

# Report to Faculty Senate on Ohio House Bill 48

PREPARED BY THE FACULTY SENATE AD-HOC HB-48 COMMITTEE

## Introduction

This report was prepared by the members of the Ad-Hoc committee appointed by the BGSU Faculty Senate. We were charged with producing a response to Ohio House Bill 48, which is a bill that, among other things, would allow university boards of trustees to set policy related to concealed carry on campus, for example, by reducing penalties for those with concealed-carry licenses who bring guns onto campuses. Specifically, we were asked to "Determine whether or not to draft a Faculty Senate resolution to address HB48, and if so, to draft such a resolution to be delivered to the State Senate and/or other appropriate bodies."

The committee was selected by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees (Com/Com) to include a group comprised of both faculty and non-faculty members, with a range of views on concealed carry on campus (CC) from both the Main BGSU campus and the Firelands campus. As it was put in the original email sent out to solicit committee members, "... given the controversial nature of the topic, Com/Com is committed to creating a committee that represents a variety of perspectives on the topic." Com/Com did its job well and accordingly, we had some committee members who were strongly in favor of CC, some members who were strongly opposed to CC, and some in between.

We began our meetings in late December 2015. As our discussions proceeded, we shared our positions on CC and considered arguments in favor of each position, and counterarguments to those positions. It became clear that this is not an issue on which arguments in favor of one side or the other are overwhelmingly convincing to all parties and that we were not going to arrive at a consensus view about CC that all of the committee members could support to put before the Faculty Senate as a resolution.

Given the above, we then decided that a useful contribution we could make to the overall discussion would be to seek out the opinions of as many stakeholders as possible, namely those on campus most likely to be affected by the decision. With the help of the BGSU Center for Family and Demographic Research, we designed and implemented a survey that sought to gather quantitative and qualitative data about the BGSU community's feelings on CC. Those who were contacted included: BGSU faculty, administrators, classified staff, graduate students and undergraduate students.

As can be seen from the summary of the survey results that follow, again no clear overwhelming consensus view on CC was found among the respondents, although some interesting trends did emerge. Given the range of views within the BGSU community as a whole, this reinforced our previous conclusion that it would not be justified or appropriate for the HB-48 ad-hoc committee to draft a resolution that advocated any policy that the university community ought to implement as a response to HB-48. We did feel however that the survey has yielded some useful data that should be taken into account by the Board of Trustees and others who may be in the position of making a decision on the university's response to HB-48.

Having said that, we also felt that the committee members' opinions on CC were somewhat informed through our discussions over the past months and what we had learned from the survey. Accordingly, the six faculty members on the committee have included personal statements that summarize their general views on the issue after considering the arguments.

This report is in three parts: Part One contains a summary of the quantitative results, Part Two contains a sample of the qualitative results, and Part Three contains the individual statements of the six committee members who are BGSU faculty members.

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We would also like to express our thanks to the staff of the BGSU Center for Family and Demographic Research for their invaluable help in constructing the survey and gathering the data.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**HB 48 COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**PART 1: QUANTITATIVE RESULTS OF CAMPUS SURVEY**  
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In what follows we present summary information from the quantitative portion of the campus survey on allowing handguns on campus.

We begin by showing frequencies of various responses for each survey question separately, followed by cross-tabulations showing associations between key pairs of variables. This will be followed by a simple discriminant analysis of support for handguns on campus.

The surveys were sent out to a total of 20,338 respondents. And a total of 5,792 people answered, with a subtotal of 5,658 completely filled-in surveys. Using the 5,792 figure as the respondents, the response rate is  $5792/20338$ , or a **28.5%** response rate. In that these 5,792 individuals do not constitute a probability sample of the BGSU population, we will typically refrain from talking about significance levels or *p* values in this report. That is, we cannot assume the current sample is “representative” of the BGSU population. Nevertheless, a substantial proportion of that population has responded, and their responses are informative.

The response rate to the survey varies by campus classification. The individual response rates for each group, based on information on campus population sizes provided by Andrew Fuller are:

- Undergraduate Students: **19.3%**
- Graduate Students: **69.9%**
- Faculty: **49.7%**
- Administrative and Classified Staff: **46.7%**

(No population size was provided for administrators, so their response rate cannot be separately calculated.)

**Frequency Distributions for Each Survey Item:**

1. Do you favor or oppose authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns at BGSU by concealed-carry license holders?

should BGSU allow guns				
opinion	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
favor	2194	38.64	2194	38.64
oppose	3484	61.36	5678	100.00
<b>Frequency Missing = 114</b>				

2. Which individuals with concealed-carry licenses should be allowed to carry a concealed handgun at BGSU? (Circle all that apply.)

**faculty sh be allowed to carry**

faculty2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
not circled	266	12.12	266	12.12
circled	1928	87.88	2194	100.00

**administrators sh be allowed to carry**

admin2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
not circled	263	11.99	263	11.99
circled	1931	88.01	2194	100.00

**admin or classf staff sh be allowed to carry**

staff2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
not circled	294	13.40	294	13.40
circled	1900	86.60	2194	100.00

**other campus peo sh be allowed to carry**

otherpe2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
not circled	875	39.88	875	39.88
circled	1319	60.12	2194	100.00

**students sh be allowed to carry**

student2	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
not circled	596	27.16	596	27.16
circled	1598	72.84	2194	100.00

3. If BGSU were to permit the carrying of concealed handguns **only by faculty and administrators with concealed-carry licenses**, would you feel safer than you do now, less safe than you do now, or just as safe as you do now?

**safety if only faculty/admin allowed carry**

<b>onlyfac</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
<b>safer than now</b>	1645	28.94	1645	28.94
<b>less safe than now</b>	2365	41.61	4010	70.55
<b>no change</b>	1674	29.45	5684	100.00

**Frequency Missing = 108**

4. If BGSU were to permit the carrying of concealed handguns on campus by **anyone who had a concealed-carry license, including students**, would you feel safer than you do now, less safe than you do now, or just as safe as you do now?

**safety if everyone allowed carry**

<b>everyone</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
<b>safer than now</b>	1132	19.98	1132	19.98
<b>less safe than now</b>	3771	66.54	4903	86.52
<b>no change</b>	764	13.48	5667	100.00

**Frequency Missing = 125**

5. Do you have a valid concealed-carry license?

**respondent has cc license**

<b>hasccp</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
<b>yes</b>	420	7.41	420	7.41
<b>no</b>	5245	92.59	5665	100.00

**Frequency Missing = 127**

6. If BGSU authorizes the carrying of concealed handguns on campus for those with concealed-carry licenses, do you plan to obtain a valid concealed-carry license?

**respondent will get cc license**

<b>getccp</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Cumulative Frequency</b>	<b>Cumulative Percent</b>
<b>yes</b>	1326	25.49	1326	25.49
<b>no</b>	3876	74.51	5202	100.00

**Frequency Missing = 590**

7. As a concealed-carry license holder, If BGSU authorizes the carrying of concealed handguns, do you plan to carry a concealed handgun on campus?

**respondent will carry on campus**

carrygun	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
yes	1186	68.48	1186	68.48
no	546	31.52	1732	100.00

**Frequency Missing = 4060**

8. What is your classification?

**respondent classification**

classif	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
faculty	678	11.98	678	11.98
administrator	118	2.08	796	14.06
admin or classif staff	638	11.27	1434	25.34
other campus personnel	16	0.28	1450	25.62
undergrad student	3439	60.76	4889	86.38
graduate student	771	13.62	5660	100.00

**Frequency Missing = 132**

9. What is your gender?

**respondent gender**

gender	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
male	2402	42.67	2402	42.67
female	3227	57.33	5629	100.00

**Frequency Missing = 163**

10. What is your age?

**respondent age**

age	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
under 21	1866	33.13	1866	33.13
21 - 30	2095	37.19	3961	70.32
31 - 40	533	9.46	4494	79.78
41 - 50	494	8.77	4988	88.55
over 50	645	11.45	5633	100.00

Frequency Missing = 159

Extra Variable Created: Carrying Status

I combined questions about having a concealed carry permit (ccp), getting a ccp, and whether planning on carrying a gun on campus into one variable. To have a valid response on this variable, the respondent had to answer all three questions (questions 5, 6, and 7 above). The variable distinguishes among those who do not have a ccp and won't be getting one, vs. those who have a ccp or will be getting one but won't carry a gun on campus, vs. those who have a ccp or will be getting one and *will* be carrying a gun on campus.

gun carrying status					
carrying	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent	
no ccp, not getting one	3871	69.27	3871	69.27	
has/getting ccp NOT carrying	532	9.52	4403	78.79	
has/getting ccp AND carrying	1185	21.21	5588	100.00	

Frequency Missing = 204

**Associations Between Key Variables:**

**Reading the tables.** In each of the two-way crosstabulation tables below, the frequency and percentage distribution for the row variable (the dependent, or "effect" variable) is being shown for each separate category of the column variable (the independent, or "cause" variable). So, for example, in the first table below, of the 667 faculty, 325, or 48.73% are male and 342, or 51.27% are female. Of the 117 administrators, 64, or 54.7% are male and 53, or 45.3% are female, and so forth.

What is the gender distribution within each classification category of the respondents?



**Table of gender by classif**

Frequency Col Pct	gender(respondent gender)	classif(respondent classification)						Total
		faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	
	<b>male</b>	325	64	206	6	1466	334	2401
		48.73	54.70	32.75	40.00	42.73	43.49	
	<b>female</b>	342	53	423	9	1965	434	3226
		51.27	45.30	67.25	60.00	57.27	56.51	
	<b>Total</b>	667	117	629	15	3431	768	5627

**Frequency Missing = 165**

What is the age distribution within each classification category of the respondents? It is worth noting here, for later reference, that some portion of the student body falls into the two oldest age groups.

**Table of age by classif**

Frequency Col Pct	age(respondent age)	classif(respondent classification)						Total
		faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	
	<b>under 21</b>	1	0	1	2	1859	3	1866
		0.15	0.00	0.16	13.33	54.12	0.39	
	<b>21 - 30</b>	27	8	72	1	1436	551	2095
		4.05	6.96	11.45	6.67	41.80	71.56	
	<b>31 - 40</b>	136	28	140	2	86	141	533
		20.39	24.35	22.26	13.33	2.50	18.31	
	<b>41 - 50</b>	191	37	162	2	42	58	492
		28.64	32.17	25.76	13.33	1.22	7.53	
	<b>over 50</b>	312	42	254	8	12	17	645
		46.78	36.52	40.38	53.33	0.35	2.21	

Total 667 115 629 15 3435 770 5631

Frequency Missing = 161

How does opinion about allowing guns on campus vary by gender?

**Answer:** males are more likely to favor carrying guns than females, although a majority of both genders opposes it. Nevertheless, 47.8% of males vs. 31.55% of females is in favor of guns on campus.

Frequency		Table of opinion by gender		
Col Pct	opinion(should BGSU allow guns)	gender(respondent gender)		Total
		male	female	
	<b>favor</b>	1141	1007	2148
		47.80	31.55	
	<b>oppose</b>	1246	2185	3431
		52.20	68.45	
	<b>Total</b>	2387	3192	5579

Frequency Missing = 213

How does opinion about allowing guns on campus vary by classification?

**Answer:** undergraduate students are most in favor of guns on campus (46.6% are in favor), whereas faculty (13.4%) and administrators (19.5%) are least in favor of this.

Frequency		Table of opinion by classif						
Col Pct	opinion(should BGSU allow guns)	classif(respondent classification)						
		faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	Total
	<b>favor</b>	90	23	254	7	1593	191	2158
		13.39	19.49	41.03	43.75	46.59	24.93	
	<b>oppose</b>	582	95	365	9	1826	575	3452
		86.61	80.51	58.97	56.25	53.41	75.07	
	<b>Total</b>	672	118	619	16	3419	766	5610

Frequency Missing = 182

How do feelings of safety vary by gender?

- If only faculty and administrators can carry guns:
- **Answer:** about the same percentage of male and female faculty say there will be no change in their feeling of safety (30% vs. 29%, respectively). However, males are more likely than females to feel safer than now (33.9% vs. 25.2%) and females are more likely than males to feel less safe than now (45.8% vs. 36%).

Frequency Col Pct	Table of onlyfac by gender			
	onlyfac(safety if only faculty/admin allowed carry)	gender(respondent gender)		
		male	female	Total
safer than now		811	810	1621
		33.88	25.18	
less safe than now		862	1474	2336
		36.01	45.82	
no change		721	933	1654
		30.12	29.00	
<b>Total</b>		2394	3217	5611

Frequency Missing = 181

- If everyone can carry guns:
- **Answer:** the pattern is similar except that a *majority* of both males and females say they would feel less safe than now. This is especially true of the women: fully 74.6% of the females say they would feel less safe than now.

Frequency Col Pct	Table of everyone by gender			
	everyone(safety if everyone allowed carry)	gender(respondent gender)		
		male	female	Total
safer than now		680	442	1122
		28.37	13.74	
less safe than now		1337	2400	3737
		55.78	74.58	

no change	380	376	756
	15.85	11.68	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2397</b>	<b>3218</b>	<b>5615</b>

Frequency Missing = 177

How do feelings of safety vary by classification:

- If only faculty and administrators can carry guns:
- **Answer:** a majority of faculty, administrators, and graduate students say they would feel less safe than now (69.6%, 59.8%, and 55.4%, respectively), with faculty being the group most likely to feel less safe than now. On the other hand, undergraduate students are almost evenly split across the three responses of safer than now, less safe than now, and no change in feelings of safety.

Frequency

Table of onlyfac by classif

Col Pct	onlyfac(safety if only faculty/admin allowed carry)	classif(respondent classification)						Total
		faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	
	safer than now	82	15	180	7	1186	159	1629
		12.15	12.82	28.30	43.75	34.59	20.68	
	less safe than now	470	70	255	5	1127	426	2353
		69.63	59.83	40.09	31.25	32.87	55.40	
	no change	123	32	201	4	1116	184	1660
		18.22	27.35	31.60	25.00	32.55	23.93	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3429</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>5642</b>

Frequency Missing = 150

- If everyone can carry guns:
- **Answer:** a majority of all classification groups say they will feel less safe if everyone can carry guns, ranging from 88% of faculty to 53.3% of other campus personnel giving this response. Nevertheless, about a quarter (24.67%) of undergraduate students say they would feel safer than now. Fewer than 17% of all groups say they would experience no change in their feelings of safety.

**Table of everyone by classif**

Frequency Col Pct	everyone(safety if everyone allowed carry)	classif(respondent classification)						Total
		faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	
	<b>safer than now</b>	43	6	116	5	847	111	1128
		6.37	5.17	18.21	33.33	24.67	14.42	
	<b>less safe than now</b>	594	91	425	8	2054	589	3761
		88.00	78.45	66.72	53.33	59.83	76.49	
	<b>no change</b>	38	19	96	2	532	70	757
		5.63	16.38	15.07	13.33	15.50	9.09	
	<b>Total</b>	675	116	637	15	3433	770	5646

Frequency Missing = 146

How does opinion about allowing guns on campus vary by age?

**Answer:** at the bivariate level, at least, age is negatively associated with favorability. That is, the percent favoring concealed carry diminishes from the youngest respondents (42% in favor) to the oldest respondents (24.8% in favor). This relationship is reversed at the multivariate level, however (see the logistic discriminant analysis below).

**Table of opinion by age**

Frequency Col Pct	opinion(should BGSU allow guns)	age(respondent age)					Total
		under 21	21 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	over 50	
	<b>favor</b>	779	877	172	162	158	2148
		42.06	42.08	32.64	33.47	24.84	
	<b>oppose</b>	1073	1207	355	322	478	3435
		57.94	57.92	67.36	66.53	75.16	
	<b>Total</b>	1852	2084	527	484	636	5583

Frequency Missing = 209

How do feelings of safety vary by age?

- If only faculty and administrators can carry guns:

- **Answer:** this pattern mirrors that of approval of concealed carry generally. As age increases, the percent who would feel safer than now diminishes, and the percent who would feel less safe than now increases, except for the 41 – 50 age group, who are slightly less fearful of the age groups bracketing them. The percent who would experience no change in feelings of safety also diminishes with increasing age.

Frequency		Table of onlyfac by age					
Col Pct	onlyfac(safety if only faculty/admin allowed carry)	age(respondent age)					Total
		under 21	21 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	over 50	
	<b>safer than now</b>	596	654	124	115	132	1621
		32.03	31.29	23.40	23.37	20.56	
	<b>less safe than now</b>	627	837	272	236	369	2341
		33.69	40.05	51.32	47.97	57.48	
	<b>no change</b>	638	599	134	141	141	1653
		34.28	28.66	25.28	28.66	21.96	
	<b>Total</b>	1861	2090	530	492	642	5615

Frequency Missing = 177

If everyone can carry guns:

**Answer:** the percent who say they would feel less safe than now increases with age, from a minimum of 64% (among those under 21) to a maximum of 78% (among those over 50).

Frequency		Table of everyone by age					
Col Pct	everyone(safety if everyone allowed carry)	age(respondent age)					Total
		under 21	21 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	over 50	
	<b>safer than now</b>	370	496	94	75	88	1123
		19.87	23.69	17.77	15.27	13.69	
	<b>less safe than now</b>	1197	1312	385	347	501	3742
		64.29	62.66	72.78	70.67	77.92	
	<b>no change</b>	295	286	50	69	54	754
		15.84	13.66	9.45	14.05	8.40	
	<b>Total</b>	1862	2094	529	491	643	5619

Frequency Missing = 173

How does carrying status vary by gender?

**Answer:** males are about twice as likely to say they will have the appropriate permit and be carrying a gun on campus, compared to females (31% vs. 14%, respectively). Nevertheless, the majority of both genders do not plan to carry a handgun on campus if allowed.

Frequency Col Pct	Table of carrying by gender			
	carrying(gun carrying status)	gender(respondent gender)		
		male	female	Total
	no ccp, not getting one	1391	2456	3847
		58.69	77.04	
	has/getting ccp NOT carrying	245	287	532
		10.34	9.00	
	has/getting ccp AND carrying	734	445	1179
		30.97	13.96	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2370</b>	<b>3188</b>	<b>5558</b>

Frequency Missing = 234

How does carrying status vary by classification?

**Answer:** Aside from the very small “other campus personnel” group, undergraduate students are most likely to be planning to carry a gun on campus, with 26.3% stating that intention. The least likely to do so are administrators (8.62%), followed by faculty (8.77%).

Frequency Col Pct	carrying(gun carrying status)	Table of carrying by classif						Total
		classif(respondent classification)						
		faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	
	no ccp, not getting one	573	94	457	10	2120	614	3868
		86.69	81.03	74.80	62.50	62.08	80.26	
	has/getting ccp NOT carrying	30	12	48	1	396	45	532
		4.54	10.34	7.86	6.25	11.60	5.88	

<b>has/getting ccp AND carrying</b>	58	10	106	5	899	106	1184
	8.77	8.62	17.35	31.25	26.33	13.86	
<b>Total</b>	661	116	611	16	3415	765	5584

Frequency Missing = 208

Now we investigate approval of students carrying guns on campus among only the 2194 respondents who favor authorizing carrying guns at BGSU. Of these, 2148 actually answered the question. In that the idea of students carrying guns on campus might be particularly controversial, how does approval of students carrying guns on campus vary by

- Gender?
- **Answer:** a majority of both genders who favors guns on campus favors allowing students to carry guns, with males more likely to favor this than females (79.23% vs. 66.73%, respectively).

Frequency Col Pct	student2(students sh be allowed to carry)	gender(respondent gender)		
		male	female	Total
	not circled	237	335	572
		20.77	33.27	
	circled	904	672	1576
		79.23	66.73	
	<b>Total</b>	1141	1007	2148

Frequency Missing = 46

- Classification?
- **Answer:** Again, a majority of all groups that favors guns on campus favors allowing students to carry guns. Those most likely to endorse this proposal are graduate students (with 78% in favor).

