RESOLUTION
SSR 2015/2016-003

I. Resolution Name:

No Weapons On Campus

II. Committee Assigned/Sponsoring Committee:

Staff Development and Wellness

III. Stated Resolution:

Be it resolved that the University of Central Oklahoma Staff Senate wish to make it known our continuing opposition to any modification of state law which would allow non-law enforcement personnel to have concealed weapons on a university or college campus. We continue to request that all necessary actions be taken by the Oklahoma Legislature to prevent the potentially tragic unforeseen circumstances that could occur as a result of any bill that would change the current law regarding open or concealed carry of firearms on higher education or technology center campuses.

We also are agreed that we desire this resolution to be distributed by University of Central Oklahoma President Betz to all whom he considers the appropriate parties to act upon it.

IV. Definition of Terms and current policy as provided in the Code of Student Conduct:

Illegal or unauthorized possession, usage, or storage of firearms, explosives, electronic control devices, such as Taser or other stun guns, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on University premises in a manner that would reasonably be expected to threaten, harm, incapacitate, or cause fear to other University community members. The possession or firing of firearms, fireworks, explosives, ammunition, replica firearms (as referenced in Section 1 of 8.12.025 of the Edmond, OK Municipal Code) or weapons such as bb guns, paintball guns, rifles, bows, swords, metal knuckles, blackjacks, hand chains, knives and inappropriately-used knives or bladed instruments by students is prohibited on-campus, in any sorority, fraternity, or University operated housing facilities, except as used in officially approved University programs. Lawfully stored handguns may not be removed from vehicles without prior valid written consent of the college or University President while the vehicle is on University property (21 O.S. 2007, 1277.). To obtain permission to safely and lawfully store or display unloaded and approved weapons while on campus property, contact the University of Central Oklahoma Police Services at (405)974-2345.

Exceptions to this weapons policy can only be made by the UCO President for limited academic, theatrical or approved sporting or special activity-related events.
Persons who have a valid Oklahoma carry permit pursuant to the Oklahoma Self Defense Act must have written permission from the UCO President to carry a firearm on campus. Currently employed and commissioned city, state or federal law enforcement officers are not subject to this approval process.

V. Justification:

In the past seven legislative sessions, bills have either been introduced or discussed that would allow guns on campus. Each attempt has been successfully defeated to date, and ensuring similar legislation does not become law needs to continue to be a state system priority.

VI. Office(s) Contacted:

Information and wording adapted from the Oklahoma State Regents For Higher Education website (www.okhighered.org).

VII. Office(s) Affected:

The entire University of Central Oklahoma campus

Passed by consent of the UCO Staff Senate on this 5th day of January, 2016.

Dawna K. Terrell, Staff Senate President