

HANDGUNS ON WRIGHT STATE'S CAMPUSES

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;

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;

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 has adopted a resolution that respectfully asks 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; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, The Wright State Faculty Senate recommends that in the event that Ohio's law is changed in a way that would allow concealed-carry permit holders to carry handguns on college campuses that the Wright State University Board of Trustees not allow concealed-carry permit holders to carry handguns on the Wright State University campuses.