Policy

UW-River Falls (UWRF) prohibits the storage (including battery charging) and possession of hoverboards in residence halls, academic buildings, administrative buildings, recreational facilities, and all other structures on property owned or controlled by UWRF.

In addition, pursuant to Chapter UWS 18 (18.10 (5)) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, these devices are prohibited from being operated on campus service roads or pedestrian paths.

Procedure

All hoverboards currently being stored in university facilities must be removed from campus no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016.

Authority

The UW-River Falls Chancellor approves this policy in accordance with the Administrative Policy process. The Assistant Chancellor for Business and Finance is responsible for the substance of, and compliance with all administrative policies. The Policy Owner (Responsible Office) is responsible for the administration and maintenance of this policy. To request an exception to this policy, mailto: administrative-policy@uwrf.edu.

Sanctions and Appeals Process

Failure to adhere to the provisions of this policy may result in appropriate disciplinary action as provided under existing procedures applicable to students, faculty, and staff, and/or civil or criminal prosecution.

University Responsibilities

Enforcement of this policy will partly depend upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students to not only comply with the policy, but also to encourage others to comply.

Campus Police will enforce any related traffic laws as it pertains to the operation of a Hoverboard on roadways as it is not a street legal vehicle. Also, Campus Police will enforce UWS 18.10(5) for the operation of Hoverboards off roadways.

Residence Life and Student Conduct & Community Standards Departments will enforce this policy through their student conduct processes.
Background

There have been numerous reports of unexpected and spontaneous fires caused by hoverboard batteries. (Hoverboards can be defined as self-balancing, personal electronic transportation devices, also referred to as battery-operated scooters or hands-free Segway-like scooters or powerboards, which typically consist of two wheels arranged side-by-side, with two small platforms between the wheels on which the rider stands. The device is controlled by the rider’s feet.)

The chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a statement in December 2015 indicating that some hoverboards caught fire while charging, while others caught fire while in use.


Related Documents
UWS 18 (18.10 (5))

Contact
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