

## **Enrollment Management & Student Affairs**

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Dear PSU Students,

As the Occupy Portland movement responds to the events of the past weekend, the students of Portland State University may find themselves considering whether and how to participate. The University respects and supports your right to express your political and social views. We ask that you do so in a way that keeps you and our community safe and that respects the rights and responsibilities of us all. I urge you to make this decision in a careful and thoughtful way.

## Please be safe.

If you choose to participate in rallies, marches or other events, please keep in mind the following pointers:

- It is illegal to block streets or interfere with vehicular traffic unless march organizers have obtained a permit from the city and comply with the city's requirements. Permit information can be obtained from Portland Parks and Recreation, 503.823.7350.
- If you march on the sidewalks, you must obey all traffic regulations and avoid interfering with the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Camping is not permitted in city parks or on university property.
- Listen to and comply with directions from the police.

If you fail to do these things, you are likely to be arrested. I encourage the University community—students, faculty, staff and the administration—to balance free speech with the need to provide a safe, healthy and supportive educational environment for all members of our community. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Campus Public Safety, 503.725.4407.

Sincerely,

Vice President

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