



Greetings Aggies,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your family and friends and you are looking forward to a wonderful spring semester. I am writing with news that could affect the packing lists for some as you prepare to return to campus.

Effective Jan. 8, 2016, self-balancing scooters (also referred to as battery-operated scooters or more popularly known as hoverboards) may not be operated, charged or stored in campus residential facilities. This action is being taken for your health and safety in the residence halls because of recent safety issues raised by the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) and the [National Fire Protection Association](#). Information from these sources highlight the potential risk of fire caused by these devices and we are being proactive in helping to ensure the health and safety of our students living in the residence halls. If the hoverboard is confiscated, it will be disassembled and shipped home at the student's expense (*the University is not held responsible for any personal items*).

In addition to not permitting these items in the residence halls, the University is currently reviewing available information in order to formulate a campus-wide policy. This will occur as the committees tasked with the creation of campus safety policies have the opportunity to engage with students, faculty, and staff, as well as review and discuss the findings and recommendations of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and other sources.

I am informing you of this recent development prior to your return to campus since hoverboards will not be permitted in the residence halls.

Best wishes for your safe travel back to campus and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Aggie Pride,

Linda Inman, Executive Director

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