

Resolution 17-18-2

Title: “A resolution supporting the exclusion of certain offices from University Policy 34.06.02.R1 Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus “

Resolved:

Whereas the University Compliance Office has solicited the input of the Faculty Senate regarding University Policy 34.06.02.R1 Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus”;

Whereas both Texas A&M University-Commerce Faculty and the Faculty Senate have requested exemptions of individual faculty offices;

Whereas other Texas state universities have provided exemptions for campus offices which “are not generally open to the public”

Be it Resolved that the Faculty Senate hereby supports an addition to Policy 34.06.02.R1, titled section 3.3.15, to read as follows”

“Offices

The occupant of an office to which the occupant has been solely assigned and is not generally open to the public is permitted, at the occupant’s discretion, to prohibit the concealed carry of a handgun in that office. An occupant who chooses to exercise this discretion must provide posted notice that the concealed carry of a handgun in the occupant’s office is prohibited. In addition, if the occupant’s duties ordinarily entail meeting people who may be license holders, the occupant will make reasonable arrangements to meet them in another location.”

Be it Further Resolved that the Faculty Senate authorizes the Senate President to formally express these positions to Texas A&M University-

Commerce President, Dr. Raymond Keck, Texas A&M University-Commerce Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. John Humphreys, and the University Compliance Office.

Be it Further Resolved that the Faculty Senate authorizes the Faculty Senate President to discuss alternatives with the aforementioned administration officials or offices.

Sponsor: Senator Smith

Co-sponsor(s): Senators King, Kelly

Action: Passed by a vote of 22-0-1

Date: 10/3/17