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Practice that Locks Down Academic Buildings During University Breaks

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Question:

I would like to ask for a review of the practice that locks down academic buildings during university breaks.

Rationale:

To be productive, faculty members need to have access to the tools of their trade. Academic breaks in class meetings make it an opportune time for professors to write, to prep for classes, to work in their campus labs. They need access to their offices and to their materials.

SEC Response:

6/3/2010: The Senate Executive Committee has responded to Debra Sabia's Request for Information, Practice That Locks Down Academic Buildings During University Breaks in the following way.

The rfi was referred to Dr. Ron Core, Vice President for Business and Finance who responded:

Michael. The only time buildings are locked are during those times when the University is closed and both faculty and staff are off.

This primarily occurs during holidays. However, buildings are still accessible with card swipe or keys. This situation would also occur during weekends. For security reasons, we could not have buildings unlocked when no one is scheduled in the building.

During breaks between semesters, buildings are unlocked because staff are scheduled and many faculty work during this time also.