

Resolution
of the
Prairie View A&M University Faculty Senate

Whereas, it is the duty of the administration of Prairie View A&M University to ensure the physical security as well as the psychological and emotional well-being of its students, faculty, and staff; and

Whereas, Texas Senate Bill 11 (Campus Carry) was signed into law over and above the opposition and objections of a vast majority of Texas higher education administrators, faculty, and students; and


Whereas, according to data provided by the United States Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/security/Index.aspx>), shooting incidents are an increasingly common occurrence on college campuses in the United States; and

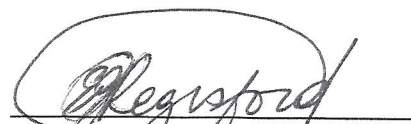
Whereas, according to data provided by the Violence Policy Center (<http://www.vpc.org/studies/justifiable15.pdf>), the vast majority of concealed carry shooting incidents are not related to self-defense and often involve accidental discharges and suicide attempts; and

Whereas, according to academic studies, the perceived presence of handguns in academic buildings creates an atmosphere of psychological and emotional stress that negatively affects the overall learning environment on the campus (see, for instance, "Packing Heat: Attitudes Regarding Concealed Weapons on College Campuses" [Patten, Thomas, & Wada; *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 38:551-69];

Now, therefore be it resolved, that Faculty Senate of Prairie View A&M University calls upon the upper administration of said university to:

Use the legal and political resources of the institution to challenge Texas Senate Bill 11 through the court system and through all legal political means, possibly in conjunction with the similar efforts of other universities, with the intention of either decreasing the scope of its provisions for allowing concealed weapons in college building or repealing the legislation altogether.


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