

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

University Police Department
Arcata, California



IT Project Prioritization Committee:

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This letter is my statement of support for the CCTV Project. I feel that it is imperative that HSU have a comprehensive and effective approach to crime prevention, response, and accountability. The state of the current CCTV systems is neither comprehensive nor effective. It is antiquated, has lack of depth, and is decentralized. There are a few different systems on campus, but they are not linked and cannot be viewed by University Police in a timely manner. Currently, UPD can view only three external areas of campus in live-time, and those cameras are quite old. The recording system for these cameras does not function properly. In the last few years we lost two other live camera areas due to construction and failure of equipment.

I believe that if the this project is approved, it will be in alignment with the Strategic Objectives for IT Project Prioritizations with regard to Student Success, Improved Efficiency, and Revenue Savings (I can't say it will directly bring in more revenue).

- Improved responses by campus law enforcement to crimes in progress can increase safety to students, staff, faculty, and visitors. A greater sense of security can enhance a student's feeling of wellbeing, thus have positive impacts on student success.
- Having direct video access to multiple areas on campus, either for live view or recordings will definitely improve the efficiency of our department as well as the other departments, who have to stop what they are doing to provide support to access recordings. It can improve our response times to crimes in progress and our ability to gather crucial evidence, which will greatly affect offender accountability.
- There will be revenue savings due to the ability to solve crimes and collect restitution through the criminal justice system. The system can also act as a deterrent to crime, which will reduce cost of facility repairs, or even more importantly, the cost of violent crime on the individual and University as a whole.

This proposal is not to become "Big Brother"; we do not intend to violate anyone's right to privacy. It is a common investigative tool, and is viewed in many areas as a best practice measure with regard to crime prevention, and response, and accountability. With the new technology available today, we would be remiss if we did not have the opportunity to take advantage of it.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Schuber".

Chief of Police