

1 **2016-2017-16 Declaration of Support for the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates**
2 **Resolution in Opposition to Carrying Weapons or Firearms on State University**
3 **Systems Campuses or Facilities**

4 **Whereas**, the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) works toward better and higher
5 quality educational opportunities in the institutions of higher education in the State University
6 System (SUS) of Florida and serves as a mechanism to discuss issues of importance to higher
7 education in Florida; and

8 **Whereas**, the ACFS is concerned about the safety and welfare of students, faculty, staff and
9 visitors to the State University System campuses and/or facilities and has a duty to adopt
10 policies promoting safe environment; and

11 **Whereas**, there have been numerous instances of unauthorized firearm use for either assault
12 or suicidal purposes at American universities in recent years, including at the University of
13 Central Florida (2013) and Florida State University (2014); and

14 **Whereas**, the ACFS opposes any legislation that would allow any individual other than sworn
15 law enforcement officers to carry weapons or firearms on any State University System
16 campuses and/or facilities; and

17 **CONCURS** with the position of the vast majority of education and law enforcement
18 professionals, that as an essential element of an overall school safety plan, firearms on campus
19 should be carried only by trained law enforcement officers; therefore

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the UCF Faculty Senate joins with the ACFS and strongly opposes any
21 legislation that enables individuals other than sworn law enforcement officers to carry weapons
22 or firearms on any State University System campuses and/or facilities.

23 *Approved by the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates on January 27, 2017.*