

Resolution Objecting to Allowing Concealed Weapons on KU Campuses December 1, 2016

The University Senate of the University of Kansas is composed of the elected representatives of staff, students, and faculty at the University and is charged with acting in behalf of the staff, students, and faculty.

Eighty-two percent of the KU staff, students, and faculty who participated in the January 2016 Docking Institute survey expressed opposition to allowing concealed weapons on campus.¹

Moreover, current research indicates that the net effect of campus carry on the safety of college students, faculty, and staff is likely to be more deaths, more nonfatal gunshot wounds, and more threats with a firearm that are traumatizing to victims.²

Therefore, the University Senate wishes to express its opposition, in the strongest possible terms, to allowing concealed weapons on the University of Kansas campuses.

On behalf of our constituencies, we urge the Kansas State Legislature (1.) to respect local control by continuing the exemption to the Personal and Family Protection Act and (2.) to allow our campus communities to choose whether or not weapons are allowed on our KU campuses.

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¹ Brinker, Gary, Bethanny Lenneman, Ryan L. Swayne. 2016. Kansas Board of Regents Council of Faculty Presidents Campus Employees' Weapons Survey. Docking Institute of Public Affairs, Fort Hays State University.
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² Webster, Daniel W., et al. 2016. Firearms on Campus: Research Evidence and Policy Implications. Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research. Retrieved 11/15/16:
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