



## FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION

FSR 2017-2018-002

**I. Resolution Name:**

Reaffirmation of Oppositions to Weapons on Campus

**II. Stated Resolution:**

Be it resolved that the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Senate wish to reaffirm our continued opposition to any modification of Oklahoma state law that would allow non-law enforcement personnel to carry weapons on college and university campuses. Faculty Senate believes any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives, but would also pose a significant detriment to the university's learning environment. Faculty Senate urges the Oklahoma Legislature to prevent the passage of any bill that would change the current law regarding open or concealed carry of firearms on higher education or technology center campuses.

**III. Justification:**

Oklahoma higher education does not oppose the Second Amendment or gun ownership. Under current law, campus presidents have the discretion to grant exceptions to the weapons ban when an exception is warranted. The current law is working. In the past ten legislative sessions, bills have either been introduced or discussed that would allow guns on campus. Each attempt has been successfully defeated to date, and ensuring similar legislation does not become law will continue be a priority for the University of Central Oklahoma.

**Submitted By:** Senators Archuleta, Bridges, Churchill, Martinez-Sotelo, and Milligan

**Assigned To:** Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Passed by unanimous consent of the UCO Faculty Senate on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February.

  
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Kristi L. Archuleta, Faculty Senate President