

Faculty Advisory Council and Student Advisory Board

JOINT RESOLUTION

Concealed Weapons on College Campuses

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WHEREAS, the indefinite and unproven benefits of the carrying of concealed handguns by faculty or college students can be clearly contrasted with the potential risks for accidental and intentional misuse of weapons in the environment of a college campus, and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of an entire campus community outweigh the need of the individual implicit in the definition of self-defense, and

WHEREAS, the policies of the university that provide safety to all of its constituencies, and the specific actions of its security team could be severely compromised by untrained and uncoordinated individual action for which the institution would bear the ultimate responsibility, and

WHEREAS, state statutes currently recognize the need to restrict the carrying of concealed weapons in a number of public places, and

WHEREAS, existing statutes adequately define and protect the rights of faculty and college students to possess firearms for legitimate uses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Faculty Advisory Council and the Student Advisory Board unanimously oppose the carrying of concealed weapons on college campuses and urge that HB 1083 or any bill allowing concealed weapons on campus not be passed.

Faculty Advisory Council Chair

Dr. Frans Currier

Student Advisory Board Chair

Matthew Heggy