

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF FACULTY SENATES

RESOLUTION ARTICULATING OPPOSITION TO CONCEAL AND CARRY ON CAMPUS

Whereas, colleges and universities in the state of Missouri are concerned with the safety of its students, faculty, staff, and guests, and

Whereas, colleges and universities have carefully considered their policies related to possession of firearms on campus,

Whereas, colleges and universities provide options for student gun owners to safely store guns and access them for off-campus, recreational use,

Whereas, no public universities are “gun-free zones” since they all have armed security 24 hours a day, 7 days a week,

Whereas, active shooter response teams could easily become confused by the presence of additional guns at active shooter events regardless of the intent of those individuals,

Whereas, alcohol and mental health concerns on campus are amplified with the increased presence of guns,

Whereas, suicide is the number one cause of death among college students and the increased presence of guns on campus will make it easier for suicidal students to access lethal weapons, and

Whereas, unlike in other states where the age requirement for concealed carry is 21, in Missouri it is 19,

Be it therefore resolved, that the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates, composed of the elected senates of the public, four-year colleges and universities, favors local university control over its rules for when and where students, faculty, staff, and visitors may possess firearms on campus, and

Be it further resolved that the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates opposes legislation that would override local control and require campuses to permit students, faculty, staff, and visitors to carry concealed weapons on campus.