

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 ACFS strongly opposes any legislation that enables individuals other  
21   than sworn law enforcement officers to carry weapons or firearms on any State University  
22   System campuses and/or facilities.

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