

OPPOSING GUNS ON CAMPUS

FGCU Faculty Senate

Resolution

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The Faculty of Florida Gulf Coast University,

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 University of Central Florida (2013) and Florida State University (2014),

WHEREAS colleges and universities have a legal duty to adopt policies to promote a safe environment for students, faculty, and staff,

WHEREAS both our faculty and students are gravely concerned about the potential introduction of firearms to our community,

WHEREAS pending legislation in the Florida legislature (**Senate Bill 176** and companion **House Bill 4005**) “delete[s] a provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into a college or university facility,”

WHEREAS the vast majority of educational and law enforcement professionals’ position that prohibiting firearms on college campuses, except by trained security officers, is an essential element of an overall school safety plan; and therefore

RESOLVE our strong opposition to **SB 176**, **HB 4005**, and any other legislation that would preempt an educational institution's right to prohibit or adopt policies to regulate possession of firearms on campus.