

Student Advisory Board

RESOLUTION

Weapons on College Campuses

WHEREAS, in the past seven sessions of the Oklahoma State Legislature, bills have either been introduced or discussed that would allow guns on campus at institutions in The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and

WHEREAS, each legislative attempt to allow guns on campus has been successfully defeated to date, and ensuring that similar legislation does not become law will continue to be a state system priority, and

WHEREAS, the indefinite and unproven benefits of the carrying of guns 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 institution of higher education 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 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 Student Advisory Board believe that there is no scenario in which allowing guns on campuses will do anything other than create a more dangerous environment for our students, faculty and visitors, and oppose the carrying of guns on college campuses, except by police officers and security personnel, and as is authorized under current law.

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