Proposal to Rescind Faculty Legislation II-701
Student Housing Policies and Regulations

The creation of a campus-wide policy library led the Secretary of the Faculty Office to review legislation passed by the Faculty Senate. Over the course of the spring semester, the University Committee will be bringing several pieces of legislation for the Faculty Senate to consider removing. The first of these is Faculty Legislation II-701, Student Housing Policies and Regulations. The policy is based on UW System Board of Regents policies from the early 1970s that are no longer in effect. University Housing’s policies are in the student handbook distributed to housing residents. They have no concerns with this policy being removed.

II-701: STUDENT HOUSING POLICIES AND REGULATIONS
(Incorporated in these policies and regulations are statements by the Board of Regents and the UW-Madison faculty.)

1. Visitors to the University Residence Halls:
   A. Guests of either sex are allowed in all areas designated as public areas only during those hours when the areas are open to the public.
   B. Guests of the opposite sex are allowed in house dens or floor lounges only during those hours during which a program of guest visitation has been approved by that house or living unit (see below).

2. Regent Policy on Residence Hall Visitation (October 24, 1975). Residence hall visitation policy is a matter for individual campus action within the guidelines below. Within this policy, each institution shall ensure that the visitation option or options selected fall consistently within the educational program.
   A. Visitation is defined as those time periods when residents may invite friends or relatives of the opposite sex to visit them in their residence hall rooms. The visitation policies developed under these guidelines shall permit only visitation; cohabitation and sexual behavior, illegal under Wisconsin statute, are prohibited.
   B. Campus visitation options are defined by this resolution as:
      1. Closed: A policy in which no visitation is permitted.
      2. Limited: A policy in which in no case shall room visitation exceed a maximum of 17 hours per day, with residence halls closed not later than 2:00 a.m. on any day.
      3. Open: A policy in which a maximum of 24 hours of visitation is permitted.
   C. Campuses may elect to have closed and limited visitation or closed, limited, and open visitation, but whatever options are chosen, the opportunity to reside in areas having closed and limited visitation shall be provided to both men and women on every campus.
   D. When applying for a room in a residence hall, students shall choose among the visitation options offered by the campus.
E. All students under the age of 18 at the beginning of the academic year in which they enroll shall live in non-coeducational, non-visitational areas unless special parental or guardian permission to live in limited or open visitational areas accompanies their application for residence (University Residence Halls).

F. Students who live in University of Wisconsin System residence halls shall participate in the development of visitation policies for the halls in which they reside through local campus housing governments.

G. Campus visitation policies must be approved by the chancellor.

H. This policy shall be placed in effect for a three-year period beginning no later than the first semester 1976-77; reports on individual campus policies are to be filed annually by June 1 with the senior vice president for academic affairs.

3. Conditions and Responsibilities.

A. The entire living unit must be informed of the schedule for room visits.

B. Each visitor must be escorted by the visitor's host between the public lounge or front door and the host's room within the unit.

C. It is expected that duly elected house officers of the living unit shall have the primary responsibility for administering the plan within the specified living unit.

D. The Division of University Housing may, upon cause, withdraw visitation privileges for individual students or entire living units. Further disciplinary action may be taken if behavior does not conform to the expectations set forth.

4. Coeducational Housing.

A. Coeducational housing in the University of Wisconsin System as implemented under the conditions of this policy, shall be construed to mean men and women occupying separate living areas by floor.

B. Each university chancellor, as appropriate, may designate for coeducational housing a number of residence halls rooms sufficient to meet the desires of those who choose to live in coeducational housing. Adequate provision shall be made for those who do not wish to live in coeducational housing.

C. It shall be the responsibility of each chancellor who elects to implement coeducational housing to provide such supervision and direction as is required in order to ensure that a suitable environment for study and learning prevails; and that minor students (under 18 years of age) must have parental consent in writing to live in a coeducational housing unit. The public lounges and desk, service and recreational areas will be shared in designated coeducational housing areas. (Board of Regents Action, April 7, 1972.)

5. Graduate Living Units. In university residence halls units housing only graduate students, the students in those living units can determine their own program of guest visitation following the procedures outlined above.