

ACTION ITEM
Resolution

Governing Board Agenda

Meeting Date: February 7, 2012

Item Number	Item Title	Responsible Agents
I.A.1	Resolution in Opposition of Legislation Allowing Firearms on Campus	Dr. Rufus Glasper Mr. Doyle Burke

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution in opposition to proposed legislation dealing with firearms on campus.

Justification

On April 5, 2011, the Governing Board through roll call vote adopted (4-1) a resolution in opposition to legislation proposed at that time that would have allowed persons with a concealed weapons permit to bring weapons on campus. Legislation offered during this current session revisits that idea again, presenting the need to reaffirm the resolution.

Funding	Approvals/Certifications
<u>Source:</u>	Chancellor _____
<u>Account Identification:</u>	Academic & Student Affairs _____
	Business Services _____
	Human Resources _____ ITS _____
	Res Dev & Cmty Relations _____
	College President _____

**RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF MARICOPA COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OPPOSING LEGISLATION ALLOWING
FIREARMS ON CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, the Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board (MCCCD) recognizes that it has a legal duty to adopt policies to promote a safe environment for students, faculty, and staff;

WHEREAS, MCCCD is gravely concerned that, in an active shooter situation on campus, having additional people with weapons could result in further chaos and carnage by delaying law enforcement's ability to identify the active shooter;

WHEREAS, unlike the minimal safety training required to obtain a concealed carry permit, our police officers undergo continuous and extensive training to deal with an unpredictable active shooter situation on our campuses;

WHEREAS, a large portion of the crimes committed at our campuses are thefts or crimes of opportunity, improper storage of a firearm on campus would leave a gun accessible to countless unauthorized individuals, increasing the potential for the loss of life or serious injury to others;

WHEREAS, increasing the number of firearms on campus, with no requirement that they be well-concealed, will increase the number of reports of weapons sightings and activate a full response by law enforcement, thereby causing unnecessary disruption of classes and increasing the anxiety level of the community; and

WHEREAS, allowing firearms in an environment where individuals are known to exhibit high risk behavior such as experimentation with alcohol and drugs, could lead to unnecessary death and injury.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT:**

Section 1. That the MCCCD respectfully asks members of the State Legislature to deny passage of any legislation, including SB1474 (Weapons; University; College Grounds), that would allow permit holders to bring weapons on campus grounds and SB1479 (Firearms; State Regulations; Pre-emption), that would limit our ability to adopt policies or any rules, administrative regulations, or procedures to prevent interference with or disruption of our colleges through any use, display or possession of a firearm or deadly weapon.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective upon adoption by the Governing Board of the Maricopa County Community College District.

Section 3. To advance the purpose of this resolution, the Board President, the Chancellor, his designated staff, and the members of the Chancellor's Executive Council are authorized to support and endorse the similar statements of AADGB and other organizations.

**Maricopa County Community College
District Governing Board**

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