RESOLUTION

SSR 2018/2019-001

I. Resolution Name:

Reaffirmation: No Weapons on Campus

II. Committee Assigned/Sponsoring Committee:

Staff Senate Alumni and Community Involvement

III. Stated Resolution:

Be it resolved the University of Central Oklahoma Staff Senate reaffirms its continued opposition to any modification of Oklahoma State law, which would allow non-law enforcement personnel to carry weapons on college and university campuses. We believe any changes to current policy would not only reduce campus safety and endanger lives, but also would pose a significant detriment to the University’s learning environment. We urge Oklahoma Legislature to prevent the passage of any bill proposing changes to the current law regarding open or concealed carry of firearms on higher education or technology center campuses.

IV. Definition of Terms:

V. Justification:

Oklahoma higher education does not oppose the Second Amendment or gun ownership. This proposal aligns with our peer and state institutions. Under current law, campus presidents have the discretion to grant exceptions to the weapons ban when an exception is warranted. The current law is working.

The 2018 Oklahoma legislative session saw over 80 bills addressing weapons. In the past ten legislative sessions, bills have either been introduced or discussed that would allow guns on campus. Each attempt has been successfully defeated to date.
VI. **Office(s) Contacted:** (List all offices/departments contacted for information, and keep record of the conversations in your Senate files.)

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<td>Mark Kinders</td>
<td>Vice President of Public Affairs</td>
<td>15 November 2018</td>
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VII. **Office(s) Affected:** (Be specific, as these offices may receive the resolution, if passed.)

Entire UCO campus

VIII. **Directed to:** (List individual(s), office(s), or department(s) that are to receive the resolution, if passed.)

Office of the President  
Office of Vice President of Public Affairs

Passed by consent of the UCO Staff Senate this 4th day of December, 2018.

Scott DeBoard, Staff Senate President