

Policy Proposal
for
“Allowing opposite sex overnight guest privileges”

A RESOLUTION TO:

Advocate for the allowance of opposite sex overnight guests in the residence hall.

RATIONALE:

It is to the benefit and respectability of every residence hall student that this proposal is written. It is apparent that some residents have a concern about the current overnight guests' policy. This concern entails the restriction on opposite sex overnight visits. The fairness and validity of this policy has come into question because of the recent inclusivity of the LGBT community on campus. The current university policy for overnight guests' allows for all residents to have guests of the same sex. However, this policy excludes residents who desire to have any guest of the opposite sex, whether it be a family member or a friend stay in the Residence Hall overnight.

The overnight guest policy is rooted in religious understanding that purity is a law rather than a preference. The Catholic teachings and morals of Madonna are what make our University invaluable and stout with integrity. The Student Senate stands in solidarity with administration, faculty and staff to better prepare our students for a bright future. Yet we, the voice of the students, believe the overnight guest policy is outdated and unproductive to student independence and growth.

The Wellness Committee proposes that the overnight guest policy be extended to include opposite sex guests. A guest is a guest and there should be no discrimination between them. The committee finds this request to be both inclusive and reasonable for all residents. We take pride in our community. The Student Code of Conduct states that, “Madonna University strives to provide an inclusive, respectful, supportive, intellectual community we can all be proud of. In order to maximize each student’s college experience and educational potential.” Changing the current overnight guest policy to allow guests of the opposite sex would more accurately reflect this statement, as well as show respect and sensitivity for others and support open communication to enhance our living/learning atmosphere.

Like Madonna University, Hilbert College is also a member of the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities. The college is named after Mother Colette Hilbert, who, in 1897, established the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, which became the college's founding congregation. In 1957, the community founded a teacher training college for its members; in 1969, having broadened its curriculum to include degrees outside of teacher training and expanded its enrolment to include both men and women, the institution officially became known as Hilbert College. Their mission: Hilbert College is an independent institution of higher learning that embraces its Catholic Franciscan heritage and values. Students from diverse backgrounds are educated in liberal arts and professional programs to become informed citizens committed to serving and strengthening their communities. Madonna and Hilbert are very similar in many

respects, but one notable difference is their guest policy. At Hilbert College, a guest is a guest; they do not differentiate or discriminate based upon the sex of the individual. Living in the 21st century, this ideology should be embraced. It is understood that Madonna's overnight guest policy is rooted in our religious beliefs and values, however it is time for change. This institution is both evolving and expanding, and this minor change could set a precedence for other things to follow suit in the future. A copy of Hilbert Colleges Guest/Visitation Policy, as well as both their Mission and Vision are attached.

There is also an attached excerpt from the Madonna University Student Handbook; Article 4, section 4G, which is the University Policy for Diversity and Inclusion. With the current overnight guest policy this excerpt can not be read whole heartedly nor enforced. Changing the policy to allow overnight guests of the opposite sex would allow for this statement to be undoubtedly true.

Ryan Freemantle
Secretary, Athletics
Former Senator, Resident Students
Chair, Wellness Committee

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Madonna University Student Handbook
ARTICLE 4. UNIVERSITY POLICIES
4G: Diversity and Inclusion

Madonna University aspires to live out its mission and values by creating and maintaining an environment where all persons are treated with understanding and respect regardless of their individual differences. The University regards diversity and inclusion as guiding principles. Diversity calls upon individuals to know how to relate to qualities, conditions, and identities that are different from their own and from the groups to which they belong. Members of the University community are expected to respect others regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual identity, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, cognitive abilities, family status, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or religious tradition. The University community guarantees the freedom of individuals to explore their evolving self-identity in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment. To advance the concept of inclusion, the University strives to ensure that all persons can participate in and have access to the everyday life of the institution. This deepens the understanding and appreciation of the individuality and circumstances of everyone. Inclusion is essential for the creation of an environment of respect, hospitality, understanding, and welcome. At Madonna University, the commitment to diversity and inclusion emanates from the Franciscan values of respect for the dignity of each person, concern for the disadvantaged and oppressed, and reverence for life, rather than as a response to external regulations.

Hilbert College

<http://www.hilbert.edu/docs/default-source/default-document-library/studenthandbook.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

<http://www.hilbert.edu>

Guest/Visitation Policy

A guest is defined as a person who is staying in a resident's room for an evening or weekend.

An overnight guest must room with their host and they must be with their host at all times. The host is responsible for the behavior of their guest.

