



**F a c u l t y
S e n a t e**

Monday, February 11, 2013

Dear Provost Golich,

This letter is to inform you in writing that the Metropolitan State University of Denver's Faculty Senate passed the following **Resolution in Support of Excepting Higher Education Buildings from Colorado's Concealed Handgun Permit Policy** at its general assembly on February 6th 2013 by a vote of 55 to 14 (79.8% in favor).

WHEREAS, The Board of the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) had, prior to June 27, 2012 promulgated and enforced a ban on concealed weapons in Auraria campus buildings as an exception to Colorado's Concealed Weapons Permit statute(CRS §18-12-201, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, this ban was rescinded on June 27, 2012, in response to the Colorado Supreme Court's finding that the existing Concealed Weapons Permit statute does not grant higher education boards the authority to create this exception (*Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, LLC v. Regents of Univ. of Colo.*,__ P.3d __, (Colo. App. 2010)); and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate, as the representative body of the faculty of Metropolitan State University of Denver, supports the Auraria Board's finding that "the unregulated possession of weapons on the Auraria Campus" creates an unreasonable risk to the health, welfare and safety of students and employees, creates a climate of fear and intimidation that distracts from the learning environment, and is inconsistent with the academic missions of the constituent institutions (AHEC Weapons Policy, as revised on June 27, 2013); and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Colorado has the authority to amend the Concealed Weapons Permits statute to extend existing statutory exemptions (CRS §18-12-214) to higher education buildings statewide.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that this faculty of Metropolitan State University of Denver on this day, February 06, 2013, petition the Colorado State Assembly to extend the existing exceptions to the Concealed Weapons Permit statute to all buildings used for educational and/or administrative purposes at any institution of higher education in the state of Colorado.

The Faculty Senate is committed to working with the administration in developing new protocols for shared governance and look forward to your written response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Sahami".

Dr. Kamran Sahami
Faculty Senate President

