



UNM Staff Council 2017 Resolution #2

Name: Security Cameras in all Campus Parking Lots

Authors: HSC Staff Committee

Presented to Staff Council on 6/20/17

Action of the Council: **ADOPTED**

1. WHEREAS the University of New Mexico is an open campus; and,
2. WHEREAS the crime rate for auto theft in Albuquerque is above the national average and is steadily on the rise. In a 2015 report, the National Insurance Crime Bureau listed Albuquerque second of 380 US cities for number of auto thefts. In Albuquerque, car thefts have risen from 3,005 cars in 2013, to 3,558 in 2014 to over 5,000 in 2015 to 8,040 in 2016 according to a January 26, 2017 KOB4 -TV report (<http://www.kob.com/albuquerque-news/albuquerque-spike-auto-car-thefts-crime-stolen-vehicles-crime-apd-police-department-association-union/4382418/>); and,
3. WHEREAS auto thefts on campus increased from 41 in 2013 to 86 in 2015; and, auto burglaries increased from 24 in 2013 to 49 in 2014 (UNM Clery Report, 2016); and 89 auto burglaries occurred in UNM parking lots between Jan 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (UNM Police Department); and,
4. WHEREAS the University of New Mexico assesses a fee for parking permits that allow staff, faculty and students to park in campus lots; and,
5. WHEREAS in exchange for said fee, staff, faculty and students expect a reasonable level of security; and,
6. WHEREAS approximately half of Albuquerque auto thefts are committed by repeat offenders (KOB4, October 12, 2016) ( <http://www.kob.com/albuquerque-news/albuquerque-crime-goes-up-when-fewer-people-in-jail-study-police/4288872/>); and,
7. WHEREAS without a method to identify persons committing these and other illegal and unlawful acts, the University of New Mexico and Albuquerque Police Departments have no means to identify suspects unless caught in the act; and,
8. WHEREAS the presence of security cameras may act as a deterrent; and,
9. WHEREAS the campus community may be able to aid police in locating suspects if a photo is available, even if cameras cannot be monitored in real time.

10. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Staff Council requests Interim President Chaouki T. Abdallah and the UNM Board of Regents allocate funds to install security cameras in campus parking lots so images of persons committing illegal and unlawful acts may be captured on film, tape or other media.
11. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that campus police or other authorized agency may share photos of suspects with the campus community to request information, engage the campus community as partners in campus safety and increase awareness and vigilance of protecting self and property.
12. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the UNM Board of Regents; Interim President Chaouki Abdallah; Paul Roth, MD, Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine; Craig White, Acting Provost; David Harris, EVP for Business and Finance; Kevin McCabe, Chief of UNM Police; Carla Prando Domenici, Director, Safety and Risk Services and Barbara Morck, Director of Parking and Transportation Services.