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Dear Dean Hixson,

I am writing to support the FAU Library's Tech Fee proposal for Swank Digital Campus. For the last several years, I have used the Swank Digital Campus resources in all of my courses, both face-to-face and online. The films and ease of showing them has enhanced my students' understanding of the material. Many students find philosophical questions opaque because of the level of abstract thinking they require. Like many of my colleagues in the profession, I have found that some films can help students grasp the force of some key philosophical concepts. For example, in Ancient Philosophy (PHI 3100), I use Woody Allen's *Crimes and Misdemeanors* when I teach Plato's *Republic*. The film gives a vivacity to Plato's question of whether the just person is happier than the evil, successful one. This course is face-to-face and meets once a week for three hours. I cannot afford to use class time to show a film. The Digital Campus allows me to use the film on the course Blackboard page and enrich the students' experience of a difficult philosophical text.

Ms. Maris Hayashi and Mr. Zack English of the FAU library have been consistently prompt, capable, and professional in arranging for whatever film I have requested—in short, wonderful. They have helped me also with some technical questions. I hope you will grant the FAU Library's request for the tech fee. for Digital Campus is an invaluable pedagogical resource.

Sincerely,

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