

**A Resolution to Oppose the Implementation of a Concealed and Carry Policy
at The Ohio State University**

Michael Frank (for himself, Lauren Fechtel, and Carla Gracia) introduced the following resolution to the Steering Committee, where it passed.

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas the 131st Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 48, herein referred to as HB48, which authorizes the use of concealed carry in vulnerable areas,¹ and

Whereas HB48 would allow the use of concealed carry at institutions of higher education, and

Whereas HB48 states that a valid license does not authorize the licensee to carry a concealed handgun onto any premises owned by any public or private institution of higher education *unless the institution's board of trustees or other governing body authorizes specific individuals or classes of individuals to carry a concealed handgun on the premises,*^{2,3} and

Whereas The Ohio State University has a vested interest in providing a safe campus environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors, and

Whereas the presence of firearms on university grounds directly threatens the progress of education and the expression of ideas, which are central to the mission of our university,⁴ and

Whereas laws permitting concealed carry on campuses pose a threat to academic freedom insofar that students and faculty may not feel safe or comfortable discussing controversial matters in the presence of firearms,⁵ and

Whereas permitting concealed carry on campus would allow firearm storage in dorm rooms, and

Whereas not all students in a dorm would consent to having gun in the building, and

Whereas guns are the most lethal method of committing suicide and the presence of a firearm in a household increases one's risk of suicide by five times,⁶ and

¹ <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-documents?id=GA131-HB-48>

² http://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/solarapi/v1/general_assembly_131/bills/hb48/PS/06?format=pdf

³ The italicized portion was added under HB48.

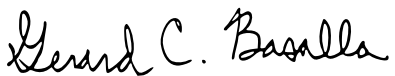
⁴ https://www.uwplatt.edu/files/ccsac/Files/uss_11-10-15_firearms_resolution.pdf

⁵ <http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/03/the-steep-cost-of-allowing-guns-in-the-college-classroom/472296/>

⁶ Henigan, D. A. (2009). *Lethal logic: Exploding the myths that paralyze American gun policy*. Dulles, Virginia: Potomac Books, Inc.

41 **Whereas** suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people ages 15-24 years,⁷
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44 **Whereas** mental health and suicide prevention have become major concerns on college
45 campuses given the high levels of stress that students face, and
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47 **Whereas** many students have raised concerns about the occurrence of mass shootings on college
48 campuses across the country, and
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50 **Whereas** target hit rates from trained police are low; the RAND Corporation notes that “between
51 1998 and 2006, the average hit rate was 18 percent for gunfights,⁸” and
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53 **Whereas** in the State of Ohio, individuals only need to earn eight hours of training in order to
54 receive a concealed carry weapon license, and
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56 **Whereas** Michael V. Drake, President of The Ohio State University, said to NPR affiliate Ann
57 Fischer that “None of my colleagues or myself think that’s a good idea,” referring to concealed
58 carry provisions on campus,⁹ and
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60 **Therefore Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) at The Ohio
61 State University implores The Ohio State University Board of Trustees to maintain the current
62 ban on concealed carry weapons, and
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64 **Let it Further Be Resolved** that USG encourages its members to continue developing
65 alternative solutions to make The Ohio State University and its surrounding residential areas
66 safer for the undergraduate student body.

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69 Floor Vote: Aye- 28 Nay- 2 Abstain- 2
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75 Gerard Basalla
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75 Danielle Di Scala
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79 Date Adopted: 1/25/17

Date Terminated: _____

⁷ <http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2015/10/8/suicide-second-leading-cause-death-among-college-s/>

⁸ http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/downloads/pdf/public_information/RAND_FirearmEvaluation.pdf

⁹ <http://thelantern.com/2016/12/allowing-concealed-carry-at-ohio-state-not-under-consideration/>