

## S5.1 BRIDGE HOUSE

<b>Stonehill College Residence Life</b>	<b>Policy: Bridge House</b>	<b>Policy Number: S5.1</b>	<b>Date: July 2007</b>
		<b>Last Effective Date:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
		<b>Original Policy Number: S8.37</b>	<b>Date: September 2005</b>

The College may, under certain circumstances, provide temporary (up to 16 academic weeks) and supervised substance free housing for students whose violation of the Community Standards and Student Discipline System led to a suspension from residency. A professional member of the Stonehill College community will live with the students and provide supervision for the house. The Director of Community Standards, Director of Residence Life, and Bridge House Manager will use stated criteria to determine a student's eligibility for the house.

Each year, the Director of Residence Life will maintain and publish procedures and regulations related to the Bridge House. This information can be obtained by contacting the Residence Life Office.

### *Procedures regarding Bridge House*

The College may, under certain circumstances, provide temporary (up to 16 academic weeks) and supervised substance free housing for students whose violation of the Community Standards and Student Discipline System led to a suspension from residency. A professional member of the Stonehill College community will live with the students and provide supervision for the house. The Director of Community Standards, Director of Residence Life, and Bridge House Manager will use stated criteria to determine a student's eligibility for the house.

### **Campus Restrictions**

Given that the College is providing a housing option for students whose residency privileges have been suspended, it is necessary as a tradeoff to put campus restrictions in place. Therefore, students assigned to the Bridge House will be restricted from all residence halls and residence areas for the duration of their stay in the house. In addition, they will be restricted from campus between Friday at 7pm until Monday at 6am. Students may access the library, chapel, dining hall and Sports Complex on the weekends; however, the Sports Complex/athletic facilities may only be accessed for official athletic, academic or religious commitments.

### **Finances**

Students will continue to be on the Room and Board Plan with the College. The room guarantee/damage deposit will be held in the event damage occurs within the house. The

house manager will assess house damages in accordance with existing Residence Life policies.

### **Eligibility**

1. Those students whose first violation of alcohol and drug policies within the Community Standards and Student Discipline System leads to a suspension from residency will be eligible to live in the house, on a space available basis.
2. The Director of Community Standards, Director of Residence Life and Bridge House Manager will determine whether or not a student is appropriate to live within the house.
3. The student's distance from home and nature of the offense will also be considered.
4. If a student is not deemed appropriate for the house and would like to have his/her eligibility reconsidered, he/she may petition the Vice President for Student Affairs.
5. If approved for the house, students are required to have an informational meeting with the house manager prior to moving in to discuss group and individual expectations within the living environment.
6. Students found responsible for any additional violations of Stonehill's Community Standards while living in the Bridge House, including violating his/her campus restriction(s), will be subject to a hearing and, if found responsible, will at minimum be required to leave the house immediately. In addition, such students would jeopardize their ability to regain residency in the future. In this situation, room and board refunds will be given in accordance with the College's current refund policy, as outlined in the Student Handbook.

### **Bridge House Information**

1. Students residing in the Bridge House will be provided with the use of:
  - A bed and dresser in a double room
  - Study space and study tables in a common area
  - A shared residential bathroom, washer and dryer and full kitchen
  - A common area television and house telephone
2. Due to the size of the rooms and the purpose of the house, students will not be permitted to have room televisions, stereo systems or similar electronic devices. Personal audio equipment with headphones is allowed.
3. As there is limited space in bedrooms for desktop computers, students are encouraged to use laptops whenever possible. It is expected that students who bring a computer/laptop do so with the intent of using it for academic purposes, and not as a stereo. Internet connections are provided within common areas.
4. Existing residential quiet hours (10pm during weeknights and 1am on the weekends) will be in effect.
5. Students will not be permitted to park at the house or in the Facilities Management parking lot. Students may park at the house for 10 minutes for pick

up and drop off purposes only. Students who do not adhere to these parking policies will be ticketed and risk being towed. Please note that students, excluding first year students, must obtain a parking permit through Campus Police if they wish to have a car on campus.

6. Overnight guests are not permitted, and students are limited to one student guest at a time. All guests should be entertained on the first floor of the house. Students who have family visiting should seek advance permission for additional guests from the house manager.
7. All Stonehill student policies will be in effect, as indicated in the Room and Board Contract and Stonehill's Community Standards.
8. Please note that these policies and guidelines are subject to change.