The purpose of this document is to establish the terms and conditions of occupancy in the University Residence Halls and participation in the University Dining Services program. Your electronic acknowledgement indicates that you have read the contract, and agree to all terms and conditions included in it.

This contract becomes legally binding when you complete the contract.

1. Eligibility
Residents must be currently enrolled as full time students at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside or be otherwise determined eligible by the Director of Residence Life. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to terminate your contract if you are registered for, or your credit load is reduced to part-time status (11 credits or less for undergraduate students, 5 credits or less for graduate students), unless continued residency is determined warranted by the Director of Residence Life.

2. Contract Term
This contract is for the entire academic year, including both fall and spring semesters, and cannot be terminated except under the conditions cited in the Termination of Contract section of this agreement. If entered into after the academic year begins, this agreement applies to the remainder of the 2014-2015 academic year. This contract does not include the winterim semester between fall and spring. Students who will be attending winterim classes will be required to sign up with the Office of Residence Life and are subject to additional charges.

3. University's Obligation
The University agrees to furnish the resident housing and dining services. These services are provided under the terms and conditions herein stated and as described in the informational materials, which are incorporated by reference as a part of this agreement.

4. Resident's Obligation
The resident agrees to make payment of all fees as specified in the “Payment” section (6) of this agreement and to observe all rules and regulations of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the Department of Residence Life and University Dining Services. The resident further agrees to honor the terms and conditions stated in this contract.

5. Rates
Rates are approved annually by the Board of Regents. A copy of projected 2014-2015 rates and the 2014-2015 payment schedules is provided on the Residence Life website at www.uwp.edu/residencelife. The 2014-2015 rates will be finalized by summer 2014. Rates include a fee for use by residence hall student organizations to provide social, cultural, and educational programs for residents.

6. Payment
Payments must be made in accordance with the University’s payment schedule. Failure to satisfy the financial obligations accrued under this contract may result in holds on University records including preventing future enrollment; cancellation of enrollment; denial of future residence hall accommodations, and/or eviction. Delinquent accounts may be assigned to a collection agency.

7. Application Fee
New students who have not previously lived on campus will be required to pay a $50.00 Application Fee. The Application Fee is not refundable.

8. Assignment Policy
The University does not discriminate in room or hall assignment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. The University will attempt to honor, whenever possible, requests for particular accommodations. The University reserves the right to assign roommates, to change room or hall assignments and/or to consolidate vacancies by requiring residents to move from one accommodation to another.

9. Cancellation
A. This contract may be canceled by students who are exempt from living on campus, if written notice of cancellation is received by the Office of Residence Life on or before June 1, 2014 for academic year contracts, or on or before November 15, 2014 for spring semester contracts.
B. After June 1, 2014 for academic year applications and November 15, 2014 for spring semester applications, the student may apply for contract cancellation under the following circumstances:

1. Assignment to a University-sponsored internship, which requires living away from UW-Parkside; verification is required.
2. Completion of graduation requirements.
3. Married and/or with Legally Dependent Children - Copies of marriage certificate and/or children's birth certificates required.
4. Loss of student status; withdrawing from the university or transferring to another institution.
5. Unusual and compelling circumstances which, in the judgment of the Director of Residence Life, entitles the resident to special considerations; verification of circumstances is required.

10. Termination
The University may temporarily suspend this contract without notice in the event of a situation which would make continued operation of residence halls and dining service unfeasible.

The University may cancel or terminate this contract if the student fails to meet the full terms and conditions stated herein or for violations of University and/or Residence Hall regulations. A contract termination because of administrative dismissal or disciplinary dismissal from the University and/or University residence halls will subject residents to forfeiture of the remainder of their residence hall charge for the semester.

A contract termination granted under 9B(5) of this contract will result in $250 liquidated damage charges.

11. Refunds
Students granted a contract termination after the start of the contract will be refunded any unused residence hall payments on a prorated basis according to the Rate Schedule provided. Appropriate checkout procedures must be observed. No refunds will be made for departures during the last two weeks of the first or second semester. Students that are removed from the university or university housing due to violation of the student code of conduct are not eligible for a refund.

12. Contract Reassignment
This contract cannot be reassigned by the resident to another party.

13. Liability
The resident agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and its officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability, including claims, demands, costs, damages and expenses of every kind and description (including death) or damages to persons or property belonging to the resident, including property which may be lost, stolen or damaged in any way, wherever that may occur on the premises, including storage facilities. The resident agrees to hold harmless UW-Parkside from and to indemnify them for any claims for damages sustained by you or others in your room as a result of your acts or omissions, relating to any changes made by you to your room.

14. Damages and Costs
The resident agrees to pay the University for any damages, lost property or unnecessary service costs caused by the resident or his/her guest through accident, neglect or intent. Where two or more students occupy the same room, responsibility will be assessed equally between the residents of the room unless specifically identified differently by the residents. If individuals responsible for “common area” damage or theft cannot be identified, residents of the building where the damage or theft occurred may be held financially responsible.

15. Abandoned and Personal Property
Residents are responsible for removing all personal property from the University Residence Halls when they move out. The Office of Residence Life has the right, without assuming any liability, to dispose of all personal property left or abandoned on the premises 60 days after the expiration or termination of the current contract. During such 60-day period, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, the Division, and its officers, employees, and agents will not be responsible for loss, damage, or theft of the property.

16. University Dining
The resident agrees to purchase a dining plan for each academic semester. There is a $459.00 non-refundable enrollment fee each semester on all dining plans. Dining plans expire at the end of spring semester. Once the contract is received, the dining plan choice cannot be changed for the fall semester. A student may request in writing a change of dining plan for spring semester by November 15, 2014. Any unused money at the end of the spring semester will be forfeited.
17. Refund of Dining Payment
Dining plan cancellations and associated refunds are determined through the formal written appeal process.

Cancelations prior to the fourth week of the semester: students are eligible to keep their dining plan, convert it to a voluntary plan or receive a prorated refund of the Dining Services administrative fee and all unused dining dollars. The Ranger Card administrative fee is non-refundable.

Cancelations beginning the fourth week of the semester: students are eligible to keep their dining plan or have their unused dining dollars refunded. The Dining Services and Ranger Card administrative fees are non-refundable. Fall dining plans begin August 1, 2014 and Spring semester starts January 2, 2015.

18. Vacating
The resident will vacate his/her room within 24 hours after termination of this agreement, loss of student status, or after his/her last final exam of the semester.

19. Rules and regulations
Regulations established by UW-Parkside Residence Life and the UW System Board of Regents as published at http://www.uwp.edu/residence.life and should be reviewed prior to students arriving to campus. Regulations governing Residence Life are subject to change. The resident agrees to abide by all state and federal laws, university and residence hall regulations as outlined under the Policies and Procedures link of the Residence Life Home Page and the Student Handbook.

20. Firearms and Dangerous Weapons
The possession and/or use of any firearms, ammunition, explosives, and/or other dangerous weapons (including firearm and dangerous weapon replicas) are prohibited in and/or around residence hall buildings.

21. Room Entry
Authorized personnel may enter your room for reasons of health, safety, general welfare, or to make necessary repairs.

22. Contract Changes
Amendments or exceptions may not be made in the terms and conditions of this contract without the written permission of the Director of Residence Life.

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