community, possession of dangerous weapons, fireworks, or explosives on college property is expressly forbidden. Definition of these items includes, but is not limited to, the following: firearms (to include BB guns and all other types of air or spring-powered weapons), knives, firecrackers or sparklers, gunpowder, dangerous instruments (including lock-picking devices), and unstable and hazardous chemicals, except for those stored and used in the appropriate laboratory facilities.

T. Use of Fire Escapes and Roof Tops

Use of the fire escapes on any college building is permitted in emergency situations only. Any nonemergency use of fire

escapes is expressly forbidden and will be considered an act of trespass.

Presence on the rooftop of any college building is forbidden. Persons with a need to go on the rooftop must have written authorization from the Director of Facilities Operations and the Director of Safety and Security prior to doing so. Any unauthorized presence on a rooftop will be considered an act of trespass.

Sunbathing is permitted on the designated sun deck roofs located at Harkness and Fairchild. (Any roof area that must be accessed by a window is not a designated sunbathing area.)

U. Unauthorized Entry or Presence in College Facilities

Unauthorized entry or presence in college facilities is strictly prohibited and will be considered an act of trespass. Unauthorized entry or presence will include, but not be limited to, the following violations: entry/ presence in a residence hall when said facility is closed for a vacation or break period; remaining in a facility after closing hours; entry/presence in the office, studio, laboratory or residence hall room of another person without the permission of the assigned occupant, resident, building representative, or college official with valid authority to permit same; and entry/presence in any college facility that is closed or otherwise restricted as to use or activity.

V. Possession of Stolen Property

Property rights are an important consideration within any community. For this reason, no person shall at any time have in their possession or under their immediate control, on Oberlin College grounds, the unlawfully obtained (stolen) property of another person or of any firm, institution or municipality.

"Unlawfully-obtained" or "stolen" property shall refer to any items of material value possessed/controlled by an individual without the explicit permission or authorization of the owner or the owner's designated representative.

W. Motor Vehicle Parking and Traffic Regulations

1. Motor Vehicle Parking and Traffic Regulations are designed to best utilize existing parking facilities and maintain an orderly flow of traffic on campus.

2. The Oberlin College Office of Safety and Security is responsible for the administration of the regulations.

3. Oberlin College assumes no responsibility or liability for a motor vehicle or its contents while parked or operated on the property of the college.

4. Registration – All motor vehicles owned or operated on college property must be registered with the Office of Safety and Security. This includes vehicles owned or operated by students who live off campus but park on

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campus, even for a short period of time and vehicles owned or operated by students living in college village housing units.

- a. Vehicles must be registered as soon as they are brought to campus. Annual registration will be valid until 72 hours after Commencement day of each academic year.
- b. First-year students are discouraged from having a motor vehicle at the college.
- c. Registration fees are due at the time of registration of the vehicle.

5. General Information. Individuals may register only those vehicles for which they are the primary owner/operator. Persons must be prepared to show proof of ownership and proof of insurance at the time of registration.

The person to whom a vehicle is registered will be responsible for all citations issued thereto.

Oberlin College reserves the right to revoke registration and campus parking privileges for the following reasons:

- a. Repeated failure to abide by the regulations, as shown by three or more paid or unpaid violations of record within an academic year, not including those successfully appealed.
- b. Falsification of information on registration forms.
- c. Actions deemed hazardous to the community or property of Oberlin College.
- d. Failure to register a vehicle in accordance with state laws. All vehicles registered and parked on college property must be properly licensed and inspected for operating conditions in accordance with the laws of the state of Ohio or the laws of the state in which the vehicle is duly licensed.

Anyone registering a vehicle and accepting the appropriate permit shall, therefore, be deemed to have acknowledged the parking regulations and shall be deemed responsible for compliance with the regulations.

A complete list of vehicle rules and regulations may be obtained from the Safety and Security Office.

X. Use of Bicycles

1. STUDENT BICYCLE REGULATIONS

- a. Students owning a bicycle (whether new or second hand) must register it in their own name with the Oberlin Police Department (85 South Main Street) before using it on campus or in town. A registration permit will be attached to each bicycle so registered. [The Office of Safety and Security provides this service for no fee.]
- b. Students who ride their bicycles in the evening (from one half-hour after sunset) are required to use

a white front light and red rear light (on their bicycle or person) as well as a red rear reflector on their bicycle. Side reflectors are recommended for wheels.

c. City ordinances require that bicycles be equipped with a bell or horn by which the rider may warn pedestrians of his/her approach.

d. Bicycles must normally be ridden on the right side of roads and sidewalks at a reasonable and safe speed (for the sake of pedestrians and drivers as well as that of the rider). Pedestrians have the right-of-way on sidewalks, pathways, and crosswalks.

e. Bicyclists must use appropriate hand signals to indicate turns when riding.

f. Cyclists must comply with the Oberlin City ordinances that directly affect the operation of bicycles in the city. (It is a violation to ride a bicycle on the sidewalks in the downtown area.)

g. Both on campus and in the city, bicycles may ONLY be parked in properly constructed racks. Recommendations on locking bicycles can be obtained from the Office of Safety and Security.

h. Bicycles not in use but not removed from campus or, improperly registered and stored with residential education invite theft and vandalism. Bicycles not removed and/or properly stored by the day after final exams (unless in active use by students on campus for summer employment) will be considered abandoned property. (Bicycles not in working condition for a period of more than two weeks are considered abandoned even during the semester.) If removed and stored by Campus Safety and Security, a fee of \$50 will be charged for not properly storing the bicycle. Any bicycles not claimed after September 15 of the following year will be disposed of by Oberlin College.

Y. Mailroom Regulations

A mailbox is assigned to each student at the beginning of the academic year by the Office of the Registrar. Boxes are located in the basement of Wilder Hall. All boxes are for registered students only and cannot be used for other purposes including, but not limited to, operating a business.

College Mail Service's student mailboxes are to be used only for campus mail, U.S. mail (personal mail), and mail notices regarding parcels. To permit matching mail with a mailbox, all mail delivered to OCMR boxes must display the student's first and last name as registered in the Office of the Registrar (no nicknames or business names) and the proper OCMR box number. All items must be placed inside student mailboxes. Mail should be picked up daily.

Messages should NOT be attached to the outside of student mailboxes in the lobby of the Student Mailroom. Doing so violates fire regulations and creates a fire hazard in the Student Union building. The college reserves the