

## **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, such as one by epidemiologists at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, have determined that possession of guns greatly increases the risk that innocent people will be shot, and

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill 234 was filed on Dec. 12, 2010, by Sen. Greg Evers, R-Crestview, Florida 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 State of Florida University Police Chiefs, including UPD's chief, Linda Stump, are united in opposition to any legislation that would allow weapons on campus, and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida Student Senate, on behalf of the students of the University of Florida, voted 52-17 to oppose any amendment to Florida Statutes that would allow the possession of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on the University of Florida campus, then

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 any legislation that would allow guns on campus.

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**Investigating the Link Between Gun Possession and Gun Assault**

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