FAQ’s REGARDING CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADE

Q. Why do we need card readers in our residence halls, we already have keys?
   A. Card readers already exist in every residence hall. This upgrade will provide a higher level of security and convenience for all BC students.

Q. Will I need to carry my card with me?
   A. Yes. Cards will be needed to gain access to all residence halls.

Q. Will I still be able to visit my friends in other residence halls?
   A. Yes. The University will maintain its current policies regarding visitation access.

Q. Why are security cameras needed on campus?
   A. Security cameras are used at colleges and universities nationwide to protect community members and deter crime. Cameras placed on residence hall entrances and exits serve as a deterrent for those who should not have access, thereby enhancing the safety and wellbeing of all students.

Q. Will security cameras be used to monitor hallways in residence halls?
   A. No. Security cameras will only be used on building entrances and exits.

Q. How will cameras be monitored?
   A. Access to video images will be controlled by BCPD. Images will only be used by BCPD as a resource in providing information in the event of a crime or security issue, or during a critical incident in progress.

Q. Will RAs or RDs be checking in on students via video?
   A. No. They will not have access to camera video.

Q. Will cards be needed to gain access to bathrooms in residence halls?
   A. Yes. Bathrooms that currently require a code for entrance will now require a card.

Q. What do I do if I lose my card?
   A. As is currently the case, students should seek card replacements through Student Services.

Q. What do I do if I need to work/study after hours in closed academic buildings?
   A. After-hour access will have to be granted by a building administrator. This requirement will help ensure the safety of all students.

Q. Why do we need any additional security? Isn’t BC a safe campus?
   A. BC is a very safe campus. However, no college or university is immune from security issues. Our goal is to use security measures to create as safe an environment as possible.

Q. Will security cameras be used to monitor student or faculty activity inside of academic or administrative buildings?
   A. No.

Q. Will these security upgrades result in noticeable changes to campus life?
   A. No. These enhancements should result in no significant changes in the day-to-day routine at Boston College.