

Advisory Council of Faculty Senates

Resolution on Opposition to Concealed Weapons or Firearms on State University Systems Campuses or Facilities.

Whereas: the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates (ACFS) works towards better and higher quality educational opportunities in the institutions of higher education in the State University System (SUS) of Florida and serve as a mechanism to discuss issues of importance to higher education in Florida and provide input from a faculty perspective,

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

Whereas: there have been approximately thirty (30) instances of unauthorized firearm use for either assault or suicidal purposes at American universities in the past two years, including at the University of Central Florida (2013) and Florida State University (2014),

Whereas: the ACFS opposes any legislation that would allow any individual other than sworn law enforcement to carry concealed 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 security or police.

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