

Resolution Against Guns on Campus

WHEREAS, a civil, safe and open environment is fundamental to the educational and research mission of the University of Florida, and

WHEREAS guns, including legally purchased guns, have been involved in numerous unfortunate incidents on college campuses around the country in which students, faculty and staff have been injured and killed; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have determined that possession of guns greatly increases the risk that innocent people will be shot, and

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill SB176 and House Bill HB 4005 was filed to amend Florida Statute 790.06 to allow the possession of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on university and college campuses, and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the state of Florida educational and law enforcement professionals believe that prohibiting firearms on college campuses except by trained security officers is an essential element of overall school safety plan;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Florida, on behalf of the faculty of the University of Florida, strongly opposes SB 176, HB 4005, and any other legislation that would preempt an educational institution's right to prohibit or regulate possession of firearms on campus.

Approved University of Florida Faculty Senate – February 26, 2015