Frequency Col Pct	student2(students	classif(respondent classification)
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sh be allowed to carry)	faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	Total
not circled	35	7	115	2	373	42	574
	38.89	30.43	45.28	28.57	23.41	21.99	
circled	55	16	139	5	1220	149	1584
	61.11	69.57	54.72	71.43	76.59	78.01	
<b>Total</b>	90	23	254	7	1593	191	2158

Frequency Missing = 36

What about approval of faculty to carry guns among those who approve of concealed carry on campus; how does that vary by gender?

**Answer:** there is no difference in approval by gender. Fully 88% of both males and females approve of faculty carrying guns (of the subsample that advocates concealed carry) .

Frequency	Table of faculty2 by gender			
Col Pct	faculty2(faculty sh be allowed to carry)	gender(respondent gender)		
		male	female	Total
not circled		137	112	249
		12.01	11.12	
circled		1004	895	1899
		87.99	88.88	
<b>Total</b>		1141	1007	2148

Frequency Missing = 46

And how does approval of faculty carrying guns vary by campus classification?

**Answer:** the vast majority of all groups (in the subsample that advocates concealed carry) approve of faculty carrying guns, ranging from 71.4% of other campus personnel approving to 98% of faculty approving.

Frequency	Table of faculty2 by classif	
Col Pct	faculty2(faculty	classif(respondent classification)

sh be allowed to carry)	faculty	administrator	admin or classif staff	other campus personnel	undergrad student	graduate student	Total
not circled	2	3	23	2	211	9	250
	2.22	13.04	9.06	28.57	13.25	4.71	
circled	88	20	231	5	1382	182	1908
	97.78	86.96	90.94	71.43	86.75	95.29	
<b>Total</b>	90	23	254	7	1593	191	2158

Frequency Missing = 36

### LOGISTIC DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS OF OPINION ON GUNS

Here we examine the extent to which a combination of age, gender, classification, and carrying status can predict who favors allowing concealed carry on campus.

Number of Observations Read 5792

Number of Observations Used 5502

#### Response Profile

Ordered Value	yesguns	Total Frequency
1	1	2104
2	0	3398

#### Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Estimates

Parameter	DF	Estimate	Standard Error	Wald Chi-Square	Pr > ChiSq
Intercept	1	-1.0540	0.0799	173.7849	<.0001
female	1	-0.3522	0.0739	22.7007	<.0001
facult	1	-2.1744	0.2072	110.1461	<.0001
adminis	1	-1.6558	0.3183	27.0603	<.0001
adclstaf	1	-0.4207	0.1733	5.8936	0.0152
other	1	-0.2224	0.6759	0.1083	0.7421
gradstu	1	-0.9705	0.1276	57.8347	<.0001
age2130	1	0.1387	0.0887	2.4467	0.1178

**Analysis of Maximum Likelihood Estimates**

Parameter	DF	Estimate	Standard Error	Wald Chi-Square	Pr > ChiSq
age3140	1	0.5053	0.1730	8.5279	0.0035
age4150	1	0.8090	0.1922	17.7220	<.0001
over50	1	0.6012	0.2034	8.7406	0.0031
carryno	1	1.9817	0.1038	364.5947	<.0001
carryyes	1	3.4649	0.1068	1052.9807	<.0001

**Association of Predicted Probabilities and Observed Responses**

Percent Concordant	82.9	Somers' D	0.692
Percent Discordant	13.7	Gamma	0.716
Percent Tied	3.4	Tau-a	0.327
Pairs	7149392	c	0.846

**Hosmer and Lemeshow Goodness-of-Fit Test**

	Chi-Square	DF	Pr > ChiSq
	4.5622	8	0.8032
Obs	deltahat	R2mz	
1	0.40252	0.46537	

**Summary:** the results of this discriminant analysis reinforce the earlier results. Controlling for other model factors, women are less likely than men to favor guns on campus. Faculty, administrators, administrative and classified staff, and graduate students are all less likely to favor guns than undergraduates. Interestingly, older respondents tend to be more in favor of guns than the youngest respondents, with the 41 – 50 year-olds the most likely to favor having them on campus (see below for an explanation). Not surprisingly, those with ccp permits, regardless of whether they will carry guns on campus, are more likely to favor guns on campus than those without such permits. The regression model has a good fit to the data, according to the Hosmer-Lemeshow test, and also has good discriminatory power according to the AUC of .846 and deltaxat value of .4. The latter suggests that about 40% of the variability in opinion on concealed carry on campus is accounted for by the model. According to this model, the person most in favor of concealed carry on campus is a male undergraduate in the age range of 41 – 50 with (or planning on getting) a concealed carry permit and intending to carry a gun on campus.

**Simpson’s Paradox:** we notice that age is negatively associated with favoring campus carry at the bivariate level, but this association is reversed at the multivariate level. This phenomenon is

called Simpson's Paradox. It is accounted for primarily due to the fact that students, undergraduates especially, are the youngest, on average of all respondents and at the same time are most in favor of concealed carry. And to the fact that age is negatively associated with intentions of either getting a ccp but not carrying or of carrying on campus. In a path model framework, this means the indirect link from age to favoring concealed carry through the classification categories other than undergraduate students is negative, and the indirect link from age to favoring concealed carry through the two carrying intention categories involving having a ccp is also negative. Therefore, when not controlling for classification status and carrying intentions, these negative pathways get added to the positive direct effect of age on favoring guns (in the multivariate model) and convert it into a negative bivariate effect. Here's the missing crosstabulation showing age's relationship to carrying intentions:

Frequency Col Pct		Table of carrying by age					
		age(respondent age)					Total
carrying(gun carrying status)		under 21	21 - 30	31 - 40	41 - 50	over 50	
<b>no ccp, not getting one</b>		1239	1345	388	361	516	3849
		66.79	64.73	73.90	75.05	82.96	
<b>has/getting ccp NOT carrying</b>		187	229	37	37	42	532
		10.08	11.02	7.05	7.69	6.75	
<b>has/getting ccp AND carrying</b>		429	504	100	83	64	1180
		23.13	24.25	19.05	17.26	10.29	
<b>Total</b>		1855	2078	525	481	622	5561

**Frequency Missing = 231**

**HB 48 COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**PART 2: QUALITATIVE RESULTS OF CAMPUS SURVEY**  
**Prepared by Laura Sanchez**  
**April 14, 2016**

Summary of the Qualitative Comments by Faculty, Administrators, Administrative and Clerical Staff, Graduate Students, and Undergraduate Students

The qualitative comments showed similar themes for the main arguments for and against campus concealed carry across these sub-populations

***Main Arguments in Favor of HB48***

1. Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns.
2. Bearing arms is a second amendment right.
3. Concealed carry permit holders are responsible with substantial training.
4. Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning concealed carry makes BGSU a 'soft target.'
5. One's own category should be permitted to conceal carry, other BGSU sub-populations should not.

***Main Arguments Against HB48***

1. Campus concealed carry is a bad policy.
2. Only the police should carry guns.
3. Campus concealed carry will greatly reduce safety.
  - a. Greater risk of injuries, deaths, accidental discharges, intimidation.
  - b. Dangerous to let undergraduate students conceal carry.
  - c. Greater risk of suicides.
4. Campus concealed carry threatens the mission of BGSU.
  - a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety.
  - b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to guns.
5. Recruitment and retention will be negatively impacted.
6. Campus concealed carry will make sub-populations even more unsafe.

***Differences across groups***

Irrespective of whether they approve or disapprove of campus conceal carry, each group has some members who identify specific campus locations where they feel less safe. Faculty and graduate students report feeling less safe in classrooms and offices. Some undergraduate students report feeling less safe at night walking on campus. Administrative and clerical staff report feeling less safe in office spaces that tend to be more open and accessible to the public. They discuss feeling unsafe in open areas with reception desks by doors in glass rooms.

Graduate students are more concerned about the implications of campus concealed carry for race/ethnic minorities, LGBT sexual and religious minorities, and international students.

## ***Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee on HB48***

Prepared by Laura Sanchez

### **Qualitative Analysis of Faculty Comments on HB48 Survey**

The following lists a brief qualitative analysis of the 355 faculty comments to the open-ended question on the HB48 survey. The analysis provides the primary arguments made by those in favor and in opposition of HB48. Of the 355 comments, 298 were against campus conceal carry, 47 were in favor of campus conceal carry, and 10 were anomalous and could not be coded. Each of the commentary segments could include multiple distinct arguments, so I have broken down these initial comments into their types of arguments.

#### ***Main arguments of faculty in favor of campus conceal carry***

Five main themes undergirded the comments of those in favor:

1. Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (10)
2. Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (9)
3. Conceal carry holders have considerable training and are responsible. They are willing to work with BGSU to get additional training to assure safety. (9)
4. Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a 'soft target. (7)
  - a. Campus concealed carry protects our collective community.
  - b. Campus concealed carry asserts an individual's right to protect oneself.
5. Faculty and staff should conceal carry, but not students. (5)

Additionally, those in favor also made a handful of other observations:

- If BGSU permits conceal carry, I will carry sometimes. (2)
- High gun rates are associated with low crime rates. (1)
- We should be more lax about conceal carry and not penalize people who violate the law. (1)
- We don't need conceal carry laws, people should just be able to carry guns. (1)
- We can't answer whether BGSU needs conceal carry, until we know whether BGSU has effective security or not. (1)
- Please allow it (1), I would feel safer (1), and banning guns doesn't stop criminals (1).

#### ***Main arguments of faculty against campus conceal carry***

Seven main themes (with a few additional sub-themes) arose from the comments of those against:

1. Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (73)
2. Only the police should carry guns.
  - a. Only campus police should have guns. (30)

- b. We should increase safety and safety training on campus, but not endorse conceal carry. (7)
- 3. Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety.
  - a. Greater risk of injuries, deaths, accidental discharges, intimidation. (103)
  - b. Dangerous to let students conceal carry. (35)
  - c. Greater risk of suicides. (7)
- 4. Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.
  - a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among faculty. (51)
  - b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (34)
  - c. Campus conceal carry would create a hostile work environment. (2)
- 5. Recruitment and retention of faculty and students will be negatively impacted. (41)
- 6. The Board of Trustees has obligation to protect BGSU against HB48. (18)
- 7. Campus conceal carry will make minority populations even more unsafe. (4)

***Representative comments from faculty who favor campus conceal carry***

Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (10)

I worked at Va Tech previously and am convinced that the 32 students died unnecessarily because the gunman knew there was no one to stop him. Even if he had proceeded, it is very possible that fewer would have died if at least one person involved was allowed concealed carry to defend themselves. Criminals, by definition, will not follow anti-gun laws. With that reality, let's make sure we can defend ourselves as law abiding citizens.

I think if you take the class, pass it and are legally permitted you could help with the safety of our students and staff. The world has changed and maybe its time for our safety to change? If in some of these crazy shooting someone else had a hand gun these crimes may not have been so enormous. I guess I'm tired of the bad guys having the upper hand in our safety. Ask yourself would you pick BGSU to shoot up if you knew some one else may have a response to your actions?

I hate the issue of handguns altogether, but I guess I would feel safer if someone had a handgun in the event that something should break out on campus.

There have been numerous recent occurrences of active shooter violence on all levels of school campuses which indicates that the probability is high that it could happen anywhere at any time. The bad guys are generally cowards that look for targets of opportunity that will put up the least resistance. Their goal is body counts. Knowing that there is a better than even chance that someone in the building is able to return



fire would force that coward to look for a softer target. The bad guy doesn't obey the signs prohibiting guns on campus, only the law abiding citizen does and now they become the soft target. "The best deterrence to a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." With no offense to local and campus law enforcement, when seconds count the police are minutes away! I trust my fellow concealed handgun license holder because they have received the same training and know the laws. If we fear that someone with a CHL will use that weapon to hurt someone out of anger then they have become the "bad guy" and no law would prevent them from taking the action they have chosen. Allow me to protect myself!

Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (9)

Protecting ourselves from physical harm is our most fundamental right. Taking that right away from us on campus encourages criminals and terrorists to victimize us.

The Supreme Court ruled that it was a Constitutional Right of individuals by the Second Amendment. It is sad that we are even having this discussion.

Conceal carry holders have considerable training and are responsible. They are willing to work with BGSU to get additional training to assure safety. (9)

Many of the licensed concealed-carry holders have additional training beyond the minimum required for the certification. Many of us have previous military/law enforcement training and backgrounds. Additionally, I would have no problem passing a university security background check or attending additional BGSU required training. I/we are willing to work with the BGSU and BG police in this matter. Thank You.

I know people like weapons and others don't, maybe we can meet in the middle by saying that people CAN concealed-carry on campus as long as the weapon is chambered. ( I wouldn't like this but would rather be able to have my weapon on me rather than leaving in my car.) Now many concealed-carry license holders will disagree and be angry by this but it still may be another option to allow us to carry on campus. some won't follow this direction but it is a way to spin it to those that are anti-gun and or to make them feel safer. I appreciate that you all are looking into our second amendment rights. its a step in the right direction. thank you again! #2A

As an identifiable demographic group, CCW holders are the MOST law abiding group in the US. You may not realize that CCW holders are the GOOD guys, and are, in fact, more law abiding than say,... the police, legislators, non-CCW holding faculty, etc. This is borne out by examining empirical data, NOT opinions, feelings, etc.

Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a 'soft target. (7)

Since I teach in a class setting that would be considered a "soft" target, I am constantly aware of people coming/going and am very concerned for the safety of my students in

such a vulnerable environment. I am also on campus until well after dark many nights, with parking a substantial distance from my building/classroom. In light of today's societal dangers, I would feel much more safe with my gun on my person rather than sitting in a safe at home.

I think these earlier questions don't capture my true opinion on the matter quite accurately enough. From my standpoint, I believe that staff members who have had police or military training should be allowed to carry on campus; maybe some staff members who have had some training should also be allowed. / / I do strongly believe, however, that if there is an active shooting in progress in a location such as a lecture hall in Olscamp (where I teach), it is my strong preference that someone is also there with the training and ability to at least return fire. Again, I emphasize my preference is that someone who carries has a police or military background and has been trained to deal with active shooting situations. That said, if there is no one present to return fire, I strongly feel this would only permit a shooter to kill and wound more. My opinions are partly based on my own personal experiences, as I was a Master's student at Northern Illinois University in Feb. 2008 when a gunman walked into the Cole Lecture Hall facility (about one block from where I was at the time) and opened fire. Police officers arrived approx. 2 minutes after the incident began, and yet the gunman had already killed himself, ended up killing 5 other students, and had wounded 17 others. The shooting ordeal had already ended by the time officers arrived on the scene. I do believe if someone had the ability to engage the shooter before police would have arrived, the casualty numbers would have been smaller. I base this on the fact that shooting incidents have in the past been halted due to an individual who has been armed. Case in point: there was a deadly Oregon mall shooting just days before the Sandy Hook tragedy in which an armed patron displayed his firearm, which had prompted the suspect to retreat and take his own life:

<http://legacy.kgw.com/story/news/2014/07/24/12405148/> Sadly, much of the news media conveniently chose to ignore this. That said, I find it very infuriating that so many buy into the politically correct nonsensical thinking that 'guns don't belong in schools.' I wish someone would say that actual line to an active shooter the next time such an event happens, and see what he thinks about it. To be clear, I also don't subscribe into the line of thinking spouted by the NRA that 'had everyone been armed, the [insert tragedy] could have been avoided.' From my standpoint, however, it appears clear to me that a number of these mass shootings result from cowards who seek to kill as many soft targets with minimal resistance, and these cowards then give up once they do encounter some forceful resistance (as in, someone else is able to shoot back at them). My hope therefore is that BGSU institutes some measures that send out the message that if someone attempts a mass shooting event, there is a good possibility that there will be some type of an immediate forceful response BEFORE police arrive on the scene when it may be too late. Thank you.

A gun free zone is a victim zone.

Well, I think the old saying "when you outlaw guns, only outlaws will have guns" applies to concealed carry as well. In other words, I am a law abiding citizen with a CC license. Therefore, I do not carry a handgun on campus. However, I am not sure that the potential violent offender is going to respect this law if they want to do harm. To sum it up, a gun free zone is a victim zone. The criminals don't really care about the law!

Faculty and staff should conceal carry, but not students. (5)

Some mental disorders present in young people after age of 21. Some have a diagnosis that is controlled with medications but fail to maintain compliance with their medication/s and have episodic break downs and mental instability. In this population they could already have a concealed carry permit and weapon obtained legally. In the event of an episode or exacerbation their diagnosis suggests they could pose a danger to others. Faculty, staff, students and others are at risk in event of home grown terrorism or active shooter with weapon. I don't favor conceal carry in this group. As a parent and grandparent it's incumbent upon our organization to protect those within our walls. As a concealed carry holder with a long history of demonstrated gun safety and expertise I favor concealed carry for qualified faculty and staff with permits. We are a soft target when only one police officer is available across several buildings. What happened in Paris and elsewhere should be a wake up call for all of us.

I would be in favor of faculty and staff carrying hand guns after proper training. I would be opposed to students being able to carry a hand gun. Students do not always make good choice and so much alcohol is involved with campus life. Students could be too emotional and use guns to settle disputes, especially if alcohol played a part. Also many college kids do not have enough common sense and I could see accidents happening.

Other Comments in Favor of Campus Conceal Carry

I would like the BOT to support the law.

***Representative comments from faculty against campus conceal carry***

Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (73)

Do not change my workplace into a concealed carry workplace. Do not change the university where my daughter goes into a concealed carry campus. Do not change the university campus known for being the only Ohio campus to remain open following the Kent State shootings into a concealed carry campus. Stand up to the Legislature. Stand up to the gun lobby. Stand up to the people who feel safer when they have access to guns at all times and places and just say No.

Letting students carry weapons on campus is an insane idea and will increase the number of weapons that can potentially cause harm. I acknowledge that some students

will bring them anyway (I previously worked in a school where an administrative midnight dorm raid uncovered an arsenal), but to encourage it is utterly irresponsible, especially when one isn't allowed to bring guns into the meeting rooms of the state legislature. I can't even get them to put keep cell phones out of site.

This is absolutely insane and irresponsible. I am not against guns or even concealed carry licenses, but guns on campus is a terrible idea. Furthermore, I wonder why the university provides absolutely zero training for faculty in the case that someone brings a gun into a classroom. Again, completely irresponsible. I am forced to take hours of online training that protects our students from being offended or "harassed", but there is no training to protect the faculty from the students? As a faculty member I feel very much less than a priority.

Regardless of what some believe is a constitutional right to carry guns, the step to permit concealed or open carry on a college campus surrenders to the inevitable decay of society, such that it is not safe for anyone to go anywhere without being armed. It also shifts the responsibility of the local and state government to provide protection for law-abiding citizens to gun-carriers, which is an abdication of civic responsibility. Finally, the American democratic system also provides for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for ALL citizens, which includes those who choose to not be killed or confronted by guns of any kind. The supposed exercise of Second Amendment rights seems to clearly violate the equally valid rights of those of us who prefer not to live in a vigilante state.

There is only one reason this is even a discussion, and it is that the NRA and other financially invested parties have contributed money to make it a discussion. No other country that would commonly be compared to the US allows guns within the populace the way we do. And statistically, all evidence from states that have loosened restrictions have seen an uptick in gun violence. This is staggeringly obvious and inevitable. So, don't have the discussion. But if the discussion happens, make sure faculty are trained properly on when, how, and with what gun they should police their classrooms.

I do not believe the solution to violence on college campuses is to allow more guns. The notion that students might have a gun in class terrifies me - because students and teachers are under a lot of pressure. If someone has an emotional outburst, the fact that he could act out with a gun he has a license to carry is no consolation at all. Nor do I think my pulling out a gun, or another student pulling out a gun in self defense would make me feel any safer. What am I going to do - pull out a gun and say "Can we talk about this?" If they don't allow loaded guns at rifle shows, why is it ok to allow them in my classroom? That makes no sense to me whatsoever.

