

**University Faculty Senate
Florida Atlantic University**

**Resolution in Opposition to
Carrying Lethal Weapons or Firearms on University Campuses or in University Facilities**

Whereas the University Faculty Senate (UFS) of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is committed to providing excellent educational opportunities to all FAU students, and serves as a venue to discuss all matters related to the conduct of the academic enterprise at the University;

Whereas the UFS considers the safety and welfare of students, faculty, staff and visitors on FAU's campuses and in its facilities to be an essential prerequisite to its educational mission, and has a duty to recommend policies promoting a safe environment;

Whereas there have been numerous instances of unauthorized firearm use for purposes of assault or suicide at American universities in recent years, including at the University of Central Florida in 2013 and at Florida State University in 2014;

Whereas the UFS opposes any legislation that would allow any individual other than a trained law enforcement officer to carry lethal weapons or firearms on any FAU campus or in any FAU facility, and

CONCURS with the position of the vast majority of education and law enforcement professionals that, as an essential element of an overall school safety plan, firearms should be carried on campus only by trained law enforcement officers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UFS strongly opposes any legislation to permit individuals other than trained law enforcement officers to carry lethal weapons or firearms on any FAU campus or in any FAU facility.