



FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION

FSR 2021-2022-001

I. Resolution Name: **REAFFIRMATION OF OPPOSITION TO WEAPONS ON CAMPUS**

II. Stated Resolution:

Be it RESOLVED that the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Senate wishes 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 in our state.

Be it RESOLVED that Oklahoma higher education does not oppose the Second Amendment or gun ownership.

Be it RESOLVED that the University of Central Oklahoma 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.

Be it RESOLVED that we, as the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Senate, urge the Oklahoma Legislature to prevent the passage of any bill that would change the current law regarding open or concealed carry firearms on higher education campuses.

IT IS SO RESOLVED.

III. Justification:

Under current law, campus presidents have the discretion to grant exceptions to the weapons ban when an exception is warranted, and this law is working. In the past **fourteen** 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 to be a priority for the University of Central Oklahoma and its Faculty Association.

This Resolution was submitted for consideration to the UCO Faculty Senate on 30 August 2021 by: Senators Barger Johnson, Burdina, Waters, Archuleta, Provencio, Jobe, and Moran.

Recommended for Approval by the: UCO FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

IT IS SO UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2021:

A blue ink signature of Jennifer Barger Johnson, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'B'.

JENNIFER BARGER JOHNSON
UCO Faculty Senate President