Concealed Carry, and even Open Carry, on BGSU's campus is a bad idea. Even in the wild west, in cities such as Tombstone, Deadwood, and Dodge City, it was against the law to carry firearms, openly or concealed. Allowing students to carry concealed weapons all

over campus will not make this campus safer. Please do not let this happen. / Sincerely,  
/ A concerned faculty member and donor

Only the police should carry guns. (37)

I believe that allowing anyone (other than law enforcement) to carry a concealed weapon on campus -- licensed or otherwise -- clearly increases the risk that such weapons will be used. In addition, allowing faculty and/or students to conceal and carry weapons on campus would permanently damage the academic climate.

Even police officers who are highly trained in the appropriate use of fire-arms have trouble hitting targets in real-life situations and also they do occasionally make lethal mistakes. It seems really risky to open this up to people with less training than police officers. Additionally, in a real "active-shooter" situation, if a lot of people have weapons, it would make it increasingly difficult for police to do their job and increasingly likely for their to be deaths from mistaken identity. However, I would not be opposed to the university equipping faculty and staff with non-lethal defensive equipment.

I am a gun owner, but I am opposed to concealed carry by any individual who is not part of law enforcement. Not just on campus, but anywhere. If you feel the need to carry a weapon, it should be on your hip, where everyone knows it. And it should not be on a college campus, open or concealed.

Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety.

Greater risk of injuries, deaths, accidental discharges, intimidation. (103)

It is impossible to imagine doing our jobs of grading students and raising difficult issues with them when they are able to come to our offices and classrooms armed. It opens the possibility of new forms of intimidation by students that more guns will not solve.

It is well-established in my field of study that the presence of firearms tends to escalate tense situations and make them more dangerous, not less. Please note that several large lecture halls, including some in Olscamp, are designed in such a way as to make professors especially vulnerable in the event of an active shooting situation. For example, in the lecture hall both exits are at the back of the hall, with no exits close to the front of the hall where the instructor typically stands. Having more guns in the room is likely to increase, rather than decrease, the chance that a trapped instructor would be shot.

While there's something to be said for letting individual institutions decide for themselves; I know what I'd want my institution's policy to be: no carry. Carry policies may indeed have some positive effect in minimizing the damage of a mass shooting. Even so, the odds of such a event and an effective intervention are very low. And I think the effect of a widespread "armed citizen" movement would be more incentive to carry oneself--meaning more guns, and hence more successful suicides (the data is clear on

this), more accidental shootings, and more cases of second-degree type murders. Furthermore, I don't like the idea that our interactions with others might be effected by the worry that they might have a gun. Sometimes our we encounter event on or around campus that need to be called out, but may not be worthy of calling the police or campus authorities--e.g. cutting in line, drunks kicking over trash cans, cat-calls (etc.), a campus full of guns probably wouldn't be one where people feel safe to firmly confront the offender. And when the offender does something worse--e.g. randomly throw a bottle, hurl a random insult, mild physical assault, we don't want an enraged victim to have a gun. As someone who lives right next to campus, I see these sorts of things regularly. And while that's not "on campus" and usually during the evening, it seems like a culture that cultivates concealed carry on campus will have the effect of promoting it beyond campus, it seems to me that both are likely to have more bad effects than good.

The University cannot allow handguns on campus. It is a place that welcomes students, staff, and faculty without exhaustive screening, and at the same time is a place that (1) challenges everyone to explore things outside their comfort zones, and (2) involves constant stress, pressure, and anxiety about performance. Without the protection of a no-weapons policy on campus, the combination of these factors will necessarily lead to unnecessary deaths. I strongly believe that the University must continue to prohibit weapons to safeguard the lives of students, faculty, and staff.

I understand the rights of citizens to bear arms and consider safe use appropriate; however, my belief is that such use ought to be restricted to safety personnel on college/university campuses only. Allowing other individuals to bring firearms to my place of work makes me feel less safe, especially in situations working with students and individuals who may have personal challenges and /or be experiencing undue stress from a variety of factory. Put simply, as a former K-12 teacher and current university faculty member, I oppose such a Bill to allow concealed carry on campus and fear for my safety as well as others.

Given the mass shootings occurring on college campuses, I believe it is of grave danger to allow weapons on campus.

I notice the difficulty that police have in making quick decisions about when to use guns to protect people despite having extensive training. A number of cases have been publicized recently in which police appear to have made the wrong decision. It is hard for me to understand how others with far less training will be able to do this well and reliably. How does an individual with relatively little training and no experience quickly distinguish a "good guy" from a "bad guy"? What are the distinguishing features? If multiple "good guys" are on campus with concealed weapons and they draw their weapons along with one or more "bad guys" how will the police be able to quickly distinguish the "good guys" from the "bad guys", especially if both are pointing guns at each other? It seems to me that allowing more people with guns on campus will only make the situation less safe and less certain.

What is the main reason people want to be able to concealed-carry? From what I have read, it is in case of some tragic event, such as an active shooter on campus. I have been through the State AG ALICE training. I understand this is a hot button and emotional issue. / The problem I see with allowing anyone with a concealed-carry to have a weapon on campus is while they have training, they are not necessarily military or police trained. It takes special training to stop and/help in an emergency situation. Simply having a firearm does not make one qualified in a dangerous situation. Also, I worry about the safety of bystanders. More guns equals more bullets. How can emergency responders know who is the threat and who is "helping." Does concealed-carry training give someone the emotional stability to actually take a life. / I have more concerns and see far more negatives than the likely hood of an active shooter on BGSU's campus can override.

More guns = more violence = more injuries and deaths. Allowing weapons on our campus will most likely increase the level of violence inflicted both intentionally and unintentionally on our students, staff, faculty and administrators. It is a very bad idea that reduces public safety and therefore, reduces public health and welfare.

I'm not sure what kinds of requirements those with conceal/carry licenses have to have, but I know that most people do not have the knowledge or the background necessary to know when to use a gun, much less deadly force. I am a former Marine, a war veteran, who is trained to know when to use these, but I am not comfortable with knowing that any person on a campus of higher learning could be carrying something so potentially dangerous without proper training.

I see no valid reason for permitting deadly weapons on campus. My understanding of the existing data is that having armed civilians around in a crisis situation will not make me safer or end the crisis sooner, but is more likely to result in additional casualties and confusion. And such a crisis situation is astronomically unlikely to begin with. Much more common--indeed, everyday occurrences--are altercations between students or between students and faculty or staff, disgruntled employees, incidents of domestic/dating violence or sexual assault, etc. In these much more likely situations, a weapon will only make the situation worse. Please keep guns off campus!

Even people who are accustomed to using guns when others are shooting at them sometimes kill innocent people. Many people who received concealed carry permit training would have little or no experience with using a gun in this kind of situation, so the risk of innocent people being shot would be greater. It wouldn't be any comfort to my family if I was killed by "friendly fire" instead of by an active shooter.

Fights happen and people lose their self-control. The law cannot control whose judgement or self-control is impaired by alcohol or drugs, no more than it is now for DUI. Our laws cannot control whether someone's judgement or self-control is impaired by mental instability, even if temporary. When handguns are carried into these situations, it increases the chance that a shooting occurs. In a densely populated

environment like a college campus, this is an unnecessary risk that we as a public institution should try to avoid, not encourage. I do not believe that having people around me carrying concealed weapons protects me in any way from a shooting incident by a deranged individual. I believe that it increases the likelihood that a deranged individual takes tragic action. I do not believe that carrying a weapon myself provides me any protection. I think that my best defense is to understand emergency response procedures and escape to safety, letting police confront the perpetrator.

I am a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and served over 22 years in the Army. No veteran who has experience with firearms during war or peace would be comfortable around a service member with a mere 8 hours of training. I have witnessed the horrible costs of accidental discharges from untrained service members on controlled military ranges. A college campus is no place for firearms. Leave them in the hands of fully trained professionals.

Allowing handguns on any campus is to invite tragedy. Classrooms, faculty offices, and department meeting rooms can be, at times, settings of impassioned exchanges. To introduce a handgun into a setting in which a student is learning she has failed an exam and will not remain eligible for a scholarship, or in which a faculty member is informed he will not receive tenure/promotion, or in which a program learns it is to be disbanded -- all times during which an individual or individuals would not be thinking clearly and would be experiencing intense stress and frustration -- opens the door to the gun holder experiencing thoughts of "I have nothing else to lose" and responding with violence against the perceived "threat" without having thought through the repercussions. Banning handguns on campus removes the possibility of such outcomes.

Dangerous to let students conceal carry. (35)

I am a former law enforcement officer and military vet. I am member of the NRA and an NRA rated expert marksman. I do not support the right to conceal and carry on campus. Students in particular are at risk if this law passes. College students are a group characterized by extreme personality traits and experimentation. This is not the type of charged environment to drop in concealed weapons. Even perfectly rational people may make poor judgment calls in the heat of the moment and such situations are likely to present themselves with far greater frequency on a college campus than in every-day life away from college. I do not want college students having to carry the guilt that an accident may cause around with them for the rest of their life. Look at what happened at Northern Arizona this past fall. College campuses are simply not the place for concealed weapons.

I have concerns involving allowing students to carry firearms on campus. While I do not necessarily oppose the right to own and carry a firearm by well trained individuals, I am very aware of the stressors that are part of higher education and I feel that having students armed on campus would make me feel less safe as a faculty member. I have taken the university's ALICE course and I understand that being armed might very well



make someone feel safer individually, but I am also of the opinion that having several individuals armed in the classroom might lead to more danger if an incident were to occur. Even having firearms in the hands of well trained law enforcement officers can result in accidental discharges and inappropriate use. Also, under stress, the ability to appropriately use a firearm can be affected.

This is a disaster in the making. The campus is full of relatively young people, most who use alcohol, many who use drugs, and many who have poor emotional management. We deal with students at their best and at their worst (failing out of school, failing a defense, etc.). At their worst, I have grave concerns that these factors converge into a tragedy on our campus. If a "good person" has a gun and thinks they will protect people in the face of an active shooter, I think it's unlikely. In these mass shootings, the killing is typically done in the first few minutes. In that chaos, the "good person" can easily be mistaken for a co-conspirator. Nobody will understand who is who in that moment. I believe that many responsible gun owners understand this as well. I oppose this with every fiber of my being and am greatly concerned that it could be approved on our campus.

As an instructor, I am extremely concerned about students having weapons in my class. University can be very stressful and weapons and stress do not mix. I HATE the idea that someone could be carrying a gun in class. Thanks for allowing me to express my opinion.

The students drink a lot of alcohol. Bringing guns into this environment is foolish and asking for trouble.

A number of students are on antidepressants; they're stressed about grades, money, work; their brains aren't fully developed (at least the males) and then we want them to wander campus armed. Real smart.

Recently I had a student go ballistic because his team was not chosen to move forward as a finalist for a student competition--it had a relatively small monetary prize. He screamed threatens at me. He used hate speech against his fellow classmates. He verbally attacked his team members blaming them for not winning saying he had never lost anything before. He verbally attacked the winning team. IF he had had a concealed handgun, I would have been helpless to stop him from killing my students. Millennials grew up with participation trophies and many can't handle disappointments. Many students lack maturity and can't handle the stress of college or the stress of jobs, families etc. Some have mental health issues. Allowing them to bring guns on campus is going to create serious problems and lawsuits for any damages that occur due to "legal" guns being allowed on campus. If handguns are allowed, BGSU will need to increase the number of cops on campus and increase funding for mental health services. Where is this money going to come from? On a personal level: Are all faculty members going to need to be trained and armed? How will students in class feel if fellow students are wearing guns? Some of my family members have now or have in the past had guns for their jobs yet I would be afraid if a student came to class with a gun. It would affect my

teaching. I don't know how I feel about being employed at a university which permits handguns.

Greater risk of suicides. (7)

Given the high rates of suicide among college-age students (in addition to all the other research about gun deaths, or your political beliefs), it would be incredibly dangerous to allow concealed carrying on campus. If you care about the safety of students, faculty, staff, and the community, you will NOT support concealed carry permits.

Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.

Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among faculty. (51)

I would not feel comfortable teaching in an environment where guns are permitted. I teach a lot of history cultural classes where I present the history of American Imperialism. These topics are still controversial in our current era. The facts highlight the evidence of US Imperialism, yet some discussions have led to a division of American and anti-american. I have done my best to assure students that having a critical opinion on certain political ideas does not equate with treason to ones nation. These types of debates will not happen as freely as they do now if students, faculty feel intimidated in the classroom. I would certainly consider teaching elsewhere.

If students are allowed guns in the classroom, the teaching environment will be seriously compromised, as individuals--both faculty and students-- will be wary of challenging opinions and debating topics under the ever present threat of violence. Many faculty will be unable to perform their essential jobs, which is to enliven the students through self-reflection and critique of cultural values. Furthermore, I strongly believe that enrollment will be impacted, as students themselves do not want to be thrust into an unsafe environment and parents would prefer to have them in a gun-free/violence-free campus elsewhere. Faculty, too, will be led to pursue employment elsewhere.

How would professors feel safe to teach classes effectively? Grading would have to be inflated so as to avoid being shot by a disgruntled student who didn't care for their grade. I would not feel comfortable teaching a course with honesty and academic integrity if I knew that there were students with guns in the classroom. I would not feel safe, nor would I feel comfortable having my students exposed to guns. Schools should be a safe space in which weapons are not tolerated. Our job as educators is to protect and educate, young minds, not to expose them to unnecessary threats to their personal safety.

Freedom of expression is crucial. If there is a power differential - someone who carries a gun - then the freedom to express diverse views will be diminished. As a faculty member, I don't want the responsibility of assessing who is the good guy or who is the

bad guy. Currently, if there is a gun, I can make a call. If conceal carry, I can no longer do that. On average, I see at least 1 student per week with mental health challenges. I physically escort at least 2 students each semester to Counseling Services. Legally permitting guns on campus would be a disaster. Students know who carries and who doesn't. They would know how to access someone else's gun. Would you bring your 'family' to a university event if there were concealed carry? Would you attend a BGSU vs UT football game in a stadium if there were concealed carry? I would resign my position if students were able to conceal carry. I don't get paid to enter a military zone. It would be a sad state of affairs when I abdicate my safety to students who 'feel that they could make it safer for me' (again highlighting a power differential rather than a collaborative teaching/learning environment). These same students who can't read the directions to complete a scantron correctly or who have less training than a police officer by the power of carrying a concealed gun will feel empowered (and superior) to protect me and other students. That is just plain crazy. As a Board of Trustee member, come to campus - sit in on classes for a week, shadow a faculty member - OBSERVE and know that concealed carry is not 'smart'.

Handguns make me nervous, be then openly carried, concealed, or merely implied. When nervous, I am less likely to engage in a serious debate about any controversial topic, and as a faculty member, I am less likely to open such a debate in my classroom. In this sense, I think any weapons -- particularly ones that enable the user to act at a distance with little threat to themselves -- have an inherent tendency to limit free speech. As an educator, I value free speech over the right to bear arms.

Guns on campus will create a climate of fear and faculty will no longer be able to teach in an open frank manner. We will censor ourselves thus cheating our students.

It is too dangerous to have any kind of handguns on campus. As a faculty member who teaches a lot of undergraduates, it would make me more fearful of teaching.

I don't like the idea that the student who comes to my office to talk about the failing grade they earned in my course might have a gun. I don't like the idea that the student I've just accused of violating the academic honesty policy might have a gun.

I think it would be harmful to the learning environment on campus and might make people less willing to say what they believe for fear of offending someone who may be in possession of a handgun.

While not a gun owner or gun user myself, I understand arguments for gun rights. That said, I have concerns about individuals carrying guns freely in education situations. In particular, when I look at some of the groups and individuals who call the loudest for the least restrictions on gun usage, I also tend to see significant levels of racism, sexism, Islamophobia, and general lack of willingness to reflect on themselves, their beliefs, and the ways in which society has and continues to marginalize groups of people. I teach material that asks students to reflect on those kinds of things, and I have very significant

concerns about how students might respond should they have guns more readily available to them.

I currently teach a diversity course at the University. I personally do not feel safe talking about highly sensitive topics such as race, religion, etc. knowing that something myself or one of my students say might be the trigger that sets off someone that is carrying a weapon in class.

I am wary of arming students on campus because professors are, by definition, a target for their emotions. A bad grade or even just a bad exam score could (excuse the pun) trigger a dangerous situation if someone lets their emotions get out of hand. After all, students sometimes think one bad score can ruin their future career plans, and it is human nature to look for someone else to blame. Faculty standing at the podium in a classroom are sitting ducks and obvious outlets for their frustrations. I don't want to have to wear a bullet proof vest when I teach my class or hold office hours.

I am the instructor for courses that deal with sensitive topics (e.g., fetal rights, existence of god, income inequality). If students were allowed to carry guns into my classroom, then I would be forced to shy away from these sensitive topics. In other words, the right to carry guns into the class room would lead to a direct curriculum change.

Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (34)

Students carrying firearms on campus will necessarily erode the spirit of free inquiry that is central to the university's mission. A student with a firearm in class will have a chilling effect on anyone who might disagree with or want to challenge that individual.

I understand the views of those in favor of concealed-carry weapons on campus, and I understand that concealed-carry permits required training (and to be honest, I would greatly prefer that ALL gun owners were required to undergo the same training). However, I feel that a university campus should be absolutely free of all firearms, both legally sanctioned and not. This is a place of learning, and the legalized arming of teachers and student would create an unacceptable distraction to the learning process as well as a potential risk to health and safety. We teach our students to solve problems by thinking, and condoning the presence of firearms on our university's campus would stand in stark contradiction to that emphasis on critical, constructive thought.

As a faculty member who occasionally must deal with "unhappy" students or students who may be socially disaffected, this law is deeply disturbing. The value of the American education system has rested in the ability to think, speak, and write freely in a mutually respectful environment. This law will make faculty, in particular, fearful of unthinking and violent responses to poor grades, differences in opinion etc. The classroom, where faculty have the responsibility of creating a safe space, will no longer feel safe.

It's simply insane to allow any guns on our campus. Allowing guns undermines the core values that BGSU represents. If members of the BOT worked on campus on a daily basis or had children here, this wouldn't even be an issue.

Guns are not the solution to relational and societal problems. Nor are they the solution to international conflicts. Throughout history, we have turned to force and violence to resolve escalating tensions. We have learned—and been instructed—to act from a position of mistrust and fear. We have dehumanized and been dehumanized. Please, on campuses of education of impressionable young people, let us encourage an environment of nonviolence, trust, and regard of human life.

Campus conceal carry would create a hostile work environment. (2)

If concealed-carry were to be permitted on the BGSU campus I would consider this to be the voluntary creation of a hostile working environment.

Recruitment and retention of faculty and students will be negatively impacted. (41)

Allowing guns on campus is a fucking stupid idea. It will drastically harm the learning environment as students and teachers will rightly fear the real possibility that arguments will rapidly escalate into lethal violence, we will fear the combination of drunk, irresponsible youths with access to their guns and guns of their "responsible" friends. I, and many other faculty, will immediately start looking for new jobs in states that respect and value a safe learning environment over some paranoid idiot's desire to play cowboy on campus.

Guns in dormitories will likely lower enrollment. As a parent, I would NEVER allow my child to live on a campus at a university where fellow student residents were packing--especially a daughter. Gun violence against women (by boyfriends and spouses) is on the rise. Does BG want to be the first school to have a "domestic violence" death case on campus make the news? Not to mention what could occur at a campus Fraternity party. Alcohol mixed with concealed weapons at a campus frat party is a really stupid idea. Let's not be responsible for an avoidable tragedy.

If students can carry guns, I would resign. My fears would be them hurting each other, themselves, and "revenge" for a bad grade. I am also concerned about faculty and staff with weapons. I am a marksman (not an NRA member) and know how dangerous guns can be in the wrong hands. An 8 hour class is not enough training.

I will look for another job since I cannot effectively do my teaching job fearing that students may use a gun if unhappy with grades or unhappy with decision that I may make regarding the course (e.g., reporting cases of academic dishonesty)

If permit holders are allowed to carry on campus, I will cut back my attendance at campus events, including events sponsored by student organizations, academic units, and the administration. In general, I would consider BGSU a less safe place and would

seek to limit my presence beyond what is contractually required. I would also consider other employment.

I would not feel safe, and probably would leave this University if I thought that in my classroom there could be anybody carrying a gun.

