

**FACULTY SENATE
The University of Oklahoma
Norman Campus**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CURRENT FIREARMS POLICY ON
PUBLIC UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN OKLAHOMA**

Approved February 8, 2021

WHEREAS bills allowing firearms to be brought onto public college and university campuses have been or will be introduced into the Oklahoma State Legislature, and

WHEREAS we, the Faculty Senate of The University of Oklahoma – Norman campus, are concerned for the safety and welfare of all members of the OU community, as well as campus guests, and

WHEREAS we, as faculty members, are sensitive to and aware of the physical, mental, and emotional trauma of campus violence, and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic has intensified physical, mental, and emotional stresses among members of the OU community, and

WHEREAS the presence of firearms on campus may both endanger the safety of students, faculty, and staff, and undermine the teaching and learning environment, and

WHEREAS the presence of non-uniformed individuals with firearms makes the job of law enforcement professionals more difficult when responding to a shooting incident,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of The University of Oklahoma – Norman campus supports maintaining the current law regarding firearms on campus, in which the President has the discretion to allow individuals to carry firearms on campus when the individual circumstances warrant it. We strongly oppose any changes to state law regarding firearms on college and university campuses.



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