

2 **The Student Government Association of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma**

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4 **Gun Control Resolution**

5 WHEREAS: The safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff at USAO are of utmost  
6 importance to the Student Government Association (SGA);

7 WHEREAS: The state of Oklahoma adheres to certain laws regarding firearms and the carrying  
8 of weapons in public spaces, which include specific provisions regarding the  
9 possession of firearms on college campuses;

10 WHEREAS: USAO is committed to creating a safe and conducive learning environment that  
11 prioritizes education, mental health, and the peaceful engagement of the campus  
12 community;

13 WHEREAS: While Oklahoma law allows certain individuals with concealed carry permits to  
14 bring firearms onto some public university campuses, the university retains the right  
15 to regulate the possession of firearms in certain areas, including classroom buildings  
16 and student housing, to maintain a safe environment;

17 WHEREAS: The Student Government Association has consistently advocated for measures that  
18 promote campus safety and ensure that students and faculty can focus on their  
19 academic, personal, and professional pursuits without fear or disruption;

20 WHEREAS: The Student Government Association believes that prohibiting firearms on campus  
21 is in alignment with the university's policies and will continue to ensure that the  
22 learning environment remains free of fear and violence;

23 **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
24 **SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA THAT:**

25 SECTION 1: The Student Government Association of USAO reaffirms its stance that no  
26 firearms, including concealed weapons, shall be carried on campus except as  
27 specifically allowed by state law or university policy, including areas where the  
28 university has the authority to regulate the possession of weapons.

29 SECTION 2: This resolution affirms that USAO will continue to comply with current Oklahoma  
30 state laws regarding concealed carry on university campuses, while still taking  
31 necessary steps to limit the presence of firearms in certain areas to maintain the  
32 safety and security of the university community.

33 SECTION 3: The SGA encourages ongoing discussions and dialogues with university  
34 administration and law enforcement to ensure campus safety, mental health  
35 resources, and educational support for students in light of the complex nature of  
36 firearm regulations.

37 SECTION 4: Copies of this act shall be distributed to the following: All Current members of the  
38 USAO Government Association (SGA) Senate, all current members of the SGA  
39 Executive Council, all current members of the SGA Supreme Court, all current  
40 advisors of the SGA, USAO President Dr. Kayla Hale, and anyone else the SGA sees  
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