
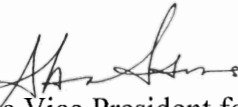



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 22, 2023

TO: General (Ret.) Mark A. Welsh III 
Interim President

THROUGH: Alan Sams, Ph.D. 
Provost, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Chief Academic Officer

FROM: Kristen Harrell, Ph.D. 
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

RE: Student Rule 36. Pet Animals

On October 6, 2023, the Rules and Regulations Committee of the Faculty Senate approved a proposed revision to Student Rule 36. Pet Animals. During this meeting, the committee made modifications to the proposed rules to address some concerns by the committee. The Faculty Senate subsequently approved the rule as revised on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Following this approval, the original submitters of the rule, Ms. Julie Kuder and Dr. Kristie Orr, sent an email indicating that the revisions submitted by the Rules and Regulations Committee may cause confusion or concern based on the choice of words utilized. Ms. Kuder and Dr. Orr suggested slight modifications to the revised rule that do not fundamentally alter the meaning of the rule but provide greater clarity and language that is more in-line with common usage. Per Standard Administrative Procedure 01.01.01.M0.01 Section 2.2. the review by Faculty Senate is for commentary with final approval by the President.

As such, I am requesting the rule continue to be routed for approval based on the most recent updates provided by Ms. Kuder and Dr. Orr.

Attached are two documents. The first is the final version of intended revisions as submitted by Ms. Kuder and Dr. Orr. There is no distinction between the blue and red text; this was just a default of track changes due to who made the updates. The second is the version that was passed by the faculty senate.

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36.1 With the exception of service animals, fish for aquaria and the official university mascot, animals are not permitted in ~~residence halls, university food service areas, university-owned apartments or other~~ university buildings except where authorized. ~~Such authorization must be obtained in writing from the particular building proctor. When a classroom situation is involved, the pet owner must also obtain additional authorization from the instructor of the class.~~

36.2 Emotional support animals must be approved by Disability Resources and complete the residence hall process to live in residence halls buildings.

36.3 Emotional support animals are not permitted in buildings other than residence halls and must be on a leash or crated on campus grounds.

36.4 Service animals must be under the control of their handler and on a leash unless the animal cannot complete their task while on a leash.

~~36.25 Domesticated a~~Animals visiting campus grounds will not be allowed to run at large on campus and must be leashed or crated at all times.

~~36.36 Emotional support animals, service animals, and domesticated a~~Animals must shall not be left unattended or secured to university property on campus grounds.

36.7 Other procedures related to animals on campus are outlinedsd in: University SAP 08.01.02.M0.02, Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals, and Other Animals on Campus. See <https://rules-saps.tamu.eduPDFs/08.01.02.M0.02.pdf>.

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