STAFF SENATE RESOLUTION #209

Title: Staff Senate Position on Concealed Carry of Firearms on Campus
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WHEREAS, a primary mission of the University of Wyoming is to promote learning and research in a safe and supportive environment, and;

WHEREAS, the presence of firearms on campus significantly increases the risk of harm to students, faculty, staff and visitors due to accidental discharge and improper use of firearms, and;

WHEREAS, studies show that increased availability of firearms lead to higher rates of suicide¹ and interpersonal violence², and;

WHEREAS, there are multiple locations on campus in which children are present on a daily basis (e.g. the UW Lab School, the Early Care and Education Center, the Geological Museum, etc.), and;

WHEREAS, individuals on campus who are experiencing a threatening situation can currently petition the UW Police Department for a permit to carry on campus;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Staff Senate of the University of Wyoming strongly supports the preservation of current policies concerning concealed carry of firearms on campus.
Date of Passage: ____________________________

“Being enacted on ____________, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.” ________________________________

Staff Senate President, Rachel Stevens

1 http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/hicrc/firearms-research/gun-ownership-and-use/
2 http://www.ucsf.edu/news/2014/01/111286/access-guns-increases-risk-suicide-homicide