SUBJECT: Student Housing

I. Introduction

The Board recognizes the need to provide on campus housing for students. Student residence facilities are provided for housing full-time athletic scholarship students, students residing outside Midland County, and residents of Midland County. The Vice President of Student Services will designate a residence hall manager to live in and supervise each Residence Hall facility.

II. Eligibility

A. Full-time students are eligible for residency in O'Shaughnessy, Men’s, and Craddick Hall.

B. Full-time married students or students with legal custody or guardianship of dependents under 18 years of age are eligible for residency in the Family Units.

C. Students with a conviction for a felony, Class A Misdemeanor or Class B Misdemeanor, or students with pending charges at this level are ineligible to live in student housing.

D. Students must meet the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine obligation as required by HB 4189.

E. The residence facilities may be leased to other persons connected with programs and activities on or off campus when such facilities are not occupied or needed by students.

III. Assignment of Residence Facilities

Eligible students shall be assigned housing by the Student Life Coordinator, or the Residence Hall Manager, after completion of the housing agreement/contract and payment of deposit.
IV. Responsibilities of the Occupant

Prior to occupying the residence facility, the student will submit a completed housing application, background check permission form with copy of driver’s license and $10.00 fee, pay property deposit, make payment arrangements, and complete the check-in process.

A. Occupants of residence facilities shall maintain the facilities in the same condition and repair as accepted at the commencement of occupancy, and upon termination of such occupancy shall surrender the premises in the same condition and repair, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

B. Occupants shall not make any alterations to a residence facility without the written consent of the College.

C. Each occupant is required to pay the College, immediately upon demand, for any and all damages to the facility, committed by the occupants and/or their guests.

D. Occupants of residence facilities may be assessed on a pro-rata basis for damages within the facility. Refund of deposit and/or assessment of damages shall be made by of the Vice President of Student Services or his/her representative.

E. Occupants shall be subject to the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the College related to student housing.

V. Institutional Regulations

A. The College does not maintain insurance on any personal property of occupants. The College shall not be responsible for any damages to or theft of personal property from or in residence facilities.

B. The College shall not be responsible for any injuries to any resident.

C. Officials and agents of the College may enter the residence unit at all reasonable times to examine, inspect, render service or repairs, remove any signs, fixtures, alterations or other objects not in conformity with this policy, the rules of the institution, or applicable law. Any residence unit may be searched with the consent of the student or any other occupant of the unit, or without such consent upon a finding of reasonable suspicion and the issuance of an authorization to search by the appropriate official of the institution or of any court with jurisdiction.
D. Any student residence agreement or lease shall terminate at the discretion of the institution in the event of any of the following: (a) the premises or the units are destroyed, or, in the opinion of the institution, unsuitable for occupancy for any reason; (b) the occupant violates any covenant, term or condition of the agreement or lease, including the provisions of this policy and any other rule or regulation incorporated into the agreement or lease by reference; or (c) the institution gives the student or other occupant written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the date when such termination will be effective.

E. All student residence agreements and leases shall be limited to a maximum term of two academic semesters, fall and spring, but may be renewable for additional terms at the election of the institution.