To: Dr. Lawrence Schovanec, TTU University President

From: Dr. Gene Wilde, Faculty Senate President

Date: September 14, 2016

RE: Resolution Regarding Campus Carry at Commencement

Introduced to, and passed by, the Texas Tech Faculty Senate on the 14th of September, 2016.

Resolution Regarding Campus Carry at Commencement

WHEREAS Texas Tech University’s Commencement ceremonies in December, May, and August are large public events attended by thousands of students, faculty, staff, and members of the public, including significant numbers of minors; and

WHEREAS Texas Tech University employs uniformed police officers (including Lubbock County Sheriff’s Deputies and Texas Tech University police officers) and arena security staff to maintain a safe and orderly environment at the Commencement ceremonies; and

WHEREAS Faculty serving on Texas Tech University’s Convocations Committee act as marshals during the ceremony and are, therefore, responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of graduating students, faculty, staff, and members of the public; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate meeting on this 14th day of September 2016 request Texas Tech University’s Commencement ceremonies be designated as “exclusionary zones” from concealed carry beginning with the December 2016 Commencement ceremony.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to President Lawrence Schovanec, Chancellor Robert Duncan, Ronald Phillip; chair of the University Campus Carry Committee and the Board of Regents.