As part of the Holistic Plan for Campus Public Safety at Portland State University, Interim President Percy has outlined an active building access review process in collaboration with building users and the University Public Safety Oversight Committee to balance community engagement with increasing public safety concerns. Being respectful of all building users and viewing access changes with an equity lens, the university has made changes to balance openness with campus safety.

Generally, most buildings open at 7:30 AM and close at 8:00 PM, Monday thru Friday. Most buildings are closed over the weekend except for scheduled events and presentations. Students with classes scheduled outside of these open hours have access to the building by using their PSU identification card. In addition, special access requests may be made through department staff, facilitating students, staff and faculty with a demonstrated need, access to buildings during closed hours.

Some buildings are locked at all hours, requiring a PSU identification card for access. This may be due to the equipment/items stored in the building, the intended use of the building or at the request of the building users. An example of such a building is Science Building One. Other buildings, like Millar Library, may be open for card access after the normal 8:00 PM close. These extended hours are usually posted at building entrances and on the building/department websites. And of course, all residence halls require a PSU identification card for access, 24 hours a day. If you have questions about building hours or access control, call the Campus Public Safety Access Control Team at 503-725-9314 or email them at accessrequest@pdx.edu.

Having a current PSU identification card helps ensure buildings are accessible to authorized persons after hours and restricts access by unaffiliated persons, increasing the safety of the PSU community and protecting the physical university from damage and theft.