

Faculty Senate Resolution Opposing Firearms on College Campuses

Northwestern Oklahoma State University

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WHEREAS, the indefinite and unproven benefits of the carrying of firearms by faculty or college students can be clearly contrasted with the potential risks for accidental and intentional misuse of firearms on college campuses; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of an entire campus community outweigh the need of the individual implicit in the definition of self-defense; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the university that provide safety to all of its constituencies, and the specific actions of its security team could be severely compromised by untrained and uncoordinated individual action for which the institution would bear ultimate responsibility; and

WHEREAS, campus police officers and security personnel have voiced strong oppositions to allowing firearms on college campuses, and furthermore, numerous professional associations, including the American College Personnel Association, Association of Student Conduct Administration, National Orientation Directors Association, and the Association of College and University Housing, have all voiced unanimous opposition to firearms on campus; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators has stated its opposition to allowing firearms on university campuses and that there is no credible evidence that allowing firearms on campuses will make campuses safer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Faculty Senate at Northwestern Oklahoma State University hereby encourage the leaders of our state to oppose any laws permitting possession of firearms on public college and university campuses other than by duly authorized law enforcement officials.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary J. Riegel', is written over a horizontal line.

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