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## Student Government Leads Charge to Enhance Visitation Opportunities

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To: AllResidents &lt;AllResidents@lionmail.lindenwood.edu&gt;

Dear Residents,

Starting July 1, 2016, Lindenwood University will begin offering visitation in university-owned housing matching the noon-midnight hours currently in effect in residence halls.

Board of Directors Chairman Jim J. Shoemake and System President Michael Shonrock, Ph.D., reviewed a Lindenwood Student Government Association bill requesting a change in visitation hours and concurred with the bill's intent. "We're listening to our students," Shonrock said. "We respect our students and view them as adults. We want to provide the same visitation opportunities throughout our residential communities."

Junior student senator Saana Ahokas, from Finland, is the author of the student senate bill to make visitation standards the same for Lindenwood's 1,000 students living outside of residence halls. Saana said "visitation has been a really important topic for LSGA for some time" and that she was "really impressed with the administration's desire to engage in the conversation."

The director of residential life, Terry Russell, Ed.D., agreed. "The privilege of receiving visitors is granted because the university has faith in the student's ability to be responsible," Russell said. "However, the opportunity still requires certain understandings, boundaries, and responsibilities." Vice President for Student Development, Ryan Guffey, Ph.D., will lead a task force comprised of students and residential life staff to review campus-wide visitation practices on a semester basis.

The following link will take you to a humorous spoof video created by our Resident Hall Association regarding the change in procedure: <http://bit.ly/HousingVisitation>.

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