

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Faculty Senate

Draft: Faculty Senate Resolution to Oppose Weapons on College Campuses

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RECOGNIZING legislation regarding firearms and other weapons on public college and university campuses have been or will be introduced into the Oklahoma State Legislature; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) Faculty Senate represents the faculty of OUHSC; and

CONSIDERING that the OUHSC campuses include faculty and staff who are health care providers, researchers, instructors, and educators; and

CONSIDERING ALSO, as faculty, that we believe one of our duties is to be role models for students through positive and supportive environments; and

AFFIRMING that faculty members are sensitive to and aware of the physical, mental and emotional traumas associated with school violence; and

CONVINCED that faculty members who are health care providers and practitioners of the healing arts interact with victims of weapons violence on an ongoing basis; and

CONVINCED also that OUHSC campuses include hospital and clinic facilities where patients and families are provided healthcare; and

EMPHASIZING that our campuses, including the medical facilities, classrooms, and work spaces, should continue to be environments that are safe for all students, staff, faculty, patients, families, and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center hereby supports the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in its position opposing any legislation that would allow firearms or other weapons to be carried on public university or college campuses so that clinics, medical facilities, classrooms, and campus grounds continue to provide positive environments for all who visit and work on the campuses.

OUHSC Faculty Senate Chair

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