Lester Hall

Summary/Purpose: Defines guidelines for the use of temporary office space in Lester Hall.

GENERAL

Lester Hall provides temporary office space for displaced departments to use while a building or offices are constructed or renovated. The building is not for housing departments on a permanent basis.

POLICY

The Provost, or a designated representative of the office, determines who is eligible to occupy space in the building and the amount of space to be provided.

Departments will occupy the same general area of the building. Once moved into the buildings, occupants cannot move around to different offices in the building. Occupants cannot expand beyond their assigned space without permission of the Provost or a designated representative of the office.

Departments will have access to only rooms required for operations of the department. Non-essential items for operations (files, furniture, and so on) may be stored at the Central Storage Warehouse.

Departments or offices displaced for reasons other than renovation or construction are addressed on an individual case basis.

More than one department can occupy the building. Each department is responsible for the security of their assigned offices.

The Provost will notify departments when the actual move to and from Lester Hall will take place. Moves are contingent on renovation or construction dates, logistics, and status of a permanent location.

24-hour access to Lester Hall will be provided with an electronic card reader using the University identification card. Cards will be programmed through the ID Center located in Johnson Commons.

The department designee will assign offices. The occupants will sign for keys to individual offices. Master keys will not be available to occupants. Instead, a departmental key ring that has a key for each departmental office will be issued to each department head. The ring and keys will be the responsibility of the department head and must be relinquished when vacating the building.

The department occupying space in the building is responsible for replacement cost of the lock and new key if any original key is lost or stolen. The charge to replace the lock and key is based
on time and materials to make the change. Upon moving from Lester Hall, the occupants will return all keys to the Physical Plant. The department pays for changing locks and replacing keys for any key not returned.

Upon vacating the building, the Physical Plant will inspect the area(s) used by the department to determine the condition. Damages to the building are the responsibility of the department occupying the space where the damage occurred. Such repairs may include, but are not limited to, filling nail holes, patching sheetrock, and painting as a result of hanging items on the wall. All repairs will be done by the Physical Plant.

Departments will not modify or change (paint, floor covering, and the like) the room(s) occupied.

Occupants should report any problems with the building by sending a SAP notification or calling the Physical Plant at 915-7003. In addition, a building mayor will be appointed and announced.

The Physical Plant “Forced Move” account pays for moving the displaced department or persons to the building and to new or renovated space when completed.

The Physical Plant “Forced Move” account will also pay for transferring existing communications, network, and cable television services to the building and to new or renovated space when completed. The department pays for any additional services requested.

The Physical Plant Department will provide furniture, telephones and accessories to function in the building. Department chairs with faculty/staff occupying space in Lester Hall will be asked to sign for and assume responsibility for furniture and equipment in their designated spaces. It is recommended that department chairs require faculty/staff to sub-sign for furniture and equipment in their respective offices. Inventory audits will be conducted before and after each change over period. Furniture, telephones, and other equipment will not be removed from the building.