

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
THIRTY-NINTH SENATE
ELEVENTH SESSION
NOVEMBER 11th, 2009**

**RESOLUTION #3917
CALLING FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CONCEALED CARRY ON THE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

SPONSORED BY: Jennifer Babos, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Ryan Morrison, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Matt Baca, Senator, College of Applied Human Sciences; Brian Fisher, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Brooke Bell, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Ben Weiner, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Jake Donovan, Director, Department of Finance; Adday Naoum, Director, Department of Diversity and Outreach; Mohamed Jefri, Associate Director, Department of Diversity and Outreach; Tim Sellers, ASCSU Chief of Staff

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ENDORSED BY: Ray Martinez, Mayor of Fort Collins from 1999-2005 and Ft. Collins Police Officer from 1973-1996; Dan Gearhart, ASCSU President

WHEREAS: Faculty Council passed a resolution last summer, requesting that the University administration establish a weapons policy for the Colorado State University campus; and,

WHEREAS: The resolution passed by Faculty Council implies that a weapons policy for Colorado State University should be revised to reflect other policies of institutions of higher education in Colorado and throughout the nation, of which a majority of these institutions have banned concealed weapons; and,

WHEREAS: State law allows licensed individuals to carry concealed weapons on the campuses of the nine public colleges (20 campuses) and one public technical college (ten campuses) in Utah; concealed carry has been allowed at Colorado State University since 2003 and at Blue Ridge Community College since 1995; and at Michigan State University since the Summer of 2009; and,

WHEREAS: The Colorado Revised Statutes allow students to carry concealed weapons onto a university campus in the state of Colorado, in the absence of an express University policy banning such concealed weapons on campus; and,

WHEREAS: Currently, there is a case under appeal, *Students for Concealed Carry on Campus v. the Regents of the University of Colorado*, that challenges the ability of a university in Colorado to ban concealed weapons permittees from carrying on campus; and,

WHEREAS: The Thirty-Ninth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University passed a resolution on Oct. 7, 2009 that calls for the preservation of the current weapons policy that allows for students to legally carry a concealed weapon until there is an open dialogue between students and the administration and,;

WHEREAS: Amendment I in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University states that students have “the right to fair, functional, accessible, and productive representation by student government; the right to have their needs and concerns represented by ASCSU on any level”; and,

WHEREAS: The ASCSU Senate must take an official stance on the issue of concealed weapons on campus to properly execute its duties of representing the student body; and,

WHEREAS: Allowing concealed weapons permittees to carry handguns onto campus is an increasingly relevant question given that 76 people have been killed in 19 college and university campus shootings nationwide since 1976, the deadliest being the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, where 33 people, including the perpetrator, were killed; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Thirty Ninth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University recognizes that there is a preponderance of proof that students legally carrying concealed weapons on campus contributes to the safety of the student body; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Thirty Ninth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University does not regard the concerns about student responsibility in relation to concealed carry as legitimate justification for banning concealed weapons from the Colorado State University campus given the evidence; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Thirty Ninth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University calls for the preservation of the current weapons policy that allows all eligible students to legally carry a concealed weapon under Colorado state law on the Colorado State University campus; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Thirty Ninth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University views a weapons policy that only allows some students with certain circumstances to carry a concealed weapon on campus as inequitable and short-sighted; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, President of Colorado State University; Dr. Rick Miranda, Interim Provost of Colorado State University; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President, Division of Student Affairs; Dr. Richard Eykholt, Chair, Faculty Council; Courtney Butler, Chair, Administrative Professional Council; Debra Parker, Chair, Classified Personnel Council; Colorado State University Chief of Police Wendy Rich-Goldschmidt; Amy Parsons, Deputy General Counsel, Colorado State University.

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VICE PRESIDENT TIM HOLE

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