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SPONSORED BY: Senator McCracken

SUBJECT: Resolution for an Additional Bluelight Telephone

DATE INTRODUCED: 3/6/19

COMMITTEE: N/A

COMMITTEE VOTE: N/A

SENATE VOTE:

LEGISLATIVE RESULT:

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

I. WHEREAS, The blue light telephones located all around the University at Albany are effective in ensuring the safety of students; and

II. WHEREAS, The University at Albany Police succeed at informing all students of the importance and use of the blue light telephones, by providing information during orientation and by allowing access to a free informative brochure; and

III. WHEREAS, The University at Albany Police deserve an incredible amount of credit for acting fast when a blue light telephone is used by a student; and

IV. WHEREAS, The safety of the students of the University at Albany should be the number one priority of the UPD and the University at Albany Administration; and

V. WHEREAS, Many students residing on State Quad have reported that they feel unsafe walking on the diagonal pathway, southwest of the University Hall and northeast of the Earth Science Lane, when traveling from the podium to State Quad (see attached map for reference); and

VI. WHEREAS, This said pathway has no light posts, leaving students with little to no light and visibility during the nighttime and early morning hours; and

VII. WHEREAS, The pathway alongside the University Hall and the Earth Science Lane pathway both have multiple light posts providing light and visibility for students during the nighttime and early morning hours; and

VIII. WHEREAS, Although there is a blue light telephone in close proximity to the University Hall it does not provide safety to students once they are walking down the diagonal pathway towards State Quad because of the little to no visibility; and

IX. WHEREAS, Just because you can see a blue light telephone from most places on campus it does not mean they are always easily accessible from dangerous locations, especially in poorly lit areas; and

X. THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, That if this pathway remains unlit by any light posts then a blue light telephone and its respective orange pole shall be implemented on the eastern end of the
diagonal pathway (see attached map for reference), to ensure the safety of the students walking from
the podium to State Quad during the nighttime and early morning hours; and

XI. THEREFORE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, Given that this is a frequently used pathway and a
major concern of students alike, the University Police and University Administration shall see that
this is to be done effectively and in a timely manner; and

XII. THEREFORE IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Havidan
Rodriguez, President of the University at Albany, Dr. Michael Christakis, Vice President of Student
Affairs, J. Frank Wiley, Chief of the University Police Department, Aran C Mull, Assistant Chief of
the University Police Department, Carol Stenger, Director of the Advocacy Center for Sexual
Violence, and Pamela Alexander, Director for Student Activities

[Signature]
Langie Cadesca, President

3/6/19
Passed by the Senate

I, Brandon D. Holdridge, attest this is a true and valid
record of action taken by the Student Association
Senate on the date provided
*Pathway of interest is highlighted in yellow and desired location of a new blue light telephone pole is shown with a blue “X”