

**December 8, 2016**

**Reaffirmation of Resolution Regarding Concealed Carry at the University of Cincinnati**

**Whereas** the University of Cincinnati is committed to providing a safe campus environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors, and ensuring that this is of the highest priority; and

**Whereas** the University of Cincinnati has law enforcement officers with the expertise needed to intervene during times of crisis and responsible for the safety and security of university students, faculty, staff, and visitors; and

**Whereas** per the Ohio Revised Code, individuals are prohibited from carrying concealed firearms on any premises owned or leased by any public or private college, university, or other institution of higher education, unless the handgun is in a locked, motorized vehicle or the licensee is in the immediate process of placing the firearm in a locked, motorized vehicle; and

**Whereas** the current law has served the state well and has contributed to an atmosphere on college campuses that allows the free and open exchange of ideas that is a fundamentally important component of higher education's mission; and

**Whereas** this is a period of heightened tensions at the university regarding diversity due to the shooting death of Samuel Debose and the second trial of former UC Police Officer Ray Tensing; and

**Whereas** the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police opposes weakening conceal-carry penalties on campuses; therefore

**Be it hereby resolved** that the Faculty Senate reaffirms its Resolution of February 11, 2016 that opposes the allowance of concealed carry at the University of Cincinnati.