

Columbus State University

Faculty Senate Resolution

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WHEREAS, universities are unique environments that function as institutions of higher learning with a purpose to promote and facilitate the discovery, application and dissemination of knowledge and

WHEREAS, allowing concealed/open carry permit holders to bring firearms on university grounds or into classrooms threatens educational process and expression of ideas by legalizing lethal weapon(s) within a place that encourages vigorous and often controversial academic discussion and

WHEREAS, lawfully sanctioned carry of firearms on campus shifts responsibility of protecting lives from the university police department to private individuals who lack current law enforcement training and

WHEREAS, the University System of Georgia administration, faculty, student groups and law enforcement have consistently opposed measures allowing firearms on campus and

WHEREAS, state of Georgia law enforcement opposes the law and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of Columbus State University advocates for the campus community on issues related to campus safety and general well-being

WHEREAS, all students, faculty, staff and administration personnel at CSU have the right to learn and work in a safe environment free from concealed firearms.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of Columbus State University opposes any bill put forth by the State of Georgia that could prohibit universities and community colleges from banning the carrying of firearms by non-law enforcement officials on the grounds and in any building of universities and community colleges in the State of Georgia.