The resident host will sign in the guest at the residence hall front desk with a picture ID. If a visitor has a vehicle on campus, the visitor must put an overnight slip in the dashboard so campus safety is aware of the vehicle. A visitor must park in the lot behind McGrath Library.

A resident's room can have no more than two guests spending the evening and guest(s) may stay no longer than two consecutive nights during the week.

Visitors are allowed only 10 overnight visits per semester.

Under no circumstances will anyone under the age of 17 be permitted to stay as an overnight guest in the residence hall without written parental consent filed with the Office of Residence Life. Guests must provide valid photo ID with date of birth. This is to be done prior to arrival at the residence hall. All guests are responsible to follow the rules and regulations that are stated in both the Residence Life Handbook and the Student Handbook.

Any infraction by guests will result in immediate expulsion of the guests from the residence hall.

A resident's privilege to have guests is subjected to the following limitations:

- A resident may not pressure or force roommates to tolerate the presence of a guest.
- A guest may not occupy a student's room when the student is not present (a resident may not give a guest a room key or college ID to enter the hall).
- At all times the resident must accompany the guest inside the residence hall.

Any visitor to the residence hall must sign in at the front desk with a valid form of ID. Failure to do so may result in judicial action against both the visitor and the host. Residents are responsible for their visitors and/or guests.

Hilbert's Mission

Hilbert College is an independent institution of higher learning that embraces its Catholic Franciscan heritage and values. Students from diverse backgrounds are educated in liberal arts and professional programs to become informed citizens committed to serving and strengthening their communities.

Hilbert's Vision

Hilbert College strives to be faithful to the deep and diverse historical foundations on which it rests. From the founding congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, we embrace the traditions of St. Francis: respect, service, hope, vision, joy, integrity, compassion, and peace. From the noble legacies of the liberal arts academy, we honor intellectual inquiry, freedom of thought, breadth of knowledge, and lifelong learning. And from our own history, we continue to reach out to students from all backgrounds. We are committed to providing them skills and resources to achieve success in a wide range of careers, recognizing that in today's world, that entails equipping students to respond to a rapidly changing global environment.

The faculty and staff of Hilbert College are dedicated to providing students with individual attention and support while also allowing them to grow and explore new challenges. We celebrate the richness that comes from a diverse campus of individuals from many faiths and cultures. We emphasize the importance of service to our community, and we endeavor to be a voice for social justice in the world.

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Students who responded YES (ID #)

1.	30069	48.	221823	95.	230152	142.	235858
2.	38083	49.	221823	96.	230283	143.	235986
3.	118827	50.	221849	97.	230657	144.	236089
4.	127031	51.	221925	98.	231165	145.	236225
5.	160289	52.	222052	99.	231265	146.	236296
6.	181864	53.	222179	100.	231426	147.	236325
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8.	201840	55.	222336	102.	231445	149.	236648
9.	202984	56.	222786	103.	231501	150.	236819
10.	205491	57.	222931	104.	231628	151.	236904
11.	205761	58.	223025	105.	231654	152.	237167
12.	205974	59.	223411	106.	232233	153.	237400
13.	208960	60.	223456	107.	232262	154.	237517
14.	209402	61.	223528	108.	232353	155.	237549
15.	209891	62.	224121	109.	232356	156.	237657
16.	210007	63.	224461	110.	232427	157.	237683
17.	211095	64.	224471	111.	232963	158.	237813
18.	211213	65.	224625	112.	232970	159.	237827
19.	211498	66.	224625	113.	233041	160.	237876
20.	212575	67.	224665	114.	233136	161.	237880
21.	213205	68.	224696	115.	233256	162.	237880
22.	213798	69.	224697	116.	233261	163.	238105
23.	214290	70.	225010	117.	233280	164.	238338
24.	214943	71.	225266	118.	233311	165.	238353
25.	215786	72.	225415	119.	233422	166.	238490
26.	216498	73.	225477	120.	233449	167.	238790
27.	216591	74.	226456	121.	233568	168.	238807
28.	216645	75.	226486	122.	233583	169.	238975
29.	217694	76.	226668	123.	233705	170.	239026
30.	217783	77.	226684	124.	234073	171.	239028
31.	217824	78.	226878	125.	234114	172.	239461
32.	217873	79.	227175	126.	234183	173.	239512
33.	217929	80.	227224	127.	234240	174.	239517
34.	218184	81.	227244	128.	234353	175.	239547
35.	218835	82.	227289	129.	234486	176.	239808
36.	219824	83.	227383	130.	234662	177.	239862
37.	220000	84.	227584	131.	234782	178.	239932
38.	220099	85.	227617	132.	234915	179.	240154
39.	220184	86.	227838	133.	234978	180.	240275
40.	220266	87.	228039	134.	235020	181.	240321
41.	220912	88.	229100	135.	235076	182.	240373
42.	220928	89.	229334	136.	235234	183.	240541
43.	220990	90.	229499	137.	235469	184.	240668
44.	221192	91.	229787	138.	235632	185.	240678
45.	221310	92.	229797	139.	235675	186.	240847
46.	221787	93.	229943	140.	235793	187.	241024
47.	221804	94.	230062	141.	235848	188.	241106

