

***OPPOSING GUNS ON CAMPUS FGCU***

***Faculty Senate Resolution Final***

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*The Faculty of Florida Gulf Coast University,*

**WHEREAS** there have been numerous instances of unauthorized firearm use for either assault or suicidal purposes at American colleges and universities , including at University of Central Florida (2013), Florida State University (2014), and Umpqua Community College (2015)

**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 68 and companion House Bill 4001) “delete[s] a provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into a college or university facility,” while continuing to ban firearms in virtually all other governmental buildings, including the legislature,

**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

**REAFFIRM** our strong opposition to SB 68, HB 4001, and any other legislation that would preempt an educational institution's right to prohibit or adopt policies to regulate possession of firearms on campus