

To: Dr. John Opperman, University Interim President

From: Dr. Michael Farmer, Faculty Senate President

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RE: Resolution Campus Carry

Introduced to, and passed by, the Texas Tech Faculty Senate on the 10th of February, 2016.

Resolution on Campus Carry

Recognizing that the President's Task Force on Campus Carry surveyed the Texas Tech Faculty and found the overwhelming majority to be against the provisions of SB 11, the TTU Faculty Senate hereby resolves the following:

First and foremost, a university is a democratic space for the safe exchange of ideas, some of which are controversial. This safe environment in which young minds can be challenged is an atmosphere that every university community has come to both cherish and expect. The inclusion of guns on a university campus makes the free exchange of ideas unsafe. In addition, there is the very real likelihood of an increase in accidents which may harm students, faculty, and staff. While university communities all recognize the importance of the second amendment as a critical construct in the American fabric, the introduction of firearms on campus will aid only in an illusion of safety and will introduce an unstable element into an environment that should be welcoming, inclusive, and safe at all times.

Therefore, we affirm that guns should not be allowed in classrooms, faculty offices, laboratories or any other educational spaces.