

**FGCU Faculty Senate
Resolution**

OPPOSING GUNS ON CAMPUS

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The Faculty,

SEEING that, after shootings at Virginia Tech (2007) and Florida State University (2014), political pressure has increased to prohibit colleges and universities across the country from regulating firearms on college and university campuses and to allow students to possess and carry concealed firearms; and

CONSIDERING that legislation has been introduced in at least 18 states that would prohibit colleges and universities from adopting policies that regulate possession of firearms on campus; and

CONSIDERING that pending legislation in the Florida legislature (**Senate Bill 176** and companion **House Bill 4005**) “delete[s] a provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into a college or university facility” and

KNOWING that colleges and universities have a legal duty to adopt policies to promote a safe environment for students, faculty, and staff; and

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

RESOLVES its opposition to **SB 176**, **HB 4005**, and any other legislation that would preempt an educational institution's right to prohibit or adopt policies to regulate possession of firearms on campus.