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Dear PSU Student:

As the new academic year approaches, we want to make sure you are aware of changes regarding Portland State payment policies and what we are doing to ensure your payments are secure.

The State of Oregon has mandated that all state institutions including Portland State be PCI (Payment Card Industry) compliant. PCI compliance is a rigorous electronic process ensuring all credit card information is secure and encrypted. In order to insure PCI compliance, PSU has enlisted the help of a third party vendor, CashNet. Beginning late August 2008, Portland State will implement "*PSU ePay*" through CashNet.

"*PSU ePay*" will not only ensure all credit card information is secure, but will expand student payment options to include:

- Free electronic payment from your checking or savings account or from your PSU One Account.
- On line web acceptance of major credit cards including Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover for a fee.
- Parental and 3rd Party Pin accounts issued by the student so others can view and make payments on your behalf.

Students wishing to pay by electronic payment will simply enter their bank account and bank specific routing number. This service is free of charge. Students wishing to pay by credit card will incur the merchant charges (accessed by Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover) associated with using that particular card. Credit card fees may vary depending on the credit card used. Because of PCI compliance credit cards will no longer be accepted at the cashier windows in Neuberger Hall Lobby.

The introduction of "*PSU ePay*" is just the beginning! We are currently looking at ways to enhance "*PSU ePay*" through sustainable electronic bills and greater student options (payment plans). "*PSU ePay*" can be easily accessed through the PSU Information System. For more information on "*PSU ePay*," please go to <http://www.pdx.edu/bao>.

Best Regards,

PSU Business Affairs Office