



<b>Resolution Number:</b>	F-14-05	<b>Sponsored By:</b>	Senator Lawrence Williams
		<b>Co-Sponsored By:</b>	Senator Matthew Bogden
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<b>Vote Count:</b>	2 abstentions, 1 nay		

**A RESOLUTION TO:** Support Grand Valley State University's efforts to protect its faculty, staff, and students and to encourage the university to seek confirmation of its exemption from the State preemption statute.

**Recognizing,** per Grand Valley State University's charter, the board of control is set up and maintained through the consent of the Michigan Senate every 8 years;

**Recognizing,** that the board of trustees is deemed the governing body of the University;

**Whereas,** The Michigan State Legislature has spoken in regards to concealed-carry, however not open-carried firearms on university grounds;

**Recognizing,** Openly-carried firearms creates a hostile learning environment that discourages learning and perpetuates violence;<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas,** It is not only the responsibility, but in the best interest, of the university to enact reasonable and lawful policies with regard to the safety of its faculty, students, and staff;

**Recognizing,** that Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and University of Michigan are currently exempt from State preemption laws regarding firearms;

**Let It Be Resolved,** that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports the university's efforts to protect its students with its current policy on firearms and encourages the university to seek legislative confirmation of its ability to ban open carry firearms on campus.

<sup>1</sup> Delwin D. Cahoon and Ed M. Edmonds, *Bulletin of the Psychonomic Society* (Austin, Texas: The Psychonomic Society, 1894), 305.