

Subject line: Hoverboards Not Permitted on Campus

Dear Students,

We hope you are enjoying your semester break.

You may have already heard through a variety of media outlets that hoverboards and similar lithium battery powered self-balancing personal transportation devices pose a significant fire safety risk. On numerous occasions, the lithium batteries of these units have burst into flame. It is for this reason, and the overall safety of our community, that the University like many other colleges and universities, is taking action.

After consultation with the Offices of Risk Management and Environmental Health & Safety, we have decided to prohibit the possession, storage and use of hoverboards, also known as self-balancing boards/scooters and hands free Segways, on University property and in all University buildings, including academic and administrative buildings, Residence Halls, Fraternities and Sororities, effective immediately. As this action falls under the purview of the University Code of Conduct, failure to comply will result in a referral to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Expectations.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our campus safe.

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