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5 A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF STATE RETENTION OF
6 CURRENT UW REGULATION OF FIREARMS ON UW CAMPUSES
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Wyoming has considered and likely will consider again bills that
11 would allow conceal-carry permit holders, including administrators, staff, faculty, students and visitors, the
12 right to open- or conceal- carry firearms to any school, college or professional athletic event conducted on
13 public property, preempting UW Regulation 2-178 Section VI (G) regarding firearms on the University of
14 Wyoming campuses;

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16 AND WHEREAS, although the legislation is in spirit with the tenets of self-protection respected in the State of
17 Wyoming, there are many aspects of a university setting that are not conducive to students, educators and
18 visitors carrying firearms. These include, but are not limited to:

- 19 • Firearms in the classroom will unavoidably be perceived as a threat of violence by many students and
- 20 educators,
- 21 • UW facilities include the Early Care and Education Center educating children between 3 months to 5
- 22 years of age and the UW Lab School educating students in grades K-8, both of which are subject to both
- 23 the 1990 Gun-Free School Zones Act (18 U.S.C. § 922) and the 1994 Gun-Free Schools Act (20 U.S.C.
- 24 §7151),
- 25 • The dynamics of college life include tremendous stress, social obstacles, alcohol and drug abuse, and
- 26 other questionable behavior and these dynamics can have potentially lethal consequences when firearms
- 27 are readily available,
- 28 • The availability of firearms could have an adverse effect on the student suicide rate, and suicide rates are
- 29 already higher in Wyoming than in any other state, and
- 30 • The presence of firearms at the university means there is a chance of accidental discharge or misuse of
- 31 the firearm by the carrier or another student, employee, or visitor;

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33 AND WHEREAS, no guns other than those carried by law enforcement personnel are permitted in specific
34 locations in Wyoming, including the courts and the capital building;

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36 AND WHEREAS, students and UW employees who think they are threatened can obtain a permit to carry a
37 gun on campus by written application to UW's police department;

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39 AND WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate acknowledges the need and right for a safe academic environment, but
40 believes the above risks associated with armed students and educators greatly outweigh the deterrence
41 benefits from the small chance that firearm carriers could prevent a tragedy; therefore,

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43 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming strongly encourages the state to
44 consider carefully in future deliberations all consequences, both intended and unintended, of allowing
45 firearms on campuses and uphold firearms-free campuses.

AUTHENTICATION: *The foregoing Senate Resolution 325, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of November 24, 2014, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

/s/
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Janet Dewey, Secretary of the Faculty Senate