

HANDGUNS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Whereas, The Ohio Faculty Council is recognized by the Chancellor and the Ohio Department of Higher Education and represents the faculty at all of the four-year public universities in the State of Ohio;

Whereas, The Ohio Faculty Council espouses strong and consistent faculty influence at the state level on issues and policies related to higher education and addresses concerns common to faculty members of the four-year public universities;

Whereas, The free and open exchange of ideas is a fundamental component of the mission of public higher education in the State of Ohio and such exchanges are facilitated by environments that are violence-free/safe spaces;

Whereas, An understanding that individuals engaged in these exchanges could legally possess handguns would significantly and negatively impact the dynamic of those discussions and the value of higher education in Ohio;

Whereas, Ohio House Bill 48 would allow concealed-carry permit holders to carry handguns in currently restricted places including college campuses;

Whereas, The current law has served the state well and has contributed to an atmosphere on college campuses that allows the free and open exchange of ideas that is a fundamentally important component of higher education's mission; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, We respectfully ask State Legislators and the Governor of Ohio to not modify State law in a way that would allow concealed-carry permit holders to carry handguns on college campuses.