I would consider leaving BGSU and withholding any future financial contributions to the university if concealed-carry were allowed on campus.

I think that when there are more guns on campus the possibility of negative events involving guns happening on campus rises exponentially, especially if students were allowed to carry guns. When one thinks of the impulsiveness of young adults whose brains have not fully developed, it becomes very scary to think about. In the State of Ohio right now, people with mental disorders can get a concealed gun permit. There are people on our campus who would qualify as people with mental disorders. As a former mental health counselor, I have seen the damage that can occur when people are allowed to carry guns. When I worked in an inpatient psychiatric unit, police had to lock their guns in a box before entering the locked unit due to the possibility of the wrong people grabbing the gun. Also, I can only imagine how much extra concerns our campus police would have because of this policy. My concern is great enough that I would question further employment at the University if this became the policy.

I will not teach on any campus that allows anyone other than law enforcement officers to carry a gun.

I have a son who is 16 years old and seriously considering attending BGSU. I honestly would rather he pay full-tuition at another institution than attend BGSU if the university allows handguns on campus, and I strongly believe that many parents (almost all that I know) would have severe reservations about sending their children to conceal-carry campuses. While safety is part of my concern, I also believe that universities should not support the myth that armed citizens make communities safer. Instead, decisions should be based on research. Additionally, I mostly teach international students, and it is my hope that their perspectives are considered, as I suspect that this issue will be of high importance to them. Perhaps working with the International Student Ambassadors through ISS would be one way to gather input.

Allowing handguns on campus will be devastating for the recruitment of new faculty and students from abroad and/or from cosmopolitan areas. It does not make sense to allow guns on campus from a security point of view, nor from an economic point of view, nor from an educational point of view.

Allowing concealed carrying of handguns on our campus is a horrible idea. If nothing else, it would make me think twice before I made say or do anything that might upset a student -- fundamentally undermining academic freedom so central to our mission. I would also not send my children to a campus that allows concealed carrying of guns on its campus.

I am strongly opposed. I cannot imagine that a parent would ever send a child to matriculate at a campus where they knew students or faculty carry handguns.

I would thoughtfully consider resignation and earnestly search for a different educational venue most likely at a private college. I would openly consider less money as a trade-off for peace of mind. I have had two extreme incidences with anger management problems with students in my classroom at BGSU which required police intervention. There is no way I would want to continue teaching in this atmosphere. I would always wonder if particular students might be carrying firearms. I consider 6-8 hours of training for carrying a concealed firearm a joke.

The Board of Trustees has obligation to protect BGSU against HB48. (18)

As a faculty member with 20 years of experience in the classroom, advising students, and working with colleagues who have a propensity toward hostility, I cannot imagine a worse decision than allowing concealed guns on campus. I implore the BGSU Board of Trustees NOT to allow concealed-carry license holders to be permitted to have guns at BGSU. I seriously fear that a great human tragedy will occur at BGSU if the Board does not wisely decide this decision. Please DO NOT allow guns on our campus. It should be a place of peaceful learning and interaction, not an armed zone.

If something goes wrong because students or outsiders are allowed on campus with guns, then the Board will be responsible.

Please don't allow BGSU to allow concealed handguns on campus. In an environment where violence is met with violence, let's "B" differ. BGSU should stand for "Be Generous", or "Be Gentle", "Be Green", "Be Giving" -- definitely not "Bring Gun".... / Allowing handguns on campus will create an environment of suspicion and mistrust. Thank you for keeping BGSU a positive work environment focused on community and learning.

The Board of Trustees should maintain the existing policy for the following irrefutable points that might cause students to use weapons that, by law, we will not know they have on their person: / 1. The relative immaturity level of our undergrad students / 2. The propensity of students to drink alcohol and, to a lesser extent ingest illegal drugs / 3. The number of students who are taking legal medications which could impair their judgment. These students will be unknown to faculty to due confidentiality laws / 4. The vulnerability of immature students to be influenced by the violent, so called "shooter" video games they enjoy / 5. The actuality of students to seek and take revenge on faculty through their current propensity to write false, misleading, and harmful course evaluations for no other reason than being allowed to do so anonymously. The fear being that a student could very well take their revenge to the next level and shoot a faculty member for no other reason than they have the ability to inflict that "punishment." / 6. The current fragility of the mental state of faculty about this topic indicates faculty will not be able to perform their duties to the best of their ability given

the constant threat, real or imagined, of the possibility that a student could possess a gun on their person; and given the realities of numbers one through five the Board should, even if it is in agreement with the second amendment, err on the side of caution and safety and reject the temptation of allowing concealed carry on campus. / 7. We are a sanctuary of learning. We have a great police force which treats faculty, staff, and students with respect and care. Let us not also put their lives in further peril by permitting concealed carry for the reasons stated in #1-5.

Let me first state that I grew up in the American Southwest. My father and brother-in-law were active hunters, and I also participated in Civil War re-enactment groups where muzzleloading weapons (including cannons) were used. I am not "against guns" nor am I against the 2nd Amendment. I took and passed a Hunter's Safety Course while in high school, and my father owned several guns for the purpose of hunting and historical interest (he was a professor of military history). However, as a teacher, I feel it is an extremely bad idea to set a precedent for concealed carry laws on college campuses. The false logic and false security re: "good guys with guns" is not bourn out by research; even our own college PD states that it is highly unlikely that a trained gun user (i.e., a police officer) can effectively disable/kill an attacker by returning fire. Moreover, having guns on campus militarizes what should be an open and safe space (like a hospital, doctor's office, court, etc.). Students, faculty, and guests of BGSU should never feel threatened by guns (even by the chance of random, unintended discharges), and those who believe that having a gun is an effective deterrent to gun violence need to be educated about the facts. Guns do NOT belong on any college campus, with the possible exception of trained law enforcement. The university is a place of learning, where big and sometimes controversial ideas can be discussed with respect and trust. But the fact of the matter is that various personalities in the student body and faculty, when mixed with access to guns, will most likely lead to dangerous situations. I would seriously consider quitting my job if the administration decides to allow concealed carry permits. I would feel threatened by potentially disgruntled students, by potentially mentally ill students who somehow obtained a weapon, and by the accidental discharge of weapons. I urge the Board of Trustees and President Mazey to do the right thing: do NOT allow guns on campus. This is not an issue of 2nd Amendment rights. This is an issue of safety and rationality, two things that should be hallmarks of a campus environment.

Concealed handguns should only be allowed on campus if they are also allowed at BGSU Board of Trustee meetings.

Campus conceal carry will make minority populations even more unsafe. (4)

Culture is a factor in feeling comfortable with guns. As African American people, we are more weary of guns because they are often turned on us. While others feel more empowered by them. Guns don't make me feel safer! In the hands of cops, it has proven that gun training doesn't change a prejudice mind set. This overall is a bad idea; students and faculty are often under emotional stress last thing they need is a hand-gun



I am not only concerned about safety issues, but also about the possibility of selective enforcement. We have already seen here in Ohio how people of color are treated differently when it comes to "open carry." I have no reason to believe that the situation will change when it comes to concealed carry.

Outside of ideological concerns, I have public health concerns as well as concerns over civil rights. For one, more guns equals more opportunity for accidental firearm discharge, even amongst licensed carriers. This is dangerous and costly. For two, I am not convinced that law enforcement agencies are prepared to fairly enforce most laws, much less this one, especially in regards to Ohio open-carry law and the Tamir Rice killing. Quite simply, when African Americans or other people of color are engaged by law enforcement, they are more likely to be killed, beaten, or unfairly arrested. As a person of color, I see this not as an expansion of rights but as an expansion of ways in which I can be unfairly targeted, even if I am a licensed carrier. Effectively, I am not confident that I can carry, concealed or not. So, if I cannot carry anyway, than no one should be allowed to carry.

***Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee on HB48***

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***Qualitative Analysis of Graduate Student Comments on HB48 Survey***

The following lists a brief qualitative analysis of the 368 undergraduate student comments to the open-ended question on the HB48 survey. The analysis provides the primary arguments made by those in favor and in opposition of HB48. Of the 381 comments, 284 were against campus conceal carry, 84 were in favor of campus conceal carry, and 13 were anomalous and could not be coded. Each of the commentary segments could include multiple distinct arguments, so I have broken down these initial comments into their types of arguments.

***Main arguments of graduate students in favor of campus conceal carry***

1. Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (23)
2. Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (7)
3. Conceal carry holders have considerable training and are responsible. (11)
4. Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a 'soft target.' (7)
5. Faculty and graduate students should conceal carry, but not undergraduate students. (8)
6. Conceal carry is a good policy, it simply needs more restrictions for campus (12)
7. Campus conceal carry is a good policy that would enhance safety. (12)
8. Campus conceal carry would make women safer. (4)

***Main arguments of graduate students against campus conceal carry***

1. Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (74)
2. Only the police should carry guns. (19)
3. Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety.
  - a. Greater risk of injuries, deaths, accidental discharges, intimidation. (98)
  - b. Dangerous to let students conceal carry. (21)
  - c. Greater risk of suicides. (9)
4. Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.
  - a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among graduate students. (31)
  - b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (28)
5. Recruitment and retention of graduate students will be negatively impacted. (39)
6. The Board of Trustees has obligation to protect BGSU against HB48. (6)
7. Campus conceal carry training is inadequate. (8)

8. Campus conceal carry will make race/ethnic, LGBT, international, and women students less safe. (16)

***Representative comments from graduate students who favor campus conceal carry***

Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (23)

I know many students are concerned but I might be more comfortable knowing their may be some people around who can protect other students. If someone wants to shoot a school, they will bring a gun regardless of whether they have a permit. It would be somewhat comforting to me to know that other individuals have guns.

If individuals are authorized by law to be qualified to carry a concealed weapon, they should be authorized to do so on college and university campuses. Those who have committed shootings on campuses have not been concealed carry certified, if someone truly wants to commit an act of terror on a campus having a concealed permit or not most likely would not be the determining factor. However, if others who are sane and able to protect and defend themselves and others during a shooting, by being able to legally carry a concealed weapon they should be able to do so. You could possibly save many lives during a crisis such as a shooting.

Putting citizen safety in the hands of citizens instead of institutions would encourage me to feel safer. a conceal/carry class is a lot of work, and so is weapon maintenance and carry, so opposition is probably wrongly assuming that all of the sudden everyone will be carrying assault rifles around campus...

I feel like one good citizen with a gun could have really cut back on the number of deaths at Virginia Tech and at the High Schools as well. It is better for the gunman to be shot early on in the scenario to minimize casualties.

Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (7)

I believe in the rights to bear arms! Having those with concealed carry permits may make us, as a community, safer.

I would like you to know that in some cases carrying a gun is a matter of life and death. Unfortunately, in the society that we live in mass shootings happen. I want to be able to defend my life should I need to . I have also had a guy stalk me. It was very scary and he had a history of stalking women. By the time I came to BGSU the situation had been resolved but if it had not

I would have needed to carry a gun for personal protection. Owning a gun is a 2nd amendment right and as a responsible gun owner I should be able to exercise that right as I deem necessary.

Conceal carry holders have considerable training and are responsible. (11)

Concealed carry license holders have gone through tactical safety training in order to obtain the license. Research shows that individuals with concealed carry permits are responsible gun owners. Research also shows that areas that do not allow concealed weapons are less safe than those that do. This is a no-brainer in my opinion. People with concealed carry permits do not kill, instead they are more alert and understand the importance of keeping oneself and others safe.

People who receive concealed carry licenses are the good citizens who are obeying the laws. Someone who wants to provide harm to others will not worry about having that license and will bring a weapon with them whether it is legal or not. Look at where all mass shootings take place, they take place in places that no one is permitted to conceal carry because the bad people know that no one will have a weapon on them. If people are given the right to carry, just the thought that goes into peoples minds that someone may have a weapon will more than likely make them think twice.

Everyone I know who has earned a conceal-carry license takes that responsibly very seriously. They are careful with how they carry their gun, where they store it, etc. I do not think valid conceal-carry license holders, who have been through training to obtain their license, would be irresponsible with their gun on campus. Personally, I have no desire to earn a conceal-carry license or even own a gun. But I support those who do, and I believe it would actually make the campus a safer place. However, I understand why people are nervous about students carrying guns on campus, so I think it would also be valid to just allow faculty and staff to carry. When a school shooting occurs, a lot of people can die before security arrives to stop the shooter. If a faculty member or student present was carrying a gun, they may be able to save lives. Certainly we hope such a situation never arises at BGSU; but I would feel much safer if I knew there were average, everyday people going about their business on campus who are trained to handle a gun and can help end a situation before it escalates and more people die. I also think knowing that another student or faculty member is potentially armed will help deter someone from deciding to go on a shooting rampage in the first place.

Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a 'soft target.' (7)

Shooters frequently target college campuses knowing that these are "gun-free zones" and that because of this, individuals on college campus typically won't have any means of self-defense in

an active shooter situation. While I would hope that individuals who would exercise concealed carry would never need to utilize their guns, I feel that BGSU's campus would be less likely to be seen as an "easy target" if potential shooters were aware that any individual on campus could potentially have a gun for self-defense.

Defenseless people make splendid targets for those who would do us harm. They are helpless and the criminals know it. However, everything changes when the criminal must legitimately ask themselves if the person whom they intend to do harm against, might have the very real ability to put up an excellent self-defense, up to and including, shooting the criminal in self-defense. I personally concealed carry everywhere I legally can including to school then locking my firearm inside the car until I depart the campus. However, I feel infinitely nervous every time I have to disarm in order to come onto the campus. I am acutely aware that I am now just another potential victim, and I do not like that feeling. Thank you for considering this potential issue.

Campuses have becoming sitting ducks and the bad guys know it. They don't care about the law which by definition makes them the bad guys. What other dumb way of looking at it is there? Pass all the dumb laws which can be passed and the result is still the same. Criminals don't care about the laws that's what makes them a criminal. It's time the good guys could defend themselves .

To prohibit firearms on campus we are setting ourselves up to be sitting ducks for people who may want to harm our community. People who make the choice to destroy our community are going to find a way and do so regardless of campus policies and I would want the people who legally carry firearms to do so properly on campus and have the opportunity to save the lives of many if a situation permitted.

Please allow us to protect ourselves and others!

An incident will occur whether it's a criminal or trained civilian with a gun. I would feel safer knowing that trained and legal gun owners have a tool that will help if a situation occurs. Laws stop law abiding people. Laws do not stop criminals or those who intend to do harm. Making it legal to carry on campus might make someone think twice about acting out with violence if they know there is a possibility that there are others with firearms in the area. Those who are willing to protect always outweigh those willing to do harm.

Faculty and graduate students should conceal carry, but not undergraduate students. (8)

Students - bad idea. Faculty - good idea. Faculty should have to take required training through the university (BGSU) and should have continued refreshing training sessions in order to carry on campus, in addition to the training they must go through to obtain a legal permit.

Campus conceal carry is a good policy, if we add restrictions for campus. (12)

Many mass shootings happen in gun free zones. Will someone try to carry put a mass shooting in a place where there is a potential for someone to shoot back? For people who would feel uncomfortable about this decision, what if those who fulfill the requirements making them eligible to carry had to take a "gun safety or carrying on campus safety class" sponsored by Campus Police? That way those who would want to carry can take this class and the school can ensure that the expectations for carrying on campus are communicated to those who want to.

Universities are soft targets and continue to be in the news for multiple homicides and acts of terror involving firearms. Adding security is cost prohibitive but asking staff and faculty to act in that capacity is unthinkable. requesting that employees do this would be against all collective bargaining agreements. Permitting and asking are two different propositions. Permission to carry could be beneficial the unlikely event of armed intrusion but at what cost? I suggest that if universities adopt an regulation of permission in this matter that two considerations be taken up. All C&C permit holders deemed eligible to carry on campus be asked to register their permits with the university and second I would ask that the university put forth to the chancellor the unyielding proposition that the State of Ohio Raise the minimum required training needed to acquire a C&C permit.

Concealed handguns are fine. There should be a registration of who is carrying what.

I took my Conceal Carry class with a retired sheriff and he extended the class past the mandated 8 hours to give us an additional 2 hours of self-defense training. We were taught that our weapons were last choice and that self-defense should be the first. This training provided, what I feel was, a safer mindset and a better ability on my part to defend myself or those around me. If bill passes, the University could potentially require an additional self-defense course for persons wanting to carry on campus.

I would feel safer knowing that faculty/staff/administrators were allowed to have handguns in the event that something did happen because every second counts. That said, I would not feel safer if the University did not conduct separate criminal background checks and did not ensure that all legal requirements were met. I would hope that if the law passes, that the University would put politics aside (both left and right), and put the welfare of the students and employees first in the decision-making process.

I approve of them being carried on campus but not stored in residence halls.

Campus conceal carry is a good policy that would enhance safety. (12)

I am a law-abiding citizen and do not carry a handgun on campus. That being said, it would be impossible for BGSU to know if I was or not. The current law does nothing to stop someone from carrying on campus if their intent is to cause harm in the BGSU community. The current laws about alcohol would remain intact and it has never been a problem in down town Bowling Green where it is Legal to Carry a Firearm. Most students over 21 live off campus and are permitted to have a handgun in their residence if they have a CHL. So there would likely not be an influx of firearms in the community as individuals in dorms are likely under 21 and unable to legally carry a firearm regardless of the new law. Thank you for the survey and the opportunity to voice my opinion.

I think people with CCW permits should always be allowed to carry their weapons. With as many school shootings as there have been, it is always best to be able to protect ourselves. As a CCw permit holder, I really don't like not being allowed to carry on campus, especially when I'm here late at night (which is often as a grad student). This would be a great addition to our safety as students and faculty.

Direct message to Board of Trustees

As an educator with a license from Ohio to teach 7-12 graders and a graduate student here at BGSU, I do not believe that something that we have the right to do is the same as something that is always prudent. I would not bring my weapon onto campus and I do not feel the need to. I would also not bring my weapon into my classroom as a teacher. I do not think that carrying a gun (concealed or openly) creates the sort of environment or sends the sort of message that I want to convey to my students. It says that "I do not feel safe" and implies that they should not either. That is not a message I want to send not only for the sake of my students but also because the message would not be true. I DO feel safe on BGSU's campus WITHOUT my firearm. But I would not want to prevent someone who did not feel safe from exercising their right to be protected. As holder of a CCW from Ohio and a US citizen, I believe in the 2nd Amendment rights of US citizens to bear firearms. I do not believe that 2nd amendment ends the moment anyone (student or faculty) steps foot on a public campus anymore than the 1st amendment or any other other amendment ends. So I believe the actions of the Ohio legislature are bringing Ohio into compliance with the Bill of Rights. Those rights are not subject to the preferences or uncomfortable feelings of others about guns. I know this is a sticky and complicated issue and I empathize with both sides. I urge the Board of Trustees to not sacrifice liberty for security or trample on the rights of students and faculty in their quest to create the

illusion or comfort or safety. This is something that is already happening at other public (and private) universities with the 1st amendment, abridging freedom of speech and the press for the sake of feelings of safety.

Campus conceal carry would make women safer. (4)

I understand the issue with allowing students to have concealed weapons because we don't to put everyone on campus in danger and we are also trying to prevent any school shootings or anything of the sort. But I can also see the benefit. As a girl who sometimes has to walk a long way to her car in the dark at night it could help me feel a little safer because statistically females at college campuses are more likely to get raped and attacked. So if I had the ability to carry a weapon on me I personally would feel safer and anyone who might consider attacking a female or anyone for that matter might think twice about it.

Concealed and carry can help many young women feel safe walking across campus by themselves. While many of us may carry pocket knives, against a larger opponent, these will do us little to no use. If I was allowed to carry my gun with me, I would know that, if someone tried to assault or hurt me, that I would have a way of fighting back and defending myself.

