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Student Government

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“Make our Firearms Regulation Student Friendly”

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WHEREAS: The Student Government of Florida Atlantic University, on behalf of the students of Florida Atlantic University, should promote the sensible protection of student rights on campus, and;

WHEREAS: The Student Government of Florida Atlantic University should also promote safety on campus and ensure that students feel safe at all times on campus, and;

WHEREAS: Florida Atlantic University currently has a weapons regulation in effect that prohibits any and all weapons, including firearms on campus, with the exception being for law enforcement, state or ROTC purposes, and;

WHEREAS: Other Universities nationally, as well as the University of Florida have adopted policies whereby firearms can be stored at their University police station, and;

WHEREAS: Such a policy allows for unauthorized firearms to be stored in a secure location rather than being hidden in residence halls or vehicles where they can be stolen and cause a threat to students and personnel all over campus, and;

WHEREAS: Furthermore, Florida Atlantic University’s current policy also prohibits the possession of chemical sprays, such as pepper spray, and;

WHEREAS: The University prohibits chemical sprays even though Florida statutes allow for individuals without a concealed weapon or firearm license to possess chemical sprays for the purpose of lawful self defense, and;
WHEREAS: Such a policy puts the safety and well being of students on campus at risk, and allows for situations in which students defending themselves with chemical sprays can actually be penalized, NOW;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Boca Raton House of Representatives support amendments to the University regulations on weapons that would allow that only individuals that possess a valid concealed weapon or firearms license to store currently prohibited weapons at a secure location at the Florida Atlantic University Police Station, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Boca Raton House of Representatives also support amendments to the University regulations on weapons that would allow persons on campus to carry chemical sprays (less than 2 ounces) on their person for the purpose of lawful self-defense, and;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Florida Atlantic University President and to the University Board of Trustees.