

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the UCF Faculty Senate on February 23, 2017.