***Representative comments from graduate students against campus conceal carry***

Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (74)

Concealed carry on campus is a poor idea for a number of reasons. First, it would create more daily anxiety to know that people are carrying weapons on campus. The fact of the matter is that even permitted individuals are in no way comparable to trained law enforcement personnel and may make life threatening mistakes under stress even when they are trying to save themselves or others. Likewise, some may see themselves as enforcers of sorts and take the law into their own hands when necessary. It only takes one of these individuals to create an immeasurable tragedy, and sadly, irreversible tragedy. It's not a matter of if an accident will happen, but rather a matter of when it will happen. Alternatively, the campus would be better served by strategically placing (even on a rotating basis) highly trained police and security officers in building, outposts, or areas of quick response across the campus. I will put my trust and life in the hands our police officers but certainly not in a random civilian who passed an unfortunately way too easy handgun course.

Honestly, if someone really wants to take part in a large act of violence, I don't think it is really going to matter if there are handguns allowed on campus or not, but I do believe there are still major potential repercussions for having them on campus. First, research has shown that in active shooter situations, other armed citizens have almost never been the one to apprehend



the individual. So this idea of the citizen hero is greatly sensationalized and over played. With this, there are also many potential negative consequences of having guns permitted on campus. First, while we often think of guns as a danger to others, what about their lethal potential for self-harm. Mental health problems are a known issue on college campuses and frequency seems to be on the rise. Suicide ideation is relatively common among college students. What risk does increase gun access on campus pose to increasing the number of suicide attempts we see on campus? Additionally, what threat to academic freedom does having guns on campus pose if all of a sudden you may have armed students walking into your classroom or office? Does this added fear impact a faculty members ability to grade as they see fit? Last, what would happen if other laws change? What if all of a sudden you only have to be 18 to carry a concealed weapon? Then can all of a sudden any student carry a gun on campus? Are they allowed in residence halls?

Guns are manufactured for only one purpose- to kill. There is absolutely no place for these instruments of violence on a college campus. If passed, this bill will only lead to increased violence, and possibly a suppression of free speech and action on campus.

Please do not allow concealed handguns on campus. Statistics on gun violence do not support the argument that more guns means less violence. In fact it adds to the potential casualties. It makes me feel unsafe and concerned for the potential rise in violence that can occur. Even the US Department of Justice has concluded that the "good guy with a gun" scenario often makes the situation more difficult for police to deal with and usually ends in the "good guy" getting killed.

I think it is especially dangerous to allow concealed carrying of handguns on campus for students. This might sound ridiculous, but we all know how school can be stressful and some people have difficulties with coping with that stress. I would feel very insecure if this law passed. Really hope it will not!

The amount of training that goes into skilled use of a handgun goes far beyond that which the average student or faculty member would be able to complete. Guns do not make our campuses safer, and that can be proven by data taken across the U.S. and worldwide. "The only thing that can stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun" is a pithy statement that has no grounding in facts, and allowing guns on campus because of speculative fear will cause more harm than good.

Only the police should carry guns. (19)

There are many responsible concealed carry gun owners in our state. However, I do not feel that adding more guns to our college campus will make our university community any safer

than it already is now. I believe our university police do an outstanding job of protecting our community, and I would prefer to let law enforcement professionals use deadly force as a last resort, rather than students or faculty/staff members who may not be properly trained to handle an active shooter situation.

Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety.

- a. Greater risk of injuries, deaths, accidental discharges, intimidation. (98)

The thought of allowing conceal-carry guns on campus is frightening to me. I would absolutely feel less safe, especially if students, many of who are young and can potentially make rash decisions, were allowed to carry. The university has police on campus, the response time is quick. The ability of a few students or professors carrying a concealed carry weapon to stop an attack any more easily than police and vigilance appears to be wishful thinking to me. My fear is that it will make it more difficult to identify those who do plan to cause harm because we will be unable to ascertain whether a person rightfully has the right to carry the weapon or if they have malicious intent. That is not to say that all who own conceal carry permits have pure intentions either, most do, but it is illogical to say that this would be true 100% of the time.

I truly don't buy the "good guy" with a gun argument, and would not feel safe if there were people on campus that had concealed firearms. I understand that most gun owners are responsible, and that people who are planning on attacking others with a gun are not worrying about the fact that guns are not permitted on campus anyways. But I feel that the risk of an accidental discharge or "crime of passion" is higher than that of an active gunman situation.

I think it may be intimidating to know that individuals may be carrying weapons on their person. Especially if these individuals are students. I think it may also be dangerous to have these weapons present in dorm rooms. In particular because of the many people that may have access to these rooms and the close proximity of individuals in these buildings.

My main opposition is not necessarily in regard to the abilities of those who hold concealed-carry licenses, rather, I worry that if there were a shooting on campus, multiple concealed-carry holders may begin firing at that individual, essentially endangering those in the area.

NO ABSOLUTELY NOT. I have been on a campus when a shooting occurred and I do not in any way shape or form want to be on a campus with any number of people carrying guns. I would not feel safe at all. I don't feel safe even thinking about it. I realize this is a more complicated subject than just saying carrying guns are allowed or not (issues like access, required training, etc) but guns should not be a part of academic or campus life. Please do not pass this.

While it is a right to be able to bear arms, it is potentially putting the students at risk due to the possible increase in guns on campus. Gun violence on college campuses have caused deaths all across the nation and while allowing people to have permits for concealed hand guns on campus might have them feel safe, if the hand gun was to be misplaced, mis-fire, or stolen, then a gun could lead to devastation. It is a public health issue allowing concealed carry on campus. The health and well being of the students is likely to be affected if a concealed-carry policy was passed.

b. Dangerous to let students conceal carry. (21)

I believe that allowing students with these permits to have guns on campus is ridiculous. You can't fight fire with fire. It is great that in order to obtain these permits you are required to go through training, however that doesn't prevent tragedy from happening just because others are armed. The likely hood of more people getting hurt by one of these terrible acts would probably increase due to hasty reactions in emergency situations. In my opinion only emergency responders and trained officers should able to operate and carry these devices on school grounds.

I think bringing fire to campus is never going to be a good choice especially this campus is not a dry campus where students get drunk all the times in their residence halls and having a dangerous tool like a gun would cause more death causes.

If I know a student in my classroom has a gun, or if one of my teachers had a gun (I'm a grad student.), I would not attend that class. Too often frustrated student raise their voice or storm out of class, probably feeling stupid about it later and apologizing. I don't want students to have the option of acting stupid with a gun and apologizing for it later.

I don't trust my fellow students (including myself) to have guns on campus. People my age can be irrational, hot-tempered, and just plain stupid. I'd hate to see a fistfight between two students turn into a fatal shootout.

With mental health and suicide ideation on the rise amongst college students, being able to carry a concealed weapon is alarming. During a crisis, persons with a concealed weapon are less likely to use their gun as they do not want to be mistaken by the police as the active shooter. So the measure to keep oneself is not being addressed. If that is the major concern, then I would rather have a stronger police presence than sitting in a classroom worried or fearful as I will not know who has a gun. Learning will definitely be impeded and fear will inevitability rise.

c. Greater risk of suicides. (9)

I mainly worry about campus suicide rates with a greater handgun presence among students.

The college transition is often accompanied by feelings of depression and isolation. I believe that allowing students to carry handguns would be dangerous, especially for younger students who are away from home for the first time. The college experience is also associated with a binge-drinking culture and the availability of handguns could escalate situations of interpersonal violence and suicide contemplation. More guns lead to more violence, and I think that it would be a terribly irresponsible decision to allow students and/or faculty to carry weapons on campus.

Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.

- a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among graduate students. (31)

It's so challenging being a teacher. Giving a bad grade, difficult assignment or having to assert authority over adults is always met by anxiety over how it will be perceived and then relayed through course evaluations or word of mouth. It is even worse when you teach subject matters that are highly controversial, such as gender and sexuality or racism, as I do. As an instructor, I would not feel safe teaching these subjects to certain students any more. I have had many students literally become irate over the concept of reverse racism or white male privilege and direct anger at myself or classmates. Should we add guns to the mix of young minds that are not fully formed and raging with hormones, stress, and more, it can only end in blood. Please do not fall in step with political short sidedness. More guns will only create more problems instead of solutions. An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.

Based on the recent legalization of concealed-carry on campus in Houston, Texas, passing this bill will not only endanger students on campus, but will also have a significantly negative effect on the classroom. Houston has advised instructors to avoid polarizing topics in the classroom in light of these changes. I am strongly opposed to anything that reduces an instructors ability to approach important topics in their classroom for fear of their own safety and the safety of their students.

More guns in the hands of individuals does not equal nor equate to a safer environment. People who are untrained (the training to obtain a license does not equal professional training to me, say for example, what a police officer goes through) are actually more likely to hurt innocent bystanders, and/or mistake the identity of a shooter should they choose to fire which can be a difficult task in and of itself. Studies show over and over again that more guns, in any situation, does not create a safer environment, even in the case of an active shooter. In addition, as an instructor at BGSU not only does my safety become a concern should students be allowed to bring a gun into the classroom, but my students safety becomes a concern as well. In my field, Women's Studies, we talk about sensitive topics including abortion, sex, rape,

masculinity/femininity, and sexuality. I feel that not only would the presence of a gun in the classroom put students on edge (regardless of the topic of the day) it also would put me on edge and make me feel unsafe and could actual hinder learning and experiences in the classroom. My classroom relies on students sharing personal experiences to learn from each other, and build empathy for marginalized groups. I also must mention that as educators we assign grades and evaluations to students and should a student not get the grade they feel they deserve, what then? Is my life put at risk because a student fails my class? Are other students subject to violence because that student has a personal vendetta against their instructor? To support guns on college campuses is absolutely asinine and should not be supported by BGSU, nor any other Ohio campus.

I'm very against guns on campus. How can an instructor confront a plagiarism case, or a student a grade he or she feels is unfair, if there could be a reasonable suspicion that one of them is carrying a gun?

I am a graduate student and I also teach an introductory level course for BGSU. I would not feel safe in the classroom with students who could be armed. I have to discuss their grades with them, which are not always favorable, and I don't want to feel like these situations could become deadly.

As an instructor, my ethics classes often discuss controversial issues such as abortion, the death penalty, and euthanasia. I would NOT feel safe engaging with students who may be armed. Students sometimes become very passionate when discussing these issues, and I do not have confidence that my 21 year old students always behave rationally in the heat of the moment. I would also feel very uncomfortable having armed students enter my office. Guns do not belong on University campuses.

b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (28)

School is a place of learning. The presence of handguns restricts instructors for fear that a disgruntled student may open fire if a discussion offends their sensibilities. This is forcing the quality of leaning to go down. Guns have no place in hospitals, schools, and religious establishments. End of story, period.

Ohio and especially BG are very conservative populations. This type of group tends to support concealed weapons and related topics. However, it is imperative to keep in mind that these are not the only students/people attending or visiting the campus (such as myself - undergrad completed out-of-state). Honestly, it's bad enough to have a community of scholars be politically charged at all in an atmosphere supposedly conducive to safety and learning, but that is nearly impossible. Let alone to have weapons available to any of them, regardless of the

reason or qualifications including the current political atmosphere. No matter the reasonings of "protection" or "a right to bear arms," weapons have no place in a public space, a space people are paying to attend, or a space intended for learning. The duty of a public institution is to provide for all. This includes those opposed and those feeling unsafe around weapons.

An educational institution is a place where people must feel safe in order to learn. Handguns cause more anxiety and do not belong in what is supposed to be a peaceful learning environment. They do not belong in an educational institution just as much as they do not belong in a church. If one expects violence and feels the need to carry a weapon, then one will be more likely to find or create violence. School is not a place for guns. Period.

Recruitment and retention of graduate students will be negatively impacted. (39)

If you allow the carrying of concealed weapons on campus I would fear for my safety and the safety of other and would seriously consider transferring to another institution.

Guns themselves make me physically uncomfortable. If I had known coming to this university that this policy would be allowed, I would not have come here. The knowledge that guns are permitted to be carried on this campus is enough to terrify me and make me feel extremely unsafe. Unless you are searching everyone who comes on this campus to check for a gun, and then are able to find their license, this can only spell danger for the University. I will be EXTREMELY disappointed if this becomes a reality and will never come to this campus again and not recommend anyone else comes on this campus or attends the University.

This seems like an ideologically fueled action and is divorced from the painful reality of the power of nearly-instantaneous danger guns have. If this passes, I would make sure never to go back here for school, and would discourage other students from enrolling.

It is highly likely that I would stop attending classes at BGSU if anybody (students, faculty, administrators, etc.) were permitted to carry concealed handguns on campus. That is asking for trouble. People are not as accurate with guns as they think they are and there are studies and statistics to back this. If there were a situation on campus that someone may think it is justifiable to pull and use their gun, they are much more likely to injure an innocent person than the threat.

While I am graduating this spring, if BGSU were to approve this while I was still in attendance, I would be disinclined to continue pursuing a degree at the institution. If concealed carry is approved on campus, I will be unwilling contribute financially to the institution, will not suggest BGSU to prospective students upon inquiry, and will not return to campus for any future BG-sponsored events.

I am a graduate student from New York which is one of the most restrictive states for gun laws. If concealed carry had been allowed on college campuses in Ohio when I was applying for grad schools, it would have significantly affected my decision to come to BGSU. I may not have even applied to colleges in Ohio if this law had been in place at the time that I was applying.

As a teaching grad student who donates a lot of labor to this institution for very little pay, allowing handguns on campus is a dangerous idea and one that would have negatively affected my decision to attend bgsu. I was harassed by a former student and that kind of behavior would likely only be emboldened if that student were bolstered by the idea that he could legally carry a gun. The national tide is turning against conceal carry, and as an academic institution, bowling green should lead rather than follow.

I will absolutely, 100%, sever all of my current ties with this institution (whether I have my expected degree or not) and refuse to ever donate or contribute again to its costs if this campus further empowers the dangerous people who feel that their gun rights are more important than others' right to safety.

The Board of Trustees has obligation to protect BGSU against HB48. (6)

If this law passes, the trustees should continue to prohibit fire arms on campus. BGSU needs to be a community where learning can happen free from the shadow of guns in classes. Students are experiencing life as adults which sometimes includes alcohol. Even if students think they can be a hero they are wrong and may endanger their lives or others. Simulations have shown that unless the good guy is a trained professional (police) that the likelihood of shooting a civilian in an emergency shorter situation is very high. Guns on this campus will not make it any less of a victim zone. The risk of someone using their gun inappropriately, having it taken by someone else, or using it and someone getting hurt is too high a risk for BGSU.

I implore the Board of Trustees to earnestly evaluate the statistical research surrounding firearm safety; mainly, the effect of gun proximity to cases of intentional or accidental harm/death. After considering this ubiquitous and salient data, I hope The Board of Trustees will see the need to safeguard us Falcons from the proximity of these excessively dangerous weapons; by design, training, and use, these objects of violence can only produce just that, injury and death. Please be the custodians of our well-being and humanity. No Falcon has ever needed a weapon to soar to great heights -- and surely now, these weapons would burden our flight, or tragically worse, call short the journey of one of our fellow Falcons.

Campus conceal carry training is inadequate. (8)

I am extremely competent with firearms. My concern is that the training required to obtain a permit is inadequate, not only for safe handling of the weapon and shooting it accurately but also with respect to the shoot/don't-shoot or rules-of-engagement decision making process. Private citizens who are permitted to carry a firearm may, under certain circumstances, use the weapon for self-defense or the defense of others but they also have a duty to retreat from a confrontation, if that is possible. There is no absolute right to use deadly force. This bill would seem destined to encourage misguided vigilantes.

I would consider dropping out of BGSU if handguns are allowed on campus. I would not feel safe knowing people could be carrying a gun at all time and possibly shoot me for no reason. 6 hours of safety training is not enough and stronger background checks are needed. There are too many mass shooting these days to allow for the potential of more on a college campus.

Do not allow concealed handguns on campus. Eight hours of training with only two of those hours on an actual shooting range is not enough time to make anyone proficient and safe to carry a gun in a public university. While people may think they are going to feel safer and be able to more readily able to defend themselves, shooting at a static target on a range is different than engaging in an active shooter scenario. Furthermore, by what set of standards are we judging situations to inform carriers of appropriate gun use on campus? Who's to say a concealed carrier won't misuse their gun or create an accident that severely damages peoples' lives? Regardless of the measures taken prior to issuing permits, there is too much room for error if concealed handguns are allowed on campus. Please keep BGSU a place to feel safe.

Campus conceal carry will make race/ethnic, LGBT, international, and women students less safe. (16)

Think about international students who are not allowed to have concealed carrying of handguns because they are not residences of the United States so this might have impact them and feel unsafe.

The view that the possession of fire arms makes a person more safe is often fallacious, based only on the misguided power of the media, rather than any formalized training or practice or respect for the fire arm in question. In fact, accidental gun death and gun death via misfire is significantly higher among people with conceal carry licenses and people who have home possession of fire arms for "safety". Likewise, in this climate of violence toward women and people of color by people of authority and on college campuses, allowing for anyone to bring a weapon onto campus practically begs for violence to perpetuate itself and to excuse these acts



of violence. Instead of allowing for a greater prevalence of gun ownership and availability, we should be looking at concrete instances of stricter control that have worked and continued to work on a national and international level.

This is a horrible idea. The idea of a "good guy with a gun" has NEVER panned out like people say it should, and as a woman who is already in danger of being stalked, harassed, or attacked, I would feel significantly less safe knowing that any person who wanted to hurt me could bring their gun on campus legally.

Please think about international students' reaction to this new policy. From the perspective of a former international student recruiter, I am certain this policy will not be in favor of BGSU's mission of increasing international student enrollment to 2000. Please, put international students under your account and consider the possibility of what will happen to them if they live in the dorm or walk on campus without knowing someone may use a gun to threaten their safety. There are a lot of international students who come from the culture where concealed weapons are forbidden. They have no knowledge of how to deal with the situation when there is a handgun pointing at them. I, for one, will not recommend my students to choose BGSU if the policy gets passed.

BGSU has a great number of international students that may come from countries where guns are not even allowed (to not even say that many of them have never even seen a gun). Thus, students and parents may be completely opposed to this idea - leading to the decrease of international students in your campus. We all know that cultural diversity is a plus to any college in the world.

As a refugee who fled a war torn country, I don't think I'd feel any safer knowing my classmates/professors are carrying around weapons. This is a trigger and I already don't feel very safe being an ethnic minority in this town.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of death for women in America. Guns lead to more death and threats, not to safety and protection. As a woman, I don't feel safe knowing that anyone on campus could carry a gun. Even if I were to legally obtain one, it would not make me feel safer because I could easily be overpowered and have it taken from me. I also don't feel safe with guns on campus with the rising trend of mass shootings by young, white, college-aged males. Please, do not approve for guns to be on our campus!!

That if passed this will serve to widen the racial gap especially when you consider international students who cannot own firearms. That I do not see any single positive aspect of the law. The country is more secure without every other citizen having a firearm on them and much more less safe otherwise.

We live in an era in which mass murder on school campuses is a reality, but guns are not part of the solution. People of color, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ people are already disproportionately likely to be targets of violence, including violence from people who mistakenly view them as a "threat." Access to guns increases the likelihood that these kinds of assaults will end in death. There is no place for guns on a college campus, and we are fundamentally reshaping our education system if we concede this basic point.

Universities, and campuses in general represent an international platform for equality with diverse populations, including different races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, nationalities, age groups. If BGSU allows concealed-carry on campus, this sense of equality will be damaged as international students, faculty members, and staff that aren't US citizens are not allowed to carry concealed weapons for their personal safety. In fact, they aren't even allowed to practice at shooting ranges or buy/possess any type of guns/weapons. These rules may be reasonable for public places/areas, but not for university campuses, particularly for those that promote diversity, like ours - BGSU.

The number of mass shootings in this country is frightening, and I fear that this bill has the potential to exacerbate these numbers. College is a stressful environment different than almost any other institution. I fear that stress has no bearing on one's use of a gun, and has the potential for a fatal combination. Also, as a domestic student who works closely with international students. I fear for their safety. They are not legally allowed to own a gun, so this law does nothing to help them protect themselves. With the recent conversations about Islamophobia and protest concerning the murders of unarmed Black men, I am really afraid that this law would disproportionately impact already marginalized students.

***Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee on HB48***

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***Qualitative Analysis of Administration Comments on HB48 Survey***

The following lists a brief qualitative analysis of the 38 administrator comments to the open-ended question on the HB48 survey. The analysis provides the primary arguments made by those in favor and in opposition of HB48. Of the 38 comments, 31 were against campus conceal carry and 7 were in favor of campus conceal carry. Each of the commentary segments could include multiple distinct arguments, so I have broken down these initial comments into their types of arguments.

***Main arguments of administrators in favor of campus conceal carry***

9. Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (2)
10. Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (2)
11. Faculty and administration should conceal carry. (1)
12. Campus conceal carry is a good policy that would enhance safety. (3)

***Main arguments of administrators against campus conceal carry***

9. Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (9)
10. Only the police should carry guns. (5)
11. Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety. (9)
12. Poses danger to permit students to carry guns. (5)
13. Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.
  - a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among graduate students. (4)
  - b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (4)
14. Recruitment and retention of graduate students will be negatively impacted. (5)
15. Campus conceal carry training is inadequate. (e)

***Representative comments from administrators who favor campus conceal carry***

Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (2)

I think the Chief of Police, Monica Mull summed it up very well at the various presentations I have seen her asked the question. It's not going to help us or hurt us in any way. Those who are law abiding citizens are not the issue with guns. It's those that have obtained them illegally

and plan to use them for evil that is our problem. No amount of board action, faculty senate debate, etc is going to change the fact. Evil exists in this world. I hope that the good guys have a gun available when it knocks on the BGSU door.

Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (2)

Faculty and administration should conceal carry. (1)

Campus conceal carry is a good policy that would enhance safety. (3)

***Representative comments from administrators against campus conceal carry***

Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (9)

Only the police should carry guns. (5)

Allowing anyone with a CC license to possess a weapon on campus will only create a volatile environment. Students are under great amounts of stress with academics and their social development. Adding guns to the mixture is a bad idea. We are better off trusting our professional law enforcement officers to handle our campus safety and security needs, even with the risk that an active shooter situation could happen.

We have a great police department and they are authorized carriers of lethal weapons on campus. I believe our campus should be a area free fear and we should protect our campus boundaries as a space free of intimidation . Given our issues with sexual assault and sexual violence I think concealed carry might in fact exacerbate this issue and increase an atmosphere of threat and insecurity.

Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety. (9)

Most people you ask about this won't have actually known anyone who was killed by a gun. My brother was and this idea makes me feel incredibly unsafe. The thought of being trapped on a campus (and in an office where I cannot leave) with people carrying guns would probably mean I'd have to leave my position sue to my PTSD regarding his death.

This is common sense. We have a population that is plagued by alcohol, drug, and mental health issues. Why would allowing concealed weapons on campus be a good idea?

There are some departments that continually deal with disgruntled constituents. I have serious concerns for my safety knowing that I am continually dealing with students who may face permanent separation from the university. This law forces me to consider my own safety in determining if BG is a safe place to work, and that makes me sad to think about as an alumna

Poses danger to permit students to carry guns. (5)

Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.

- a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among graduate students. (4)

I believe this would create a chilly climate for many faculty and staff who often already can feel threatened by students and family members who disagree with them, with grading policies, etc. We have a great police department and they are authorized carriers of lethal weapons on campus. I believe our campus should be a area free fear and we should protect our campus boundaries as a space free of intimidation . Given our issues with sexual assault and sexual violence I think concealed carry might in fact exacerbate this issue and increase an atmosphere of threat and insecurity.

The legislation's greatest potential threat, in my view, is to the atmosphere of our university. The state of always wondering how many loaded weapons are present in a given classroom, meeting, union space, dining area, Senate session, etc. is a state of unease, conducive neither to a free, open, challenging exchange of ideas, nor to a general sense of community.

I strongly oppose the concealed carrying of handguns on our college campus. It will contribute to an atmosphere of fear. In Texas where concealed handguns have recently been permitted, faculty were advised to avoid broaching sensitive topics in the classroom as they make provoke students with concealed handguns. This would make teaching difficult, challenging topics impossible, and what kind of university can avoid teaching difficult topics?

- b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (4)

This is insane. Our state and federal representatives either have no common sense when it comes to this issue, or else they are benefiting politically and financially from the gun lobbies. I hope that educational institutions like BGSU will take a strong and unequivocal stance against this policy, which can only lead to more gun violence on campus.

Recruitment and retention will be negatively impacted. (5)

I would want to leave the state of Ohio and the institution as soon as an opportunity became available to go elsewhere if this passes. Guns do not belong on college campuses-- they belong in homes so people can use their second amendment rights in their own homes. There is so much room for human error.

I will investigate early retirement or other options to leave this institution.

Campus conceal carry training is inadequate. (3)

In my view, two hours of actual range shooting, all of the hands-on part of the concealed carry training, is insufficient to safely carry a gun. I have hundreds of hours of actual shooting/gun handling experience and it scares me to think about being around individuals that possibly only have two hours of actual shooting/gun handling experience. I strongly recommend the BGSU Board of Trustees not allow concealed handguns on campus.

***Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee on HB48***

Prepared by Laura Sanchez

**Qualitative Analysis of Administrative/Clerical Staff Comments on HB48 Survey**

The following lists a brief qualitative analysis of the 218 administrative and clerical staff comments to the open-ended question on the HB48 survey. The analysis provides the primary arguments made by those in favor and in opposition of HB48. Of the 218 comments, 137 were against campus conceal carry, 81 were in favor of campus conceal carry, and 21 were anomalous and could not be coded. Each of the commentary segments could include multiple distinct arguments, so I have broken down these initial comments into their types of arguments.

***Main arguments of administrative/clerical staff in favor of campus conceal carry***

- 13. Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (14)
- 14. Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (9)
- 15. Conceal carry holders have considerable training and are responsible. (13)
- 16. Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a 'soft target.' (26)
- 17. Faculty and staff should conceal carry, but not students. (2)
- 18. Campus conceal carry is a good policy that would enhance safety. (7)

***Main arguments of administrative/clerical staff against campus conceal carry***

- 16. Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (42)
- 17. Only the police should carry guns. (22)
- 18. Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety. (47)
- 19. Poses danger to permit students to carry guns. (18)
- 20. Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.
  - a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among graduate students. (5)
  - b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (10)
- 21. Recruitment and retention of graduate students will be negatively impacted. (3)
- 22. The Board of Trustees has obligation to protect BGSU against HB48. (1)
- 23. Campus conceal carry training is inadequate. (14)

***Representative comments from administrative/clerical staff who favor campus conceal carry***

Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns. (14)

People intending to cause mass casualties are cowards. They choose areas where they are relatively sure no one will have a gun to stop them. Knowing there are law abiding citizens with guns on campus is comforting and makes me feel more secure.

Concealed carrying of handguns on campus does not setup the campus to be more at risk to gun violence. If an active shooter were to arrive on campus, currently only law enforcement has a weapon to combat this assailant. Permitting concealed carrying of handguns on University property may deter active shooters from choosing this campus because the possibility could exist for them to encounter an armed community member.

As far as I am aware, incidents of campus shootings are committed by people who typically do not have a license for concealed carry. These incidents are not concluded until the shooters either shoot themselves, or are stopped by police (suicide by cop). Someone with concealed carry could likely take down a shooter before police are able to arrive on scene and possibly save lives. The bad guys are always going to have guns; it is up to law abiding citizens to protect ourselves.

Although I do not feel unsafe on campus, there is always a potential that one day an issue may arise. Knowing that certified concealed carry individuals are nearby would help calm me if a situation did occur.

Bearing arms is my second amendment right. (9)

People bent on shooting up a university will bring guns to campus regardless of prohibitions against such action, so law-abiding and properly authorized members of the BGSU community should be allowed to carry concealed firearms on campus to protect themselves and others in keeping with their constitutional rights.

Someone like myself. Ex military, Worked for the NSA. Passed all background checks. No record. Why should I be restricted from defending myself in an active shooter situation. I work in the Huntington building with glass conference rooms and no doors in my work area.

Because I had a CPO on a former spouse, I would feel more secure if I could protect myself from him by carrying a concealed handgun. I am very well of the responsibilities associated with this, and feel it would be helpful to be prepared.

It is my right to carry a handgun, if I so choose.



Places that do not allow concealed carry are greater targets than those that allow for concealed carry. Statistics have proven that. I should be allowed to protect myself. It is a constitutionally guaranteed right that is not given by the government, but by our creator.

Conceal carry holders have considerable training and are responsible. (13)

This is a very important issue. After attending A.L.I.C.E. training it really brought to my attention how much danger we are in. There is minimal protection in our work environments if the unthinkable ever happened. It is our American right and the right of responsible adults who have had proper training to protect themselves and the individuals around them.

People that hold no regard for laws will do whatever they choose to do so and may carry a weapon illegally. People that have gone through the training and proper procedures and checks hold regard for laws and rules And abide by them. Unfortunately as things stand now they would be unable to defend themselves in a life or death situation should someone that does not obey the law choose to act out in a extreme manor. We don't expect to need to use a weapon to defend one self, but we don't expect a fire either however we prepare and train people and make available fire extinguishers to defend against a situation so that one can do so should the situation arise. Why not allow those who have gone through the proper training and background checks and know how to use such a weapon to defend themselves should the situation arise. Being able to defend one self creates a safer feeling of environment rather then depend on others that may not be in an immediate area to assist.

Those that take the time to learn the proper procedures and laws for guns are not typically the ones that will go on a shooting spree. Currently I am in a building that is all Glass and off campus. I feel like a sitting duck. Knowing that there would most likely be individuals that would carry, I would feel much safer. I chose students over 21 because of the military personnel that have come back to campus after they serve.

People that have obtained a CCW license have gone through extensive training on how to safely handle firearms and how to discern if situations call for a CCW holder to intervene or call the police. As a CCW holder, I want to ensure that I can protect my family/ friends in any situation. In the event that an emergency would arise, I would like to have the option to defend myself. The criminal does not care if they can legally carry on campus/anywhere. A sign stating they are not able to carry will not stop the irrational mind. CCW holders will not carry while it is a felony to do so, this creates the so called "victim zone". CCW holders are not the enemy, they may be the only chance to protect innocent people from becoming victims. Given the recent events in which mass shootings have taking place (most recently in Michigan), I want to make sure I have

the ability to fight back rather than just becoming victim. After each shooting, the question arises, how many people could have been saved if someone was there to fight back? I urge you to allow CCW if it passes into law.

Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a 'soft target.' (26)

College campuses are currently an easy target for someone who has the intent to commit violent gun-related crimes. Most campuses are known areas where citizens are not permitted to carry guns, and thus have large concentrations of unarmed people to be potential victims. While techniques outlined in BGSU "ALICE" training are better than nothing, just the potential of an armed criminal encountering an armed and trained citizen will be a great deterrent to committing firearm crimes on campus. Of course the police do a great job, but they are not and cannot be everywhere at once. In the few minutes it takes for them to arrive at the scene, many people may be injured or killed. If instead, someone already on site had a concealed weapon, they would have the opportunity to end the threat quickly. I believe just the threat of such a response would result in such criminals avoiding our campus, preferring to find a place where they do not need to worry about that possibility. I highly encourage you to allow responsible, trained citizens to carry concealed guns if they desire. Rather than detracting from safety here, it will enhance it.

I know many people worry that allowing this to happen would give criminals the ability to bring them on campus. I strongly believe that this is not the case. We need to face facts. Criminals who want to bring guns on campus will do so with or without your permission. They aren't worrying about getting a license first and probably wouldn't pass even if they did try for one. Please at least give those of us here, who could be their targets, a fighting chance and the ability to defend ourselves. The world has proven, these mass shootings are not going to stop. We need to face that unpleasant reality. Those who carry these guns with permits have gone through the training and they know how to be responsible. I am not afraid of them. I am afraid of not having them here when we need them. I am afraid of the criminals who are coming in here with guns and they don't care about your rule to not allow guns on campus. Responsible licensed gun owners are not the problem.

We are more of a target if it is publicly known that we could not effectively defend ourselves.

Especially being on the first floor of a building, my office could be one of the first contacts a shooter has. I also have access to information someone might need such as class schedules and personal information. A fog horn or can of mace will not protect me or other individuals in and around my office in the event of a school shooting. I feel that by having faculty and staff that

are properly licensed with a ccw would help our entire campus feel safer in the event of a school violence situation. I also think that if it is made aware that our campus does allow our staff to carry handguns if they are licensed, we may not be highly considered as a target. Although it is unfortunate that we have to even have a discussion about guns on campus, the public shootings are only becoming more abundant, and we need to be protected.

Statistics show that a vast majority of shootings are over by the time law enforcement can intervene. 'Gun-free' zones disarm law abiding citizens only. Allowing concealed carry on campus will allow CCW permit holders to not only protect themselves, but others. Criminals ignore laws that the rest of us live by and they will not obey rules if BGSU is considered a 'gun-free' zone.

Stopping law-abiding citizens from carrying a concealed weapon on campus will not stop those who do not follow the laws from carrying weapons onto campus. Criminals do not regularly obey laws (hence the status of "criminal"); they will still bring their weapon(s) onto campus regardless of what the law states. All that banning concealed weapons on campus does is prohibit those who obey the laws from defending themselves (and others) should the unthinkable happen.

I work in an office where if an active shooter entered the room, I would be the FIRST one to take a bullet so I have a vested interest in this legislation passing. As someone who has went through the Ohio CCW class and passed a FBI background check (my degrees are also in CJ), I should not have to be a sitting duck who can only throw a stapler or tape dispenser in the event of a shooting situation (as recommended by our campus police during ALICE training). Concealed carry on campus means I would be able to increase the likelihood of myself, my colleagues, and the students in the nearby labs making it out alive in the event of a shooter since 70% of active shooter incidents occur in business/education environments\*. Frankly, we have a duty to protect the students that are entrusted to our care; we cannot adequately protect them by throwing a stapler or tape dispenser and waiting for the police to arrive from minutes away when 60% of active shooter situations are over before police arrive\*. We need to be preventative before something happens rather than reactive after people have been injured and/or killed.

As a person who sits in an area where I could potentially be one of the first victims of an active shooter, the thought often crosses my mind on how I would defend myself an active shooter situation. Sadly, I couldn't. However, if I were able to carry a weapon, I think my chances of survival increase as well as decrease the number of victims. It is unfortunate that we have to think of these situations, but it's the reality. I currently am not trained, but fully intend to should this pass on campus. Thank you BGSU for considering this! Also, I took away some

great information on the ALICE training that we had on campus was very informative. Great job to the UPD as well!

Faculty and staff should conceal carry, but not students. (2)

I feel very strongly that students especially between the ages of 18 and 24 should not be carrying handguns. Some Students react too quickly without thinking things through. I'm not totally sure I would feel more safe now if BGSU allowed Faculty and Administrative staff to carry hand guns. With the faculty that I work closely with, I feel I could trust them to make the right decision. I'm not so sure about other faculty and administrative staff in other areas of campus that I don't know personally.

Campus conceal carry is a good policy that would enhance safety. (7)

The law is the law, and should not be opposed by universities. People should be allowed to protect themselves. Apparently, the individuals that oppose the impending legislation do not think that the integrity of the students that have been admitted to BGSU, nor the faculty and staff (admin or classified) can be trusted. I believe that the people that are on campus each day are of a higher integrity, and should not be thrown in to be compared with the general public.

There are already people with conceal-carry licenses and guns near the BGSU campus. Some of those people are students living in the heavy student areas. People with conceal-carry licenses do not typically become the mass shooters we hear about on TV, they are not vigilantes, and they also are not the ones that shoot someone else in anger. If they were, the media would be sure to report that information to us. The fear of law abiding people with conceal-carry licenses is based on ignorance.

It would make the campus safer for all by letting it be known that carrying ccl holders could react making BGSU less of a target.

I plan to pursue getting a concealed carry permit in the near future. This decision is not being driven by whether BGSU makes a policy change. It is a personal decision made a while ago that I will be acting on soon. I believe that those trained to carry should be allowed to do so. In my opinion, this only makes those around them safer.

I would feel safe if I could keep a gun locked in a cabinet in my office. I've had very uneasy feelings with a handful of students that on campus that have either come into my office, or close by. If I knew I had a weapon to use should a major threat arise, I would feel safer at my job.

***Representative comments from administrative/clerical staff against campus conceal carry***

Campus conceal carry is a bad idea. (42)

Why should we introduce the extra security risks to our students, faculty, staff, etc. by allowing guns on campus.

This is a national issue, and I don't think it matters what BGSU does...it is going to become a larger and larger problem of random violence. The constitution granted the right to bear arms, in a time that was very different from ours and with gun technology very much more primitive. Good luck.

Under this proposal It would be ok to bring a concealed weapon on to campus but I wouldn't be allowed to smoke a cigarette on campus. Something seems wrong with this.

If BGSU does go on to establish a policy allowing concealed carrying of handguns then it should also require that carriers wear large cowboy hats so that they may be easily identified in a crowd.

We should require spittoons and saloon doors for all buildings if we allow concealed carry on campus.

I am concerned that the person carrying the handgun might use it when he/she is upset because of a confrontation that he/she might have had or some other reason such as mental instability which might have suddenly set in or just because the person is overcome with anger and frustration and loses control of their emotions. Although the person might be qualified stable during the background check and is issued the license, there is a possibility that he/she could develop some psychological issues after the fact. I am concerned that the rights of the people who don't want to own or carry guns are completely being ignored.

Only the police should carry guns. (22)

I feel strongly that the only people who could possibly need a firearm (concealed or otherwise) on our campus are our law enforcement officials.

If we ever allowed weapons on campus by anyone other than law enforcement, I would leave my job and look for employment elsewhere. I do not feel safe with weapons of any sort on campus, concealed or not.

Conceal/carry has no place on a College campus. The only individuals who should be carrying a weapon are those in law enforcement. Having a conceal/carry license does not necessarily

mean the person with said license has the skills to appropriately handle a firearm. I hope the BOT conveys this to our legislators.

My opinions aside, the identification of an authorized weapon holder vs an unauthorized weapon holder would be nightmarish to enforce. Only uniformed police officials should be carrying weapons on this campus. If a gun is spotted on a student or staff, then it would be easier to report, rather than to try to identify those authorized for conceal carry vs those who are not. We should be making it easier to identify possible threats rather than 'concealing' them.

Though I have my CCW, I took a 5 week class and practiced shooting at every class. I feel that the current law allows for a lot of inexperienced people walking around carrying guns and it doesn't make me feel safer, it makes me feel less safe. I think knowing that the police are the only people on campus legally carrying guns makes me feel safer.

Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety. (47)

I have a restraining order against a former partner who previously showed up at my place of employment with a gun. He threatened to kill himself if I did not leave with him. I would never feel safe on a campus that allowed students or faculty to carry guns with a permit due to this experience.

I believe that guns cause more problems than they do good. Guns getting into the hands of people with mental disorders causes me to be concerned and there's no way to guarantee that faculty, staff, or students won't snap one day and shoot at fellow students or employees. Higher education can be a very stressful environment for students, especially when they have family life to worry about as well. Sometimes it just takes that one incident; a bad grade or a parking ticket to set someone off.

I'm a BGSU police officer. The idea of students carrying worries me. If students are carrying firearms and try helping during active shooter events, they are likely to shoot innocent civilians as well as possibly get shot themselves, by police officers responding to the scene.

Concealed carried handguns make me feel less safe. They also create a situation where, in an active shooter event, the police may fire upon a good guy with a gun because they don't realize the person is a good guy! I don't want to be in a group of people that are being fired on by the police because of this. I'm also very concerned about openly carried guns. We recently had a case of a gentleman walking around campus with one in the open just to show that it was possible. That makes me feel unsafe, too.

As a gun owner without a concealed carry license - I do not like the idea of guns on campus although I would bet there are already guns here. I worry about people feeling that they can "save the world" because they have a gun and where they would secure it in their space? Would they have it on their person at all times or might they leave it in a drawer or something? I worry about students having them especially in the dorms where they may not be secured properly and others may have access to them. We have violence in our dorms and suicides. Having guns around may make both problems worse.

