



Position on Firearms on Campus February 1, 2012

The Associated Students of Arizona State University (ASASU) Presidents Council comprised of the five elected student body presidents and representing all undergraduate and graduate students hereby adopts the following position regarding firearms on campus:

The Associated Students of Arizona State University stand with President Michael Crow, university administrators and the Arizona Board of Regents in opposition to State legislative action that would allow concealed or unconcealed firearms carried by students, faculty, staff or visitors on college and university campuses, except by university authorized law enforcement personnel. We stand firm in our stance of opposition because the majority of students have not demanded changes to existing university policy regarding weapons on campus.

The mission of higher education in Arizona is to promote the discovery, application, and dissemination of new knowledge and to extend the benefits thereof to Arizona's citizens outside the universities. This mission is best accomplished in an environment free from distractions that take away from teaching, learning, and discovery. Recognizing our ASASU constituency has not petitioned student leaders and university leaders to change existing ABOR policies, we feel SB1474 and HB2254 are distractions from the mission of higher education.

We support the right of the Arizona Board of Regents in consultation with university administrators and university police departments to set and adopt appropriate rules of order and conduct that provide a safe environment conducive to teaching, learning, and discovery.

Thereby we urge the Arizona Legislature to vote *NO* on the following bills:

SB1474

HB2254

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