



## University of Illinois Springfield

### Student Government Association Resolution 009

*Closing the Investigation in Regards to Surveillance Cameras*

Resolution Sponsors: President Mehmet, Internal Vice-President Rosado, Treasurer Vemagiri Marbaniang, and Senator Smith

**WHEREAS**, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to be the voice for the student body; and,

**WHEREAS**, a formal investigation was opened under the Campus Safety Committee regarding the use of hidden surveillance cameras; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this investigation was to ensure that students at UIS were not being improperly surveilled; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is sufficient evidence necessary to close the investigation pursuant to attached Exhibit 1.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the investigation regarding the university's use of hidden surveillance cameras be closed.

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Secretary E. Hartney

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President A. Mehmet

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Campus Safety Committee**

## **Hidden Surveillance Camera Investigation**

### **Report and Findings**

President Mehmet

Vice-President Rosado

Treasurer Vemagiri Marbaniang

Senator Smith

Following the passage of Resolution 003 – *Investigating Student Privacy in Regards to Surveillance Cameras*, the Student Government Association began a formal investigation regarding the University’s use of surveillance cameras. This investigation has been placed within the authority of the Campus Safety committee. The safety of University of Illinois Springfield students is one of SGA’s top priorities and ensuring our students are not being improperly surveilled falls under the prevue and purpose of the Campus Safety Committee. A recent statement by Ryan Croke, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs and Chief of Staff to Chancellor Koch, clears the issue. The statement is as follows:

Security cameras in visible, public locations are strategically located throughout campus to deter crime and support campus safety efforts. UIS does not, nor does it intend to, install hidden video cameras to monitor staff, students or faculty on this campus. It would violate the UIS Campus policy to “view private areas or areas through windows” or monitor employees except in the course of a criminal investigation. The only hidden security cameras installed on this campus have been placed by law enforcement officials to carry out criminal investigations. Cameras installed by campus officials must comply with the UIS Camera Policy ([www.uis.edu/police/campus-information/camera-policy/](http://www.uis.edu/police/campus-information/camera-policy/)), which was adopted in 2004.

Noting that the use of hidden video cameras to monitor staff, students, or faculty would violate the UIS Campus policy except in the course of a criminal investigation, the Campus Safety Committee has concluded that there is no need for further investigation. The lawful use of hidden security cameras by law enforcement officials poses no risk to students or their safety.

### **ATTEST**

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President Mehmet

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Vice-President Rosado

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Treasurer Vemagiri Marbaniang

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Senator Smith