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189.	241250	236.	244113	283.	245920	330.	246693
190.	241342	237.	244125	284.	245941	331.	246724
191.	241365	238.	244204	285.	245946	332.	246733
192.	241389	239.	244346	286.	245956	333.	246738
193.	241479	240.	244347	287.	245957	334.	246740
194.	241499	241.	244743	288.	245994	335.	246751
195.	241534	242.	244895	289.	245994	336.	246762
196.	241616	243.	244919	290.	246052	337.	246869
197.	241682	244.	244957	291.	246071	338.	246870
198.	241749	245.	244966	292.	246071	339.	246881
199.	241753	246.	244971	293.	246123	340.	246897
200.	241929	247.	244999	294.	246146	341.	246898
201.	241939	248.	245031	295.	246147	342.	246938
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203.	242004	250.	245074	297.	246171	344.	246998
204.	242016	251.	245079	298.	246194	345.	247591
205.	242017	252.	245087	299.	246199		
206.	242017	253.	245134	300.	246206		
207.	242114	254.	245259	301.	246230		
208.	242263	255.	245266	302.	246283		
209.	242277	256.	245275	303.	246316		
210.	242288	257.	245302	304.	246334		
211.	242336	258.	245333	305.	246336		
212.	242523	259.	245400	306.	246339		
213.	242535	260.	245417	307.	246341		
214.	242657	261.	245431	308.	246344		
215.	242728	262.	245438	309.	246380		
216.	242799	263.	245438	310.	246386		
217.	242813	264.	245442	311.	246412		
218.	242858	265.	245463	312.	246447		
219.	242865	266.	245490	313.	246454		
220.	242922	267.	245558	314.	246456		
221.	242976	268.	245585	315.	246467		
222.	242986	269.	245598	316.	246467		
223.	243052	270.	245602	317.	246502		
224.	243059	271.	245627	318.	246503		
225.	243088	272.	245637	319.	246519		
226.	243128	273.	245645	320.	246564		
227.	243139	274.	245658	321.	246592		
228.	243440	275.	245659	322.	246593		
229.	243715	276.	245660	323.	246620		
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231.	243736	278.	245748	325.	246660		
232.	243739	279.	245841	326.	246674		
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235.	243950	282.	245895	329.	246689		

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<i>1.</i>	122402	<i>13.</i>	224279	<i>25.</i>	232767	<i>37.</i>	241585
<i>2.</i>	148674	<i>14.</i>	225585	<i>26.</i>	234629	<i>38.</i>	243188
<i>3.</i>	200331	<i>15.</i>	225835	<i>27.</i>	235347	<i>39.</i>	243891
<i>4.</i>	209316	<i>16.</i>	227149	<i>28.</i>	235484	<i>40.</i>	243957
<i>5.</i>	211370	<i>17.</i>	227695	<i>29.</i>	235666	<i>41.</i>	244371
<i>6.</i>	212816	<i>18.</i>	229654	<i>30.</i>	236815	<i>42.</i>	244959
<i>7.</i>	214871	<i>19.</i>	229754	<i>31.</i>	237806	<i>43.</i>	244969
<i>8.</i>	216377	<i>20.</i>	229773	<i>32.</i>	239214	<i>44.</i>	245480
<i>9.</i>	219282	<i>21.</i>	230170	<i>33.</i>	239861	<i>45.</i>	245977
<i>10.</i>	222846	<i>22.</i>	230468	<i>34.</i>	239916	<i>46.</i>	246104
<i>11.</i>	223053	<i>23.</i>	231696	<i>35.</i>	240556	<i>47.</i>	246176
<i>12.</i>	223982	<i>24.</i>	231766	<i>36.</i>	240926		

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Survey Results

