Concerning the allowance of Concealed Carry at the University of Cincinnati and Opposition to Ohio House Bill 48

1. Whereas the University of Cincinnati is committed to providing a safe campus environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors
2. Whereas the Graduate Student Governance Association has the responsibility to advocate, support, and represent the graduate students as students, researchers, and educators at the University of Cincinnati
3. Whereas per the Ohio Revised Code, the State of Ohio is a traditional, open-carry state, thus allowing individuals who meet the necessary legal criteria to own and visibly carry a firearm in most public areas, and
4. Whereas per the Ohio Revised Code, currently individuals are prohibited from carrying concealed firearms on any premises owned or leased by any public or private college, university, or other institutions 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
5. Whereas per Section A, Subsection 4 of the University of Cincinnati Student Code of Conduct reads as follows: “The University of Cincinnati reserves the right to take reasonable action to engage conduct that undermines, interferes with, or obstructs the safety and security of the University community or that adversely affects the integrity or interests of the educational mission or functions of the University”, and
6. Whereas Section C, Subsection 3 (cc) of the University of Cincinnati Code of Conduct reads as follows in regards to what is prohibited at the University of Cincinnati: “Use, storage, or possession of a firearm, explosive device of any description, ammunition or anything used to threaten, harm, or disrupt the university community including but not limited to, firecrackers, compressed air or spring activated guns, pellet guns, BB guns, paintball guns, water guns, nerf guns and knives of any type or other items which are deemed threatening by the university”, and
7. Whereas Ohio House Bill 48 of the One-Hundred and Thirty First General Assembly, authored by State Representative Ron Maag would allow each public and private college, and university to choose to allow concealed handguns on campuses, and
8. Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government at the University of Cincinnati passed the resolution bill S.16-R-012, opposing the allowance of concealed carry on campus;
9. Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate Student Governance Association opposes the allowance of concealed carry at the University of Cincinnati.
10. Be it further resolved that the Graduate Student Governance Association opposes Ohio House Bill 48, which seeks to modify the prohibition of carrying a concealed handgun onto institutions of higher education, places of worship, day-care facilities, aircraft, certain government facilities, public areas of airport terminals and police stations, and school safety zones.