

A Resolution of The Faculty Senate of Metropolitan State University of Denver

01 February 2013

**TITLE: A Resolution in Support of Excepting Higher Education Buildings from Colorado's Concealed Handgun Permit Policy**

**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**WHEREAS**, this ban was rescinded on June 27, 2012, in response to the Colorado Supreme Court's finding that the existing Concealed Weapons Permit statute does not grant higher education boards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.