

**RESOLUTION
NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
PROFESSIONAL STAFF COUNCIL,
OPPOSITION TO CONCEALED AND OPEN CARRY OF
FIREARMS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

WHEREAS, campus police officers and security personal have voiced strong opposition to allowing weapons on public college and university campuses; and

WHEREAS, the prior Campus Life and Safety and Security Task Force (CLASS) and current Campus Safety and Security Task Force assembled for the purpose of facilitating continued enhancements to safety and security on Oklahoma's higher education and career technology campuses unanimously oppose allowing weapons on those campuses; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the Chancellor, the presidents of all 25 institutions, and members of all institutional governing boards believe that there is no scenario where allowing guns on campuses will do anything other than create a more dangerous environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, numerous professional associations, including the American college Personal Association, Association of Student Conduct Administration, Association of College and University Housing Officers-International, National Orientation Directors Association and other nationally respected organizations have voiced unanimous opposition to allowing firearms on college campuses; and


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

WHEREAS, the risks associated with accidental discharge, weapon theft and weapon storage are greater in shared learning, socializing and residential spaces such as those utilized on and around campuses; and

WHEREAS, guns on campuses could potentially increase student homicides, injury and suicide, and compromise the safety of police officers and security personal, along with other campus populations:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Professional Staff Council, comprised of elected exempt employee representatives of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, continues to support the system position regarding guns on campuses and hereby requests that the Oklahoma Legislature not pass any legislation that would change current law regarding the carry of firearms on higher education campuses.

Approved this ___29th___ day of ___March___, 2018



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