Please review the perceived vs. real reaction times videos done by 20/20, dateline etc.. on what really occurs when trained people with CC are confronted with an active shooter. There is no increased safety and without the ongoing training that is required to train your mind and muscle to react to a situation, you can not react. The sad excuse for background checks and the pathetic "gun safety" courses taught in order to get a CC permit are a complete laugh. One day is all I need to take the courses and pass. My biggest fear is that someone will steal the gun from a CC owner and then turn it on themselves or others. I don't want to worry that the person I'm having a meeting with is carrying a gun. Students no way, unreasonable parents are even worse, Faculty and Staff no thank you. I am on too many committees that discuss the mental health of our students with suicidal ideation to want any more guns on campus. I am on too many committees that discuss the violence and stalking on campus and there is no need to bring more easily stolen firearms onto campus. I understand they could still have a gun but bringing in more numbers onto campus just increases the likelihood of accidents and issues.

Having a license to carry a gun, concealed or otherwise, is no indication of the carrier's mental and/or emotional stability. The more readily accessible a weapon, the more likely an unstable individual might be to use it in a heated situation. I'd much rather not have to worry that the unstable nut job who works down the hall from me might have a gun on her, and might decide she's tired of putting up with my existence and opt to eradicate me from the world. I can handle her bullying and her verbal nastiness, but if I found out she not only had a gun, but also had training and a license to carry, I'd quit rather than risk my life coming to work every day. I'm also pretty certain that our faculty would feel safer knowing the few questionable students among our creative student body would not have legal access to bring a weapon on campus, either. I know I'd feel safer.

This should never happen in the educational environment where controversial issues are routinely challenged and discussed. There are concentrations of teens, young adults, students with mental health issues, alcohol, sexual assault and adding weapons to this will make our jobs more difficult and the campus less safe. There have been faculty and staff who have felt intimidated by supervisors, now those same supervisors could carry weapons. Additionally, supervisors have to make difficult decisions that upset their subordinates and students. Offices

can be in harms way due to working with diverse populations. Faculty teaching certain subjects can be put in harms way. To me, it this a bad idea all around that could prevent BGSU from having the best learning, living, and working environment. We have a great Chief of Police and Police Department. We do not need guns in the hands of students, faculty, staff and guests visiting campus.

Poses danger to permit students to carry guns. (18)

I do not believe college campuses are sound places for concealed handguns. This is a place of learning and growing. I have consistently heard that the need for mental health services is rapidly increasing on campus for both student and staff both here and across the country. Adding concealed handguns to a place already needing more assistance to handle the influx of mental health needs seems like a recipe for disaster. I request that the Board of Trustees does not allow concealed handguns on campus.

Much research has been done regarding decision making based on age. A general conclusion is that prior to age 25, the adult human brain has not yet fully developed and adept at making appropriate decisions. This evidence is so compelling it is being sighted and successfully argued in parole cases for individuals who have convicted crimes prior to age 25. The late teens and 20's are also a time when many mental illnesses manifest themselves in individual's predisposed to such diseases. Given a large proportion of college students are under the age of 25, I believe it irresponsible to allow them to carry concealed weapons. There are also issues with regulators ability to properly screen all those applying for such licenses-some states have been reluctant to provide information helping to identify those who are mentally ill. The safety of the public will be directly correlated with the ability to appropriately and adequately identify those individuals who are not responsible enough to carry a concealed weapon.

As a concealed carry permit holder for the last several years, I have felt no compulsion or interest in having a handgun on campus. BGSU's campus is generally safe. When I do read about a violent crime, it has occurred to me that such crimes tend to be at very close range and the victims tend to be in situations where a concealed weapon would be useless or generate more of a problem because the victims have been attacked at close range or while asleep in a dorm. In those situations, it would seem to me that I would be at higher risk of being disarmed or having a gun stolen. Moreover, BGSU has taken effective steps to eliminate what crimes have occurred without resorting to arming the student body. Lastly, I would be most concerned about increased suicide risks and I anticipate that, if concealed carry is allowed on campus, increased suicides by gunshot will be the result because the crime rate is already so low that it is about impossible to see any improvements from the allowing of concealed carry. As a result, we have FAR more at risk than we could ever hope to see in benefits.



In no way would I want a student to be able to have a concealed weapon here on campus. I don't feel they are mature enough to handle the responsibility.

Campus conceal carry threatens the mission of BGSU.

- a. Threatens academic freedom, increases anxiety among graduate students. (5)

Educational spaces should always aim to be safe environments for individuals - both students and otherwise to express honest opinions without the fear of violent ramifications. Arming more individuals on campus will not make the space any safer - and could very well lead to an environment which cowers to those who are armed. 18 year old students currently struggle to be responsible enough to manage organization and educational loads let alone the weight and responsibility that comes with owning and more so carrying a fully loaded lethal weapon.

Allowing students to carry guns on campus will impede instructors' abilities to teach students to think critically because controversial topics or subject matters could put students at risk. Why engage/participate in higher education discussions because you might risk being shot for voicing the "wrong" opinion? Open carry policies make students feel uncomfortable. Students should feel safe to learn.

- b. Universities have a special mission antithetical to carrying guns. (10)

I do not feel that having guns on a college campus is a good idea. I feel that it detracts from the learning environment.

HB48 serves to remove local control from higher education officials who are in the best position to determine what appropriate measures must be taken to preserve the safety, security, and academic environment of their schools. The presence of concealed firearms will only increase the public safety risk to campus communities and are inappropriate in an educational setting. I vigorously oppose efforts that impose concealed weapons on college and university campuses.

The purpose of this University is to educate. Safety is important to all of us. Although, I do feel that many privileges/rights are being taken away by those in fear of any guns, this University's foundational purpose is to provide an education for all those who attend. For this reason, I would not be in favor of those who hold a conceal to carry permit to come onto this campus with their firearm(s). This would not add to the purpose of education.

Recruitment and retention of graduate students will be negatively impacted. (3)

The Board of Trustees has obligation to protect BGSU against HB48. (1)

Campus conceal carry training is inadequate. (14)

The chilling effects of implied force created by the presence of firearms in the hands of LARGELY UNTRAINED users (8 hours of state-required training is not enough to sensibly deal with a threat in public) on campus is troubling. Classrooms are unique in that you have young people, often in a situation for the first time, in debate with people who are very different. The last thing we need is another negative catalyst like the presence of firearms to possibly put a psychological limit on free speech in the one place where it's most important.

I do not agree with having handguns allowed in educational environments by regular faculty, staff and/or students, regardless of whether a person has undergone training or not. More guns does not make me feel safer, but significantly less so. I do not agree that 8 hours of training allows an individual to be completely competent at using a handgun, or in dealing with an emergency situation in which they felt it appropriate to use a handgun. Military personnel and police officers undergo significant training in how to appropriately use a gun and they do not always handle emergency situations correctly. I do not think having many more individuals on campus who are carrying handguns for which they are insufficiently trained in how to use, and especially in how to use in an emergency situation, makes any of us safer.

My partner took a locally presented concealed carry class a few months ago, and said it was a real joke. It included extensive right-wing political posturing, inadequate firearms training for those in the class who were novice gun owners, and a very lax attitude about the test.

I have a CCW and am a veteran. I do not favor this legislation at all. The statement that students with CCW's will be able to properly defend themselves in case of a shooter on-campus is completely bogus. More students will wind up injured or dead because of armed students who panic in such a situation. Police officers have multiple hours of training and yet when there is a shoot out with a suspect, multiple bullets MISS their intended target and bystanders are injured. If someone trained to react in such a situation isn't 100% accurate, what makes you think a student who took a CCW class is going to be any more accurate. The CCW class itself is a joke. I have a CCW. I went through the class. We spent four hours at the FOP range at the Wood County Fairgrounds and not all four hours were spent on the range shooting the weapon. I have spent more time at a shooting range on my own and am very confident that I can defend my home. But there is no way I want to see 18, 19, and 20 year old students roaming this campus with a loaded weapon. If this legislation is passed and becomes a law, I will seriously have to consider my employment status at the university. Legislators backing this need to allow concealed carry in the two chambers of the legislature and the governors office. Then lets talk about allowing college students to conceal carry on campus.

## ***Ad Hoc Faculty Senate Committee on HB48***

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### **Qualitative Analysis of Undergraduate Student Comments on HB48 Survey**

We had 175 pages of single-spaced comments from our undergraduate students. The following lists a sampling of those comments that present the major arguments for and against permitting campus conceal carry, if HB48 passes.

Main arguments in favor of conceal carry on campus:

- Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns.
- We should permit conceal carry on campus, but with restrictions.
- Conceal carry permit holders are responsible.
- Bearing arms is a second amendment right.
- Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a “soft target.”
  - c. Campus concealed carry protects our collective community.
  - d. Campus concealed carry asserts an individual’s right to protect oneself.

Main arguments against conceal carry on campus:

- Campus conceal carry is a bad idea.
- Only the police should carry guns.
- Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety.
- Campus conceal carry will reduce safety and increase risk of gun thefts.
- Recruitment and retention of students will be negatively impacted.
- Campus conceal carry will make minority populations even more unsafe.

### ***Representative comments from undergraduates who favor campus conceal carry***

Good guys with guns can stop bad guys with guns

If properly trained on the safety of concealed carry, I believe that anyone of age could help promote a safer environment with the outbreak of school shooting that has plagued universities since Virginia Tech over the past few years. If people who carry are not educated though the consequences could be fatal. This bill is an important one and all consequences must be taken into account.

Situations like the Virginia Tech Shooting, in which over 30 people were killed, could have been prevented if a CCW holder was present and armed. Even if only faculty and staff were permitted similar situations could be prevented.

I feel that it is an individual's right to carry a handgun with the proper permit. I feel by allowing concealed carry on bgsu campus will not only create a safer environment but it will also deter any one who plans to threaten the safety of others knowing that the campus is protected.

I don't think there is anything wrong with allowing concealed-carry license holders to carry on campus. Not anyone can obtain a concealed-carry license, you have to be a certain age and go through specific training to obtain the license. To my knowledge, there has never been a violent crisis at BGSU, but I believe that if concealed-carry license holders can carry on campus it will help manage the situation should it happen. The only thing that can stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.

I think one person with a concealed carry could be the difference between a mass shooting and a minor incident. Absolutely in favor.

The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Let people protect themselves and others and ALWAYS empower people to be survivors not victims.

Permit conceal carry, but with restrictions

I believe that there needs to be extensive background checks and also believe that the university should have the authority to ban/prohibit an individual's privilege on campus if they proceed with any misconduct while conceal carrying.

Anyone who does have a concealed weapons permit should have it registered by BGSU campus, therefore police can know whether or not people have a legal obligation for carrying his/her firearm. / In addition, BGSU should possibly offer helpful safety classes and shoots for valid firearm carriers.

I will be turning 21 this summer and have planned to purchase a hand gun and receive concealed carry training for several years now. Being able to carry my weapon on campus would make me feel more safe, because as of right now it would be one of the few places that I would not carry it with me. I would prefer if the university had students/faculty register in some fashion if they will be carrying on campus, just so that the university has that information on hand in cases of an emergency. If this was in place I would feel much safer with having everyone be able to carry, rather than just faculty. I also believe students who live on campus should absolutely not be allowed to have guns or concealed carry regardless of the possible law change. Guns in dorms would be insanity.

Conceal carry permit holders are responsible.

The bad guys with guns do not take the time to get a license and follow the rules. If the bill passes, anybody with a license should be allowed to carry, as people with licenses are not a threat.

As a citizen of the United States and a concealed-carry license holder, I believe that I/other concealed-carry individuals have the right to carry our weapons on BGSU's campus. I know that the thought of having concealed weapons on a University campus is a scary thought to most

people, I believe that it could be extremely beneficial. For those that do have their concealed-carry license, they must go through proper training and background checks in order to ensure they are safely carrying their weapons. If there were ever an incident on BGSU's campus of an attack, I would hope that a concealed-carry user would be able to stop and/or prevent an incident from happening.

I personally would feel safer. It's not like the whole student body is going to go out and buy guns. The people who will be carrying the guns around campus will most likely have had their permits already for a while. I think it would deter a person from committing a mass shooting if the person knows that other people and teachers have a gun to use on them.

If the prohibition against concealed carry by students and faculty on campuses were lifted, only those CCW permit holders who prefer to carry in self defense would do so. That would probably be only a small minority of students and faculty, but it would send a very strong message to the would-be crazed killers who themselves may not qualify for permits or would not bother to apply for permits. Most of the student body will be under the age of 21 and will therefore not be able to get concealed carry permits due to their age. The issue really boils down to faculty, staff, and graduate students being able to exercise their rights. I have no problem with any of them lawfully carrying and the security of the campus will benefit greatly. While CCW permit holders will already be trained, it would be wise to offer a firearm safety course for anyone interested, even if they are not planning to carry, or as a refresher. Many people do not want to be around guns because they are afraid given that they have never been exposed to or trained with a gun. This is just a fear of the unknown and can be lowered or dispelled completely if someone teaches the person about gun safety and allows the person to realize that a gun is nothing more than a tool designed to do a job.

Bearing arms is my second amendment right.

Please refer to the 2nd amendment of the United States Constitution for any questions about the right of the citizens of America. Also thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak our mind about this issue.

My primary purpose in carrying a concealed firearm is to protect myself and my family, not to stop active shooting situations. I would be thrilled to see Ohio legislature pass a bill which would help return to me the rights which have been taken. Aside from the fact that I feel less safe on campus than I do off campus, it is extremely inconvenient to disarm myself before exiting my vehicle on campus. It is totally asinine that everyday when I come to campus, I have to remove my loaded firearm from its concealed location on my body and lock it in my glove box. This risks it being exposed momentarily for others to see, and ultimately in a less safe location than on my person. I sincerely hope for that Ohio legislature will allow me to protect myself in times and places when law enforcement cannot. I hope that others' ignorance and fear of firearms will not prevent our state government from allowing us to protect ourselves. Lastly I hope that BGSU will support any legislation that would allow individuals to carry a concealed handgun on campus.

Americans should be able to exercise their amendment rights everywhere at all times.

As a former police officer, I know the response time of a first responder is at least 5 minutes. This gives an active shooter more than enough time to kill or injure many people before they were stopped. If valid holders with adequate training were there, the active shooter's timeframe of injuring potential victims would be cut down exponentially.

It is our 2nd amendment. We were founded as a free country. Today's politics would embarrass our American ancestors. The purpose of the USA was to get away from the English and establish independence. That independence means as individuals you go get an education and build your life. Not sit around and demand to be paid as much as a doctor who spent 12 years in school. If someone wants to carry a gun then should be allowed. It's freedom

It is my second amendment right to defend myself and those around me.

Protect the Bill of Rights.

Gunfree zones are victim zones, banning conceal carry makes BGSU a 'soft target.'

People who want to hurt others do not care if you are allowing them to bring a firearm on campus or not when they do it. They do care if you stop law abiding citizens who could stand in their way from having firearms on campus. This just makes their goal easier.

I encourage everyone, regardless of whether or not you should choose to carry personally, to support and promote a safer America, an America free of gun-free zones.

Anyone who has obtained a concealed carry permit has gone through classes to learn safety and proper handling of their gun. They have also gone through extensive background checks to obtain their permit. People with concealed carry permits can be trusted to carry on campus and not inflict harm on anyone that does not pose a threat. Criminals purposely target areas to have a mass shooting that they know are gun restricted zones. They know people will not fight back or shoot back at them if they are in a gun restricted zones. Gun restricted zones do not protect our people, they make us targets. People with valid permits should be able to carry on campus so we can protect ourselves and not become another victim in another mass shooting. Its bound to happen sometime. Lets stop it before it does.

School shootings are disturbingly common in our society. It is tragic that our educational institutions are turned into a venue for massacre whenever a malicious man comes in to shoot innocent students and faculty. These students and faculty, without any ways to defend themselves from the malicious shooter, are trapped in their classroom and far too frequently die gruesome deaths there. We are lucky this hasn't happened at BGSU, but right now there is nothing stopping a disturbed young man from walking into a lecture in Olscamp and unloading magazine after magazine on a class. Good people, young people, are losing their lives due to

their inability to protect themselves. It is an injustice that we are unable to protect ourselves. The blood of the victims of the VA Tech massacre and Umpqua Community College shooting in Oregon is on the hands of every legislator who denies students their human right to defend his or her self. None of us want BGSU to become the next Virginia Tech. The current gun laws do not work. The allowance of concealed weapons to be carried by people who have already been granted permission by the State of Ohio is a common sense gun reform that has the potential to prevent, or at the very least minimize, the horrors of the next school shooting.

Faculty and staff should conceal carry, but not students

It doesn't matter if a criminal background check comes up positive, something always has to happen to start a criminal record. What if bringing a gun to school and shooting people is the start of their record? I don't feel safe with any student having the ability to bring a gun to school, but a faculty member is okay.

If there were to be an active shooter on campus, by the time the police or any other force got to the location and/or had the suspect in custody, there would already be multiple casualties. If there were faculty, students, or anyone else with a concealed weapon, the casualties would almost always add up to less than if there were no concealed weapons.

Direct message to Board of Trustees – in Favor of Campus Conceal Carry

Millions of Americans carry concealed weapons everyday and are allowed to do so in the vast majority of public and private spaces. These individuals pose no threat to the general public and if anything, provide a real and needed deterrent to those who would wish to do us harm. I encourage the BGSU Board of Trustees to find and exam real and UNBIASED information about the pros and cons of an armed populace (i.e concealed carry). I think that you will be pleasantly surprised to find that, in most instances, populations that have a higher concealed carry rate have the pleasure of living with lower violent crime rates. I would also point out that many of those who would wish to exercise their ability to carry a concealed firearm on campus are the exact sort of people who should be armed in the instance of an attack. Many are former military and law enforcement and have spent many years protecting us. Please approach this important decision with an open mind and leave your political biases at the door. This decision isn't about the election, your favorite political party, or your PERCEPTIONS. It is about giving responsible citizens the ability to exercise their rights while providing for the protection of ALL of us on the BGSU campus.

I believe if the University of Bowling Green would allow concealed carry and offer the proper training for students, the campus would be safer. I am a current gun owner and would feel safer, while I do not fear walking on campus, if there were more trained and experienced people on campus. Thank you for considering the possibility of concealed carry.

***Representative comments from undergraduates against campus conceal carry***

Campus conceal carry is a bad idea.

I support the concept of carrying certain objects (pocket knives, batons, etc) in a concealed fashion, provided the individual is prepared to accept the consequences of their actions. However, whereas we never read about "accidental stabbings," there are a hell of a lot more "accidental shooting" articles to choose from, a statistic which bothers me more than any other point that anyone on the pro-gun (not the right terminology, oh well) side typically makes. Until guns are not able to accidentally murder people, I prefer to keep them as far away from me and my friends as possible. Additionally, I would cite specific range of guns as a problem, since someone with another, non ranged weapon has a very limited range of influence in which they can harm individuals until the police or other law enforcement individuals arrive on the scene. Guns, however, can injure and destroy lives from a ludicrous distance, something which has no place in an institution of learning, or outside of a battlefield.

I understand that people have the right by law to carry a firearm and thats fine, but having it concealed can cause issues. The issue would be that nobody knows when someone will snap or get into an argument and decide they need to use their weapon. I know that there are people who use their firearm responsibly, but not everyone goes to this length to do this or actually fake the fact they are responsible. I can't get a concealed weapon permit because I am mentally disabled and having the ability for people around me to have concealed weapons would make me feel very uncomfortable. I think that more people will try to justify extreme force in certain situations. Also we should look at other countries with strict gun control and the numbers for gun deaths with them.

I would be ashamed of my school if they allowed this to happen.

Only the police should carry guns.

The best way to ensure the safety of all people who live and work at BGSU is to prevent any firearm from entering campus property. In a crisis situation, adding another armed individual to the equation will only increase the danger posed. Any responding police officers would have difficulty in differentiating the active shooter from the well-intentioned permit carrier, leading to more chaos and confusion. If this bill is passed, I would strongly advise the BGSU Board of Trustees to deny any concealed-carry users to bring firearms onto our campus.

It just doesn't seem necessary. I think if someone were to have a gun, it could lead to more trouble. Without a gun, there is no temptation to use it for any reason. Campus already feels very safe, especially with UPD. UPD is trusted by many students on campus, but not all faculty/administrators are.

Campus conceal carry will greatly reduce safety.



I feel like students are put into a dangerous situation if this is put into affect. As an RA, I know there would have to be different training and regulations for those University employees. It worries me that RAs, who are University Employees, would put themselves in danger when handling situations

I don't feel like it would be needed to allow people to carry handguns around campus with a license. I feel very safe on this campus now but if the wrong person got a handgun license that could turn into a bad situation depending on their motives.

it is a safety issue and i understand that people want to have protection but if some one steals their gun and uses it for other events that could harm others that is something that could have been prevented. here at BGSU there are not a lot of crimes that involve guns that i am aware of so if we bring guns now then there will be more chances of other getting hurt.

Anyone can get registered to carry, that has been proven that our system fails time and again to correctly screen people who apply to legally obtain weapons. It is impossible to know who has a legal weapon and what their intentions are with it. I think this would absolutely make me feel very unsafe at my university.

I am very much anti-gun, period. I understand the nature of this bill and its perceived impact, but I see the presence of guns as an inherent danger to everyone's safety. I understand the political climate surrounding mass shootings and desire for protection against such incidents, but I see this move as a possible enabling for exploitation. It is a good thought, but I personally feel that more harm will come about than good.

Putting a gun in the hand of a college student who goes out drinking is provoking misconduct and decreasing the safety of others. Being under the influence allows for impaired decision making and adding a gun to that equation does not make for many favorable outcomes. Allowing students to carry handguns could also increase the risk of robberies for other students may take the opportunity to steal from another. I do not think allowing anyone, student, or faculty, should be allowed to have a gun on campus. It puts the whole campus at risk if they choose to use the gun improperly.

I am terrified. People are stupid. I wouldn't trust a "good guy" in a show down-- statistically, they are just as likely to shoot innocent bystanders. Walking to my car would be MORE terrifying if I thought people had such a dangerous weapon so openly. I would NOT feel safe in the classroom for fear of angering someone to the point of being threatened, let alone used. I do not trust the people that actively want guns. In my view, those people just want a reason to feel more powerful than others. Statistically, it doesn't matter if a place is a "no-gun-zone"-- shooters will choose their targets indiscriminately. I am grateful that I will be long gone from a college campus before this is implemented, if it indeed is. The statistics simply do not support that "the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." It's a bullshit cop out for power hungry entitled violent Americans.

I feel like bgsu and the city of bowling green in general are very safe and inclusive places. I do not see the need to allow students to carry a gun for protection purposes. If anything, allowing students to carry a gun would result in accidental misfirings or shootings during fights or arguments. My boyfriend has one and it makes me very uncomfortable every time he pulls it out. Not saying that he is careless with his but I feel that if it does become allowed, many people will gain an ego about having theirs. Then that could lead to careless use of the gun or just pulling it out to show off. This could also happen if a person became angry. We typically have a safe enough campus where I feel it is not necessary and the people that dwell here may start to feel uncomfortable, including myself, if they do become allowed. Thank you.

Let's consider the stress of college that students go under and the potential suicide and homicide rates.

I think with the amount of partying people do, a gun could fall into the wrong hands

Campus conceal carry will reduce safety and increase risk of gun theft

Allowing guns on campus increases the probability that someone could be injured with that weapon. For example, if a woman has that gun in her purse and someone steals her purse there is someone who may not be trained with that gun walking around campus or that only wants money so will sell it in the black market and add to the risk of gun problems in the community. Another reason this could be unsafe is because campuses are full of drama and if someone has a moment of rage it would cause issues. Lastly, regardless of who would have the hand gun (i.e. Teachers, students, etc.) it is hard to have confidence in everyone. For example, my statistics teacher turned out to be a registered sex offender. It is scary to think that the people that are guiding us can be doing illegal things on a regular basis. Although people regularly break rules and laws, I would like there to be regulations to keep us as safe as possible with the hopes of people abiding by the law.

If this were to happen, then you should probably have extra security personnel checking those who are carrying weapons that they are actually licensed. My concern is that some may brag and boast their carrying license and weapon on campus. Guns are scary and most people will be frightened to see a visual gun on someone's waistband or such. We live in bowling green Ohio, this campus is very safe and bringing guns into the picture may change that. I would reconsider if our campus was in a larger city with much more crime risks.

Permitting handguns on college campuses like BGSU will only cause more people to be scared and not feel safe. I highly oppose allowing concealed handguns here. I would feel far less safe than I do now knowing there's a lot more guns among people on campus. I would also feel that there is a higher risk of there being some sort of mass shooting or terrorism incident here. It's too easy for guns to fall into the wrong hands, and allowing more guns on a campus where there's thousands of people will only make it more likely for something horrible to happen.

Recruitment and retention of students will be negatively impacted

This will not prevent any unfortunate circumstances from happening on campus. I know of numerous students who go here who (in my opinion) use guns inappropriately and without caution. Permitting them to do this would deter students from attending BGSU.

I do not think the benefits associated with concealed-carry license holders being able to have guns on campus outweigh the risks. The presence of guns on campus only increases the chance that something bad will happen. Gun control legislation is not strict enough for me to trust that those with concealed-carry licenses will not potentially cause harm. I feel the allowance of concealed weapons on campus is a terrifying idea and I honestly may look into transferring to a school where concealed-carry is prohibited if BGSU allows concealed handguns on campus.

Concealed Carry Permits in my opinion would create an unsafe and hostile environment for students and administrators. I would feel a genuine concern for my safety and the safety of others if I knew some of my peers had access to weapons on campus. I would consider transferring Universities if I knew this practice was implemented.

DO NOT DO IT. anyone can go insane at any time. not safe and makes many of us uncomfortable. I would transfer if this was allowed.

For as long as I have been on campus I have never been informed of any gun issues that have happened on or around campus. If you give student the right to carry guys on campus that is calling for hell. Students get angry and if they are intoxicated they might pull out a gun and threaten someone. This situation will also bring guns close to campus. You all know that college student s go out and get drunk at the bars, why even bring up the information that it is allowed to have guns on campus? This will also decrease the applicants at BGSU due to the fact their mothers will be afraid something might happen to there child

If students obtained the ability to conceal carry on campus I would stop attending this university

Guns have no place at an academic institution and do not promote safety, but instead create an environment of paranoia and suspicion that will largely keep prospective students away and inspire current students to seek safer campuses. School shootings do not happen because the victims did not have guns, they happen because the gun fell into the wrong hands and the perpetrator fell into an incorrect and false ideology.

ABSOLUTELY FUCKING NOT, FUCK NO. NO. / / There isn't enough government sanctions on gun law right now. Did you know that as of right now someone can be flagged as investigated of being on the FBI watch list and still obtain a firearm? Y'all are crazy if you think bringing firearms in a predominantly country area is okay, that violates my Liberty to safety. NO. If this is a thing I will be leaving the university

Don't let guns on any college campuses. that's stupid if my college lets this happens I'm transferring to a college that doesn't allow guns on campus.  
I can't believe you are considering this. I would consider transferring schools if this made me feel unsafe here. Ignorant.

I will transfer if guns are allowed.

I would consider transferring schools if BGSU were to pass this. There is no need for this, especially because BGSU is a very safe campus already.

I would not feel safe knowing that there is a gun in the classroom. I do not like guns and if it became a thing, I would consider transferring to a school that does not allow them. Students and staff get stressed out and a gun is sometimes the way to go. Also multiple accidental gun accidents happen every year. No thank you to having guns on campus.

I am all for allowing Faculty members to carry concealed handguns. If BG allows students to carry them I will be transferring schools due to concerns with my safety.

If I were a freshman, it would 100% prevent me from choosing BG, I hope this does not pass until next semester when I will be graduated

Campus conceal carry will make minority populations even more unsafe.

I think permitting individuals to use their CCW on campus would be nice if the culture surrounding college campuses and shootings were a little different. I'm a black student and racial tensions are high in our communities right now. I definitely wouldn't feel safe because there are a lot of mentally ill students on campus that may make it more accident-prone if this were to fall in the wrong hands.

I, as a 20 year old student studying music and Spanish, fully acknowledge that I don't know much about politics, laws, propositions and all that. However, I do know that the fact that I am taking this survey scares me more than anything. It doesn't make me want to research gun laws, nor does it make me want to try to obtain a concealed-carry license. It scares me. As an athletic, gigantic, African-American female with resting aggressive face, I know that in this American society, I cannot own a gun. I could be killed. I spend my entire existence making myself less threatening towards others, even though I struggle killing spiders and telling people no--but no stranger will ever know that about me. A drunk or high stranger with a concealed-carry license and a gun who thinks I am too scary and too big and too black may shoot me, and that's a risk I am never going to be willing to take. But to force people to have to take that risk is frightening. That's what I want you to know.

There is no point to have guns on campus, especially with college students. Who can be very dumb. And irrational. Colleges don't admit people based on moral character, and we don't know who's walking around with a gun. Wasn't there a thing a few months ago at a southern

college with a bunch of white teenage boys walking around campus with guns threatening to shoot any black students? Why would making it easier for these things to happen seem like a good idea?

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This is the absolute dumbest thing I have ever had to be put through by the university. I'm sure everybody will be fine with white college kids carrying guns, but what about your minority students? The 2nd Amendment right fighters don't fight for the rights of those who aren't white. They make up lies so they can keep a tool that is designed to kill. I feel safe on campus, and I feel safe with the police who protect the town/university. I don't need a wannabe hero walking around campus with a gun.

Ohio is already one of the most racist states in the Midwest. To allow students, especially in a region where we see more confederate flags than we see people, to carry guns, there will be more deaths and fatalities. There is a lot of unreported and reported racism and hate crimes on this campus as is, and with the growing number of minorities coming to this school, allowing ANYONE to carry a gun will prove to be detrimental to this school and this state's reputation, as well as tragic. As a minority student, if this bill is passed, not only will I transfer to another school, but I will make sure that I spread the word about everything going on on this campus, so that no other minority would have to fear for their lives. There are already too many school shootings and random acts of violence at the hands of gun owners. The answer is not more guns, or more rules for gun carriers, but less guns.

You guys see the amount of school/public shootings there are, how would letting people carry guns on campus make it any safer? And please note that BGSU is in Ohio, Wood County, where there's a lot of racist people and KKK members. All the minority students are going to feel unbelievably more unsafe and uncomfortable. PLEASE DO NOT allow BGSU to make concealed carrying hand guns legal on this campus.

#### Direct Message to Board of Trustees – Against Campus Conceal Carry

I strongly believe that an increase in firearms, licensed or not, in the stressful and often unstable environment of a college campus poses only risks to all persons in the environment. Our campus police are very well trained and very equipped to handle all necessary aspects of campus safety, to the extent that allowing students to arm themselves would only be allowing for an increase in possible incidents of on campus violence. Allowing persons who are not law enforcement to have concealed guns on campus only increases the risk of a random shooting, or other forms of gun violence happening on campus. Please take into consideration the potentially dire risks posed by allowing individuals living in the high-stress and high-

irresponsibility environment of college to lawfully possess dangerous tools like concealable firearms on our campus. For a realistic hypothetical, how can the Board of Trustees justify the deeply rooted culture of irresponsible college drinking being allowed to couple with a policy that would allow students to keep on-campus firearms? I would hope, for the sake of all students, that such a ridiculously irresponsible choice would never come under serious consideration by anyone who claims to represent the best interest of college students. / / Sincerely, / / A student who supports safety and risk management for campus

Educational institutions of all levels have weapon restrictions across the entire nation, as do other businesses and buildings that gather large numbers of people at any given time (movie theaters, bars, churches, hospitals, etc.). While many mass shootings occur at these places, correlation does not imply causation. Shootings will occur where most people gather, not simply where gun restrictions are in place. Until it is proven that concealed-carry allowance in places of large gathering decrease the number of deadly shootings, we should most likely not begin experimentation with young adults. At this moment in time I believe it would be best to stick to the precedent until the issue is further studied.

**HB 48 COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**PART 3: INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS BY FACULTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Individual Committee Member Statement 1**

Until we are victims, many of us doubt any harm could ever come to us. We doubt that we could ever have a stalker, be a battered spouse, receive death threats, be injured or killed in a mass shooting, be raped, or otherwise be a victim. The reality is: There are victims every day. How do we react to this reality?

Those who want to victimize us often have the advantage of being stronger and/or armed (not following weapons laws on campus). Firearms can serve as an equalizer in attacks, and prohibiting firearms on campus can prevent the victim from using the necessary means to stop an attack. Most often, defensive gun use does not even involve firing a firearm. Merely knowing that the victim has the ability to effectively fight back typically prevents or ends the attack.

We should allow individuals to exercise our most fundamental right to self-protection through concealed carry on our campus. Over 150 college campuses allow concealed carry, and have done so without incident—some for more than a decade. Concealed carry offers protection to the individual carrying the firearm, but it also deters criminals from attacking everyone. Criminals do not know who may be armed, so they must assume that everyone is armed.

Prohibiting firearms did not prevent the tragedies in Paris, San Bernardino, Columbine, or any of the additional hundreds of mass shootings that have occurred in “gun free” zones. Prohibiting firearms on university property did not prevent the mass stabbings at U.C. Merced nor did it prevent Taylor Woolrich from being stalked by a repeat offender carrying around a “rape kit” on the Dartmouth campus. In contrast, defensive gun use is estimated to occur over two million times each year in the US.

With the proven history of safety associated with concealed carry on college campuses and the real threat of attack, we cannot continue to ignore our right to protect ourselves. We should not and cannot continue to justify allowing victimization.

**Individual Committee Member Statement 2**

My stance, if one could call it that, coming into this committee was that I was opposed to allowing concealed carry at BGSU. As a faculty member and a *mother* of two young women living on campus, my gut instinct is that allowing a community of young adults to legally have and carry a gun on campus would come to no good. However, as a person who is constantly surrounded by family and friends who carry concealed weapons, I have heard the passion and the arguments for this legal opportunity; so I remained open to the discussions that ensued. I learned many things about our campus policies as a result of my participation on this

committee, and it was a worthwhile endeavor. The data revealed in our survey may/may not be able to be interpreted as representative of our campus constituencies, but one thing is clear to me from the results:

- Three-fourths of the women on the campus of BGSU who answered this survey indicated that they will feel decidedly **less safe** if concealed carry is allowed on this campus.
- The majority of all respondents indicated that they will feel **less safe** if concealed carry is allowed on this campus.

In the end, to me, it really didn't matter if all of the constituents exercised their preference on what they perceived to be fact or fiction concerning the concealed carry laws. It doesn't matter to me that 21 year old seniors and/or graduate students don't live in residence halls in large numbers, or that our survey delineated a slightly higher degree of "less safe" if administrators and faculty were the only ones allowed to carry. To me, if a large portion of the student body feels less safe on our campus if we allow guns, then they will not stay, nor will they come in the first place. In particular, as a parent of young women, my anxiety level is heightened concerning my daughters on a campus where they are already learning to navigate an environment where alcohol, drugs, bad choices and other questionable behaviors occur. Adding guns to the mix defies my personal sensibilities. Any number of reports identify the cons of concealed-carry on school campuses (escalating crime, increased suicide, violence in an already volatile community). BGSU has a strong, trained and dependable police force. Members of our campus can and should depend on their professional abilities and presence.

### **Individual Committee Member Statement 3**

As a concealed carry permit holder, I do not know if I would carry if it was allowed on campus. What I do know is this. 1. Since 1950 all but two mass shootings have occurred in a gun free zone and in all cases the incident was over by the time police arrived. 2. Concealed carry permit holders are more lawful than any other group and go through criminal mental checks and training. 3. If BGSU rejects concealed carry on campus and House Bill 48 passes, BGSU could be saying that they can protect every person on campus and accept liability if something should ever occur. And lastly, the second amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms.

### **Individual Committee Member Statement 4**

In the first week of April 2016, over 141 medical and research organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, petitioned Congress to remove a 1996 amendment which restricts the Center for Disease Control from conducting research on gun violence. The only formal faculty senate resolution I would recommend is to raise our collective voices to join these organizations and encourage the federal government to fund research on gun violence. The deaths of over 30,000 Americans each year is a public health disaster. As a university community, we should support research that will advance the public good. This role is even more important when powerful lobbyists work effectively to suppress



our rights, undermine our access to information, and control our research agendas. Personally, I am opposed to HB48. I am opposed to permitting either concealed or open carry at college campuses, schools, and day care centers. Additionally, I regret that pro-gun lobbyists threatened to sue the city of Bowling Green, in order to force our city council and city administrators to change our local ordinance that prohibited guns in our parks. My classroom is a sacred setting.

### **Individual Committee Member Statement 5**

*Position on concealed carry at BGSU.* When I offered to be on this committee I was completely in favor of concealed carry on campus. Now that I have spent the last three months considering the issue as a committee member, I am opposed to concealed carry at BGSU. Here's why. First, there are few environments that are safer than a rural college campus with its own police force. There simply isn't a pressing need for people to carry a gun to protect themselves. So if concealed carry is allowed, this projects to the campus community and the outside world that BGSU is the kind of place where you might want to be carrying a gun, which isn't true. Second, I think guns on campus will have a chilling effect on campus speech, never a good idea at an institution that tries to foster the free marketplace of ideas. Third, if BGSU gives its stamp of approval to carrying guns on campus, that raises the probability of gun accidents and makes it more likely that a gun might be used when it shouldn't be. And fourth, even if there were no other arguments against concealed carry on campus, the fact that three-quarters of women who responded to our campus survey said they would feel less safe than now if everyone could carry guns would be enough for me to be opposed. Granted, if people on campus could legally carry guns it would most likely help prevent another nightmare like the Virginia Tech massacre. It's just that such a scenario is a very low probability event that doesn't warrant the problems associated with authorizing guns on campus.

### **Individual Committee Member Statement 6**

I am opposed to concealed carry on campus. I think it is unlikely that a civilian with a handgun, even someone who is relatively proficient at using one, would be likely to be able to do much to alter the outcome of a "live shooter" situation. It is one thing to be able to shoot targets on a firing range, but another altogether to be in a live situation. I think most would-be concealed carriers have an unrealistic view of what such a situation would be like and it is far better to leave this to the trained professionals to deal with, whose job is likely to be made more difficult by the presence of extra gun-carrying individuals should a live shooting incident ever occur. I see the desire to carry guns as one that is based on an unreasonable fear that is out of proportion to the actual likelihood of a shooting incident. I also see this as part of a process of escalating the level of gun-carrying in society as a whole in a kind of arms race. Ideally, we would all like to have a society in which no one carries a gun except perhaps for hunting, and this would seem to be moving us away from that ideal. As a university, we are responsible for shaping the characters of our students and part of this the way in which conflict is dealt with. By allowing guns on campus, we are thereby giving a stamp of approval to resolving conflict through violence or threats of violence.

Two of the most prominent arguments that I hear given for concealed carry are, firstly, that illegal guns can be brought onto campus, therefore, we ought to make them legally allowed in the hands of responsible individuals. The conclusion clearly does not follow from the premise. Secondly, if a university is known to be a concealed carry campus, it will deter would-be shooters. By banning guns, we create a “soft target” for would-be shooters who, if given a choice between shooting on campus A, where concealed carry is allowed, and campus B, where it is not allowed, would choose campus B because it has less ability to defend itself. While this seems to make some logical sense, I doubt that someone contemplating a shooting is likely to be considering things in this rational kind of way. But what if they were? By a terrorist group, for example? It is highly unlikely, but it could be argued that the precautionary principle could come into play here; that even though the probability of something bad happening is very low or uncertain, if it is sufficiently bad, we should still take precautionary measures. For example, even though houses rarely catch fire, we still think it wise to invest in fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. In reply, we are right to take some precautions, but the question is which ones? In the house analogy, should we install sprinkler systems in our houses? Most choose not to because the costs of doing so outweigh the reality of the danger. Having a campus police department seems like a reasonable measure to take, and one which is very unlikely to incur further costs that might arise from the presence of more civilians with guns on campus, which there would undoubtedly be if concealed carry on campus was legalized.