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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2025-1163

TITLE: Resolution Advocating for the Installation of Security Cameras in Parking Garages

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WHEREAS, the University of Florida is committed to fostering a safe and secure campus environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors [1]; and,

WHEREAS, UF Transportation and Parking Services operates 14 parking garages across campus that serve thousands of students, faculty, and staff each day, including during late-night and early-morning hours [2]; and,

WHEREAS, parking garages are commonly identified as areas of concern for safety risks, including personal security threats, property damage, and vehicle theft, particularly during off-peak hours [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the installation of security cameras in these garages would enhance surveillance coverage of parking decks, stairwells, entry and exit points, and other low-visibility areas to deter criminal activity and assist in incident response [4]; and,

WHEREAS, this measure would complement existing campus safety infrastructure such as emergency blue light phones and UF Police Department patrols [5]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the UF Student Senate recognizes the importance of increasing security and surveillance coverage in campus parking garages and encourages continued assessment and planning to identify areas where enhancements may be most impactful.

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the UF Student Senate encourages UF Transportation and Parking Services and the UF Police Department to explore and pursue, where feasible, the expansion of security camera coverage in University of Florida parking garages.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Associate Vice President for Business Affairs Kevin Sowers and the Director of Physical Security Joseph Carriker.

- [1] https://police.ufl.edu/our-department/
- [2] https://taps.ufl.edu/customer-resources/parking-map/
- [3] https://nij.ojp.gov/taxonomy/term/campus-crime
- [4] https://police.ufl.edu/how-do-i/brochures-safety-tips/crime-prevention/
- [5] https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_reports/RR2600/RR2619/RAND_RR2619.pdf

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