

Dear On-Campus Residents,

We hope everyone has enjoyed their break thus far and the New Year is off to a great start! As we prepare for the Spring 2016 semester, I want to make you aware of a policy change. After consultation with the Vice President for Student Success and the Dean of Students, the decision to prohibit the use, possession and storage of electronic skateboards including self-balancing boards/scooters and other similar devices in all university residence halls and apartments, until safety standards for them have been adequately developed and implemented for such devices.

These devices' batteries can burst into flame—especially while being charged and while not in use—resulting in a metal fire that can burn with intense heat. Several safety and consumer agencies are investigating numerous fires and injuries related to these devices. We are not willing to risk your safety or the safety of the university community.

You can review the US Consumer Product Safety Commission most recent announcement here:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/about-cpsc/chairman/kaye-biography/chairman-kayes-statements/statements/statement-from-the-us-cpsc-chairman-elliott-f-kaye-on-the-safety-of-hoverboards/>

Please keep this new information in mind as you travel back to campus from winter break, and leave any device in this category at home. Also check your travel plans as a number of shipping companies, retailers, airlines, and other colleges and universities have banned these devices as well.

Once safety standards or recommendations for use are developed by the relevant state and federal agencies, we may reconsider the decision to ban these from our Residence Halls.

At this time, the devices are not banned from the FVSU Campus; this change in Residence Life Policy applies to the use, **including charging, of such devices** inside residence halls and apartments.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter and look forward to another successful semester,

Sincerely,

Shawn Modena
Director of Housing and Residential Life