

University at Buffalo Faculty Senate

Resolution 2026-27.001

Date proposed to Faculty Senate by Senators Lemke and Winter: October 20, 2026

A vote to waive the requirement for a Second Reading passed by a vote of 41 Yea, 5 Nay

Action: Passed (Yea: 54, Nay 4)

Date conveyed to the UB President: October 21, 2026

Resolution to Support the UB Community Petition Opposing License Plate Reader (Flock) Cameras on Our Three Campuses

RATIONALE:

Whereas there are reliable news reports and empirical evidence to support the conclusion that License Plate Reader/Recognition Systems (commonly referred to as “Flock cameras,” although created and sold by many different brands) pose a threat to the privacy, safety, security, and well-being of the UB community;

Whereas, as of October 19, 2026, 875 UB faculty, staff, students, and alumni signed a [petition](#) to UB President Genco outlining concerns about the proposed installation of License Plate Readers at UB;

Whereas, through a unanimous vote the UB Student Association passed a [“Resolution Opposing the Implementation of Flock Safety Cameras and Similar Surveillance Technologies at the University at Buffalo \(2026-2027- S#6\)”](#);

Whereas, through a unanimous vote the UB Graduate Student Association passed a [“Resolution Opposing the Implementation of AI-powered Surveillance Cameras at the University at Buffalo”](#); and

Whereas, through a nearly unanimous voice acclamation vote, the Fall 2026 United University Professions Delegate Assembly passed a [“Resolution on Automated License Plate Recognition Systems on SUNY Campuses,”](#) which outlines similar concerns.

RESOLUTION:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate supports the “UB Community Petition Opposing License Plate Reader (Flock) Cameras on Our Three Campuses.”