

## STAFF SENATE RESOLUTION #209

**Title:** Staff Senate Position on Concealed Carry of Firearms on Campus

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1 WHEREAS, a primary mission of the University of Wyoming is to promote learning and  
2 research in a safe and supportive environment, and;

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

6 WHEREAS, studies show that increased availability of firearms lead to higher rates of suicide<sup>1</sup>  
7 and interpersonal violence<sup>2</sup>, and;

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

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

13 THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Staff Senate of the University of Wyoming strongly  
14 supports the preservation of current policies concerning concealed carry of firearms on  
15 campus.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/hicrc/firearms-research/gun-ownership-and-use/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ucsf.edu/news/2014/01/111286/access-guns-increases-risk-suicide-homicide>