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6-3001 Mission Statement and Goals

(1) The residential life program is an integral part of the educational program at NCF. Residential halls and hall staff provide a structure by which the experience in the classroom is joined with the out-of-class learning. The residential hall staff assists students in developing an academic community in the halls, as well as serving to support and enhance self-directed individual development.

(2) The residence halls operate on the basic principle of mutual respect and consideration for the rights of all students. To ensure the safety of the community and the rights of the individual, conformity to the College's regulations is required. Students should expect to live by the central tenets for the halls, which are safety, responsibility and community.

History: New regulation 11-15-07.

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6-3002 Residency Requirement

(1) NCF is an intentionally residential college, and, as such, requires students to live in the residence halls unless they have been granted exceptions or waivers. Every student, each year, regardless of the previous year's waiver, must renew their off-campus status if they want to spend another year off-campus. Students who are not granted a waiver and are active students will be charged for a room, regardless of whether they are living on-campus. Residency requirements will be determined by the Director of Residential Life, in consultation with students and student committees.

(2) Because the College recognizes some advantages to off-campus living at some point during the four years of college, every year, 100-170 off-campus housing spaces will be available for upper-class students during room draw. The number of available off-campus housing spaces each year will be determined by the Dean of Students, depending upon the size of the incoming class, the number of returning students, the number of students with legitimate waivers (married, older, returning), students studying off-campus, and transfer students. All waivers must be approved and renewed each year by the Director of Residential Life. Off-campus housing spaces will be made available during room draw and will be granted based on seniority. First- and second-year students should not count on availability of off-campus housing spaces.

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6-3003 Student Ombudsperson

(1) Role of the Ombudsperson

(a) The President shall appoint a Student Ombudsperson who will operate as a resource for and provide assistance with informal, impartial and non-adversarial alternatives for the resolution of conflict. The Student Ombudsperson will also direct students toward appropriate College resources.

(b) The role of the ombudsperson shall not be to advocate for any individual but to advocate for fair and equitably administered processes and to facilitate discussion to identify the best options to resolve problems. The ombudsperson shall be guided by recognized professional standards of practice for the role of the ombudsperson, including the principles of independence, neutrality, confidentiality, and informality, unless otherwise required by law.

1. Additional roles or responsibilities within the college assigned to the ombudsperson shall not compromise the ombudsperson's neutrality in responding to an inquiry, concern, or conflict.

(c) A student's use of the ombudsperson is voluntary and shall not be a required step in any grievance process.

(d) The ombudsperson shall report directly to the President.

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