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WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of University of Mount Olive to prohibit weapons, including concealed weapons, on our campuses with the exception of duly licensed law enforcement officers.

REASON FOR POLICY/PURPOSE

University of Mount Olive has the responsibility to ensure the safety of those who frequent the college, including faculty, staff, students and guests. The institution believes that a general ban on weapons on campus generally provides for a safer environment. State of North Carolina legislation effective October 1, 2013 provides colleges and universities with the ability to 'opt out' of existing laws preventing weapons on their campuses. University of Mount Olive has chosen to not 'opt out' of the existing laws banning weapons on campus.

OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS

1. N.C.G.S 14-269.2 – Existing North Carolina law prohibiting weapons on college campuses.
2. N. C. Sess. Law 2013-369, HB 937 – NC legislation effective October 1, 2013 amending firearms laws allowing for colleges and universities to choose to allow weapons on campus.
3. N.C.G.S. 14-415.11(c)(8) - NC legislation requiring colleges and universities to post a “conspicuous notice or statement” prohibiting concealed weapons on campus if it wishes to prohibit concealed weapons on campus.
4. N.C.G.S. 14-269.2(i) - NC legislation requiring college or universities to 'opt out' of specific provisions pertaining to employees' ability to have handguns in their dwelling on campus.
5. Weapons – Any item or device that by design was manufactured to inflict bodily injury to an individual. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, hand guns, shot guns, rifles, swords, knives (larger than a traditional 'pocket knife'), bombs, powerful explosives, and other items defined as weapons by applicable law.
6. Campus – All property owned or leased by University of Mount Olive.

POLICY/PROCEDURES

NC State legislation effective in October 2013 enables colleges and universities to voluntarily allow firearms on campus. University of Mount Olive has chosen not to invoke this privilege but will continue to prohibit the possession of firearms on campus. All firearms are forbidden from campus including those in the possession of an individual holding a concealed weapons permit. An exception is made for law enforcement professionals who are duly licensed by the appropriate authority.

Students, faculty and staff are not permitted to have weapons in their possession on campus. This includes vehicles driven and parked on campus. Staff living on campus, typically those employed by Student Services, who are provided housing in any campus owned facility are also prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-269.2(i) and other applicable law.

A requirement of the new legislation is the posting of a “conspicuous notice or statement” stating that concealed weapons are prohibited. Therefore, signage has been placed at the primary street entrances at the Mount Olive campus stating “No Weapons - Concealed or Otherwise - on Campus”. In addition, signage stating “No Weapons - Concealed or Otherwise - on Premises” has been placed in the lobbies of each of the other regional campuses.

CONTACTS

Office of the President

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APPENDICES (INCLUDING ANY FORMS/INSTRUCTIONS)

None

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