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PSU opens more all-gender restrooms on campus

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In an effort to continue promoting an inclusive and welcoming campus for all students, faculty, and staff, Portland State University unveiled several new all-gender restrooms last month. These multi-stall and single-occupancy restrooms are available to anyone regardless of their gender.

PSU now has a total of **61 all-gender restrooms in 23 buildings** (<https://www.pdx.edu/queer/gender-neutral-bathroom-information>) with more to come—including a multi-stall restroom in the Fourth Avenue Building set to open in late February and others in the **Karl Miller Center** (<https://www.pdx.edu/sba/project-details>) and **Viking Pavilion** (<https://www.pdx.edu/insidepsu/new-viking-pavilion>), which are both currently undergoing renovations.

The University approved an **All-Gender Restroom Policy** (<https://www.pdx.edu/campus-planning/sites/www.pdx.edu/campus-planning/files/Appendix%201.12%20-%20All%20Gender%20Restroom%20Policy.pdf>) in late 2015 that includes retrofitting existing restrooms and adding at least one all-gender restroom to new construction and major renovations. The policy was created to provide facilities that are accessible, safe, and convenient to all people, including all gender identities and people with attendants or caregivers of a different gender.

The Campus Planning Office worked over the past year with units across campus to identify several restrooms for retrofit, and with funding from the **Student Fee Committee** (<http://community.pdx.edu/student-government/student-fee-committee-sfc>) was able to convert 15 gender specific single-occupancy restrooms and three multi-stall restrooms to all-gender.

"It is so exciting that PSU has made this commitment to support students at PSU who do not always feel comfortable, safe, or welcome in gendered restrooms," said Craig Leets, director of PSU's Queer Resource Center. "These all-gender restrooms will provide additional access for all students at PSU, including trans, genderqueer, and non-binary students. With this new standard PSU is earning its designation as one of the most LGBT-friendly campuses in the nation."



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