RESOLUTION
SSR 2020/2021-001

I. Resolution Name: No Weapons On Campus

II. Committee Assigned/Sponsoring Committee: Stakeholder Relations & Involvement Committee

III. Stated Resolution: Be it resolved that 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 Legislatures 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. 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.

In the past 12 Oklahoma legislative sessions, bills have either been introduced or discussed that would allow guns on campuses and each attempt has been successfully defeated to date.

V. Office(s) Contacted:

Name: Adrienne Nobles  
Office/Department: Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs

VI. Office(s) Affected: UCO main Edmond campus and UCO extended campuses.

VII. 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 for Communication and Public Affairs

Passed by consent of the UCO Staff Senate this 6th day of October, 2020.

Scott DeBoard, Staff Senate President