



**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION
FSR-2022/2023-002**

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 the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Senate believes any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives, but 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.

III. Justification: Oklahoma higher education does not oppose the Second Amendment or gun ownership. This resolution aligns with the practices of our peer and state institutions, as well as with current institutional policy. Under current state law, campus presidents have the discretion to grant exceptions to the weapons ban when an exception is warranted; this law is working. In past Oklahoma legislative sessions, bills have either been introduced or discussed that would allow guns on campuses and each attempt has been successfully defeated to date.

IV. Divisions/Colleges/Office(s) that may be affected:

University of Central Oklahoma Campuses

V. Directed to:

University of Central Oklahoma's Office of the President
University of Central Oklahoma's Office of Public Affairs

This resolution was submitted for consideration to the UCO Faculty Senate on 8 September 2022 by the UCO Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

SO APPROVED BY THE UCO FACULTY SENATE ON OCTOBER 11, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyssa L. Provencio', written over a horizontal line.

Alyssa L. Provencio, Ph.D.
UCO Faculty Senate President

