

## **Housing & Residence Life All Gender Policy for On-Campus Housing**

Housing & Residence Life strives to meet the needs of all students residing in on-campus housing. Trans or gender diverse students and students identifying in the LGBTQI population who are looking for on-campus housing can request housing through Housing & Residence Life, Room 105 Watson Hall, 724-738-2082. Slippery Rock University's Housing & Residence Life staff are Safe Zone trained and have worked with a diverse population of students for many years. The Safe Zone symbol means all are welcome, especially LGBTQI students. Safe Zone is designed to foster a caring community at Slippery Rock University. You may see various individuals around campus with the Safe Zone symbol in the window of their office, to indicate that their workplace is an area of comfort and acceptance for those identifying as LGBTQI. More information about Safe Zone and our Pride Center can be found by following this link: [www.sru.edu/life-at-sru/diversity/lgbt](http://www.sru.edu/life-at-sru/diversity/lgbt)

Housing & Residence Life will house students by the gender they have established with the University when they enroll at SRU, which may be different from their gender assignment, gender at birth, or the gender indication on their non-campus records. A Trans student and roommate(s) can request to be placed in a traditional room or suite in any residence hall. Trans students can also request to live in an all-gender room or suite, which will be established by Housing & Residence Life Office. An all-gender room or suite may consist of students of different genders living together as per the request of each student who would like to live in the all-gender room or suite.

**Requesting an all-gender room or suite.** Students requesting permission to live in an all-gender room or suite must do so prior to the forthcoming academic year and as soon as possible, but no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. To make the request, each person requesting to room together must have already signed up for on-campus housing for the year they are making the request. Permission must be requested through Housing & Residence Life at 724-738-2082. All-gender rooms and suites are not always readily available; therefore, all requests need to be completed in a timely fashion. Additionally, Trans students may be part of a group that requests a campus apartment in the R.O.C.K. Apartment complex. Students requesting to live in a R.O.C.K. Apartment must follow the R.O.C.K. Apartment process dates, which are emailed out to students each Fall Semester and usually take place from October 1-December 1. Housing & Residence Life fills the R.O.C.K. Apartments prior to each forthcoming year, during the Fall Semester.

**Room Vacancy/Room Change.** Trans students with a vacancy in their room during the semester will have an opportunity to identify a roommate through the established room change process. If the requested roommate change is outside of the established room change process, formal paperwork will need to be filled out by the person changing rooms and by contacting Housing & Residence Life at 724-738-2082. Room change process takes place twice in the Fall Semester and once during the Spring Semester, detailed instructions and dates are emailed out to students two weeks prior to the room change period. In the event a vacancy remains in the room, Housing & Residence Life will assign any new roommate using our established processes, and the new assignment will correlate with the student's gender which they have established with the University.

### **Procedures for requesting an all-gender room, suite, or R.O.C.K. Apartment:**

1. Students must draft a request to Housing & Residence Life, 105 Watson Hall, Slippery Rock University.
  - a. The request must be detailed and must include the full names of all students wanting to room together, the preferred location of the room (not a guarantee), the gender of each student making the request, and the banner ID number of each student (A0012345)
2. Once the request is received, the request will be reviewed and an answer should be sent back to the students, via their SRU email accounts, within two (2) weeks.
  - a. Housing & Residence Life will check to ensure each student is signed up for housing for the approaching year, in which the students are making the request.
3. If the students are requesting a R.O.C.K. Apartment, the R.O.C.K. Apartment process must be followed. All R.O.C.K. Apartment procedures will be emailed out to all students early in the Fall Semester, usually by the end

of September. Dates are not established for this process in advance, to ensure accuracy of spaces for the forthcoming year. Students are responsible for following the R.O.C.K. Apartment process and applying by the dates set by the Housing & Residence Life Office.

- a. If the R.O.C.K. Apartment deadline is missed students can then apply to live in on-campus housing, including the residential suites or traditional halls.

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