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Executive Summary

College of the Mainland administration has been charged with recommending policies and procedures that will follow state and federal law concerning Texas SB11 (campus concealed carry) and reflect the input of members of the college community, staff, faculty, and students. A campus carry survey was emailed directly to members of the college community, staff, faculty, and students to provide them with an opportunity to voice their opinions. Trish McIntosh, Emergency Management Coordinator and Sylvia Chapa, Chief of Campus Police conducted five constituency meetings as well as three forums. The survey was also made available on the college website.

Participants were given the options to rank specific areas and activities of the college that they felt should “*Never Allow*” to “*Always Allow*” concealed carry. A total of 244 responses were collected. Six areas/activities of the College were ranked highest in “*Never Allow*”; they are Child Lab School, Employee Grievance Meetings, Investigations, or Hearings, Formal Student Grade Appeal Meetings, Student Conduct Meetings, Cashier’s, and Collegiate High School Offices.

A complete summary of responses can be found in the table below. Responses to the open-ended questions are categorized by common theme shown at the end of the report.

It is important that College of the Mainland establish a clear rationale for allowing or limiting concealed carry in the various parts of campus. Please indicate the degree to which you believe a LTC holder should or should not be allowed to carry concealed in the departments, buildings, and activities of the College. A campus map is provided below for reference of building locations on the main campus.

Department, Buildings, and Activities	Never Allow		2		Neutral		4		Always Allow	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Child Lab School (on-campus child care facilities in TVB)	134	55%	11	5%	21	9%	12	5%	64	26%
Employee Grievance Meetings, Investigations, or Hearings	118	49%	17	7%	25	10%	9	4%	71	30%
Formal Student Grade Appeal Meetings	110	46%	14	6%	27	11%	12	5%	77	32%
Student Conduct Meetings	109	46%	11	5%	25	10%	12	5%	82	34%
Cashier's	104	43%	16	7%	25	10%	16	7%	81	33%
Collegiate High School Offices	102	43%	15	6%	31	13%	14	6%	78	33%
Business Office	93	39%	14	6%	29	12%	18	7%	87	36%
Board of Trustee Meetings	90	38%	17	7%	25	10%	18	8%	89	37%
President's Office	91	37%	11	5%	41	17%	18	7%	82	34%
Human Resources	90	37%	16	7%	27	11%	22	9%	86	36%
Dual Credit Offices	88	37%	15	6%	36	15%	18	8%	81	34%
Financial Aid	88	37%	18	8%	33	14%	18	8%	83	35%
Gym	87	36%	18	7%	37	15%	18	7%	81	34%
Testing Center	86	36%	16	7%	40	17%	21	9%	77	32%
Science and Technical Labs	85	36%	16	7%	34	14%	18	8%	85	36%
Classrooms	85	35%	17	7%	35	15%	9	4%	94	39%
Student Success Center (Advising, Counseling, Disability Services)	85	35%	13	5%	36	15%	20	8%	87	36%
Faculty Offices	85	35%	15	6%	35	14%	14	6%	93	38%
President's Cabinet Meetings	83	35%	12	5%	44	18%	20	8%	81	34%
Library	83	34%	8	3%	37	15%	23	10%	91	38%
Auditorium (LRC-131)	82	34%	12	5%	33	14%	21	9%	92	38%
Administration & Enrollment Center	82	34%	17	7%	30	12%	23	10%	89	37%
Tenure Meetings	81	34%	15	6%	40	17%	18	8%	85	36%
Administrative Offices	81	34%	9	4%	42	18%	20	8%	88	37%
Theatre	80	33%	12	5%	36	15%	20	8%	91	38%
Student Center Recreation Room	80	33%	18	8%	35	15%	23	10%	84	35%
Student Activities	79	33%	15	6%	41	17%	15	6%	87	37%

Department, Buildings, and Activities	Never Allow		2		Neutral		4		Always Allow	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Classified Council Meetings	79	33%	13	5%	41	17%	15	6%	91	38%
Registrar's Office	79	33%	17	7%	38	16%	21	9%	86	36%
Technical Vocational Building	79	33%	15	6%	33	14%	21	9%	93	39%
Science & Math Building	78	33%	17	7%	36	15%	18	8%	90	38%
Advisory Board Meetings	78	33%	19	8%	37	15%	18	8%	88	37%
Faculty Senate Meetings	78	33%	19	8%	37	15%	18	8%	88	37%
Learning Resource Center	78	32%	12	5%	38	16%	20	8%	93	39%
Professional Council Meetings	77	32%	13	5%	44	18%	19	8%	86	36%
Student Center	77	32%	15	6%	34	14%	24	10%	90	38%
Learning Center - North County (League City)	77	32%	13	5%	43	18%	17	7%	90	38%
Admissions & Records	77	32%	13	5%	42	17%	21	9%	88	37%
College Connections/TRIO	76	32%	16	7%	45	19%	20	8%	82	34%
Allied Health - North County (League City)	76	32%	13	5%	41	17%	17	7%	92	38%
Information Technology areas, including computer labs	75	31%	15	6%	43	18%	17	7%	90	38%
Cosmetology (Gulfway Plaza)	74	31%	11	5%	37	16%	21	9%	94	40%
Veteran's Affairs	74	31%	12	5%	43	18%	23	10%	89	37%
Fine Arts Building	73	30%	12	5%	42	18%	19	8%	94	39%
Welding Building	72	30%	14	6%	42	18%	21	9%	88	37%
50 Plus Program - (Gulfway Plaza)	72	30%	11	5%	41	17%	20	8%	95	40%
Industrial Education Building	72	30%	13	5%	44	18%	20	8%	91	38%
Art Gallery	71	30%	13	5%	46	19%	18	8%	92	38%
Mr. C's Deli	71	29%	13	5%	44	18%	24	10%	89	37%
Student Life Offices	70	29%	14	6%	47	20%	24	10%	85	35%
Purchasing, Mailroom, Loading Dock	68	28%	13	5%	46	19%	19	8%	94	39%
College Services Building	65	27%	13	5%	52	22%	21	9%	87	37%
Appomattox Square Offices	64	27%	14	6%	47	20%	19	8%	95	40%
Gulf Coast Safety Institute	63	26%	12	5%	48	20%	21	9%	95	40%
Facilities, Maintenance, & Custodial Offices	63	26%	13	5%	53	22%	22	9%	90	37%
Public Service Careers	60	25%	9	4%	51	21%	22	9%	96	40%
COM Campus Police	60	25%	17	7%	30	12%	18	7%	116	48%
Parking Lots	40	17%	9	4%	45	19%	20	8%	126	53%
Firing Range	28	12%	3	1%	25	10%	29	12%	155	65%

Never Allow

General/Miscellaneous

NEVER ALLOW locations are areas where strong emotions may be elucidated and a weapon might be produced and used in anger. The ALWAYS ALLOW are areas where the student has a right to either defend himself defensively or are neutral locations.

the students should always bring a gun to meet with the president. especially when they are very upset. This makes complete sense. Infact this law is FANTASTIC. If the president is going to allow guns on campus or in classes then it should be in his office so he can see how it feels.

Guns have no place on a campus. People have heated arguments and when guns are available the argument can escalate into dangerous and deadly situations.

Academic institutions are places where ideas need to exist without fear of retribution. Thus, it makes no sense to allow weapons on campus simply because it gives the impression (whether real or imagined) that censorship must exist in order to err on the side of caution.

In an educational setting there is not a need for guns to be on campus. Although it is a personal preffence for someone to carry, it may make others rather uncomfortable while in class or waiting to meet with someone.

I feel comfortable in a environment were no guns are allowed. the firing range and school police are the only places guns should be allowed in a school.

The thought of multiple people having a gun on campus is actually frightening because you never know what people are thinking about doing. We never actually know what people are attempting to plan. However, it is a good sense of protection if anything does happen.

While College of the Mainland is an institution funded by public monies, the College is a social institution whose primary objective is the transmission of knowledge and skills. Secondary to this primary objective is the teaching of cultural beliefs and practices. While Texas is known as a state where its citizens advocate for gun ownership, firearms and infants-elderly (0-65+) and educational institutions is not the answer to the "problem of providing a safe environment for citizens". Unfortunately, those in power have decided for the population in the State of Texas that the powerful "know what's best".

How will the College protect infants, high school students, young adults, and employees?

Will the College have armed officers on every hall of each building monitoring conversations and behavior?

Two locations where LTC is approved: Police Department. Why? Law enforcement are armed and trained to address those who carry. Parking lot. Why? Law enforcement are armed and trained to address those who carry. Keep firearms out of the classroom; out of the buildings where people "believe" they are safe from harm.

IF NOT, then COM should invest heavily in the training of employees, students, parents of Collegiate High School students and parents of young children on campus as well as community members on how to respond to those who are LTC.

Personally, I do not think LTC should be on any campus. Being around a multitude of people and attitudes is very unsafe.

Many people who carry are not really well trained in the use and handling of firearms. Need constant training to keep up how to handle weapons without thinking (using muscle memory) most people are not well trained. They go to the range once/twice a year. This is dangerous to the person carrying and to the persons around them.

I will feel threatened and it would make it possible for aggressive people to act way out of hand.

When people start using guns to defend against active shooters other people will join that effort. When you come upon that scene it will not be possible to tell the good guys from the bad guys and the dangers of injury or death will escalate.

I see no reason for guns on the campus anywhere. Guns are not safe. The argument that "If you had a gun you could shoot an active shooter and prevent deaths", is bogus and ridiculous as a practical matter. Most people are not trained on gun usage and safety. I am not going to be carrying a gun on campus, over my shoulder in plain sight. That would send a very negative message to faculty, staff and students, and would provide a very negative role model.

It is an extreme safety concern for students, faculty and staff. It should not be allowed on campus at all.

This is a bad policy for community colleges because as an instructor, I have seen many mentally ill students. By this I mean, students with a diagnosis of mental illness who often are taking medication for this. Some of them become very angry when asked to comply with minimal classroom rules. Therefore, I think this is a dangerous policy.

The gym usually means that a person is changing clothes and thus would be storing the firearm in the locker - probably should just leave it in the car.

No guns please. Leave guns for the police officers to carry.

First, I do prefer that guns be kept at the parking lot inside your vehicle if you just have to bring a gun to school. My concerns primarily arise for the lack of awareness and plain out ignorance of actual gun related incidents at colleges. I feel less safe knowing and seeing weapons being carried at large in general educational environment, where academic discourse and exploration of views and thoughts are discussed intensely. This gun carrying attitude will hinder the safe environment for any type of discourse to take place in any part all items listed above. It is in my opinion, this can create an environment that can be toxic and volatile often leads to violence. Solutions to personal safety can be discussed and be proactively engaged in an academic campus geared for education rather than taunting a weapon that can be easily discharged by accident or be yielded and used in an act of frustration or anger. The perception of who has a weapon and to the extent of who's personal safety is being encroached upon is subjective and often riddled with human error. This is why I placed a "never allowed" to most of the questionnaire and "two" always allow; one for the firing range and the other for the "parking lot" as allowable accommodations to gun licensed individuals. Most people already leave weapons in their vehicles right now and some students have guns on them whether this law has taken effect or not on campus. I would like an adherence to a holistic approach to education without the mindless rhetoric of political dogma and bias laws that allure to a sense of artificial safety at the possible outcome of human fatalities.

People shouldn't be allowed to bring their guns around the kids. It would be pointless to be at the shooting range without something to shoot with.

I do not support any aspect of this law. I believe that carrying guns on campus is a disaster in the making.

Gym- students can get heated in athletic competition

Meetings- