14. PROPERTY AND FACILITIES


The Board of Regents recognizes that the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, and other dangerous and illegal weapons on or within any University of Colorado campus, leased building, or areas where such possession interferes with the learning and working environment of the University of Colorado is inconsistent with the academic mission of the university.

The Board of Regents further recognizes that the Colorado General Assembly, in passing the state laws regarding concealed carry, authorizes qualified citizens to obtain a permit to carry concealed handgun. The Colorado Supreme Court determined that the Colorado concealed carry laws apply to state institutions of higher education, including the University of Colorado, and that the concealed carry laws do not permit state institutions of higher education to prohibit the lawful carrying of concealed handguns in accordance with terms of the laws.

Article 14.B.3 of the Laws of the Regents authorizes the chancellors of each campus to adopt procedures governing the use of university grounds, buildings, and facilities. Regent Policy 1.C further recognizes that the possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons on university premises compromises the safety of the university community.

In recognition of its obligation to both preserve the learning and working environment and to recognize the rights of citizens to exercise their rights under the Colorado concealed carry laws, the Board of Regents authorizes the enactment of rules lawfully regulating the possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons. The President of the University may enact such rules for system administration, and the chancellors of each campus may enact such rules for their respective campus. The carrying of a concealed handgun in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado concealed carry laws shall not be deemed unauthorized by such rules.

Nothing in this policy limits the ability of the University of Colorado to enter into contracts for access to events or facilities that are not generally open to the public that limit the ability of students, employees, guests, or other visitors to the campus to carry a concealed handgun.

WHEREAS the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, and other dangerous or illegal weapons on or within any University of Colorado campus, leased building, areas under the jurisdiction of the local campus police department or areas where such possession interferes with the learning and working environment is inconsistent with the academic mission of the university and, in fact, seriously undermines it;

WHEREAS the unauthorized possession of such weapons threatens the tranquility of the educational environment in an intimidating way and it contributes in an offensive manner to an unacceptable climate of violence;
WHEREAS the university educational mission should attempt to teach and model those values
which are held to be important to the nation as a whole;

WHEREAS in passing the Colorado Concealed Carry Act, Colorado Revised Statute 18-12-201
et seq., Colorado’s General Assembly authorized qualified citizens to obtain a permit to carry
concealed weapons and the Colorado Supreme Court has held that the Act applies to university
property;

WHEREAS the Board of Regents and the University of Colorado are committed to upholding the
law, recognizing the right of citizens to protect themselves and others in accordance with the
Colorado Concealed Carry Act, and preserving the University of Colorado campuses as safe
and tranquil learning environments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the unauthorized possession of the firearms,
explosives, or other dangerous or illegal weapons on or within any University of Colorado
campus, leased building, other area under the jurisdiction of the local campus police department
is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the University of Colorado shall not, by rule or
regulation, restrict the ability of any person who has been lawfully issued a permit to carry a
concealed handgun under the provisions of Colorado law to exercise the right to concealed
carry in any public places or publicly accessible buildings on the University of Colorado
campuses. It shall not be a violation of this policy for such person to carry a concealed handgun
consistently with the requirements of Colorado law. When acting pursuant to such a permit and
acting in conformity with Colorado law possession of a concealed handgun on university
property shall not be deemed to be “unauthorized.”

In those situations where the University of Colorado grants access to buildings or facilities
pursuant to a contractual relationship, such as a landlord-tenant relationship for access to
student housing facilities or a licensor-licensee relationship for access to events that are not
generally open to the public, the Chancellor of each campus shall have the authority to enter
contracts with students, employees, and guests of the University of Colorado governing the
terms of that relationship, including contractually limiting the ability of persons to exercise the
ability to possess a concealed firearm in those buildings or facilities. In the event that a person
violates the terms of such a contract, the person may be excluded from the building or facility to
which he had been granted access pursuant to the contractual relationship.

A "dangerous or illegal weapon" may be an instrument of offensive or defensive combat;
anything used, or designed to be used, in destroying, defeating, or injuring a person; an
instrumentality designed or likely to produce bodily harm; or an instrument by the use of which a
fatal wound may probably or possible be given. A "dangerous or illegal weapon" may include,
but not be limited to, the following: any firearm, slingshot, cross-knuckles, knuckles of lead,
brass or other metal, any bowie knife, dirk, dagger or similar knife, or any knife having the
appearance of a pocket knife, the blade of which can be opened by a flick of a button, pressure
on the handle or other mechanical contrivance. A harmless instrumentality designed to look like
a firearm, explosive, or dangerous weapon which is used by or is in the possession of a person
with the intent to cause fear in or assault to another person is expressly included within the
meaning of a firearm, explosive, or dangerous weapon.

Possession of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous weapons is permitted for peace officers
or for others who have written permission from the chief of police for those campuses which
have such an officer or from the chancellor after consultation with the chief of police. Firearm
storage may be provided by campus police as a service to students or employees residing in campus housing.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the individual found guilty via a due process procedure of the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, or other dangerous or illegal weapons, and who is found to have intentionally or recklessly used or possessed such weapons in a way that would intimidate, harass, injure or otherwise interfere with the learning and working environment of the university, shall be banned from the university campus, leased building, or other area under the control of university campus police. In the case of the University of Colorado Denver, officials shall make every effort to work with the Auraria Higher Education Center officials to obtain such ban. This section is not intended to limit the discretion of the university to institute summary-suspension proceedings.

In the case of a student who is found guilty via a due process procedure to have intentionally or recklessly used or possessed an unauthorized weapon in a way that would intimidate, harass, injure or otherwise interfere with the learning and working environment of the university, the minimum disciplinary sanction shall be expulsion.

In the case of an employee who is found guilty via a due process procedure to have intentionally or recklessly used or possessed an unauthorized weapons in a way that would intimidate, harass, injure or otherwise interfere with the learning and working environment of the university, the minimum disciplinary sanction shall be termination of employment, subject to such other rules governing the employment relationship.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is intended to clearly state expected standards of personal conduct for employees, students, and visitors;

FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent that institutional policies need to be amended to reflect the intent of this resolution, the administration is directed to proceed to make such changes.

History:

- Adopted: March 17, 1994;
- Revised: September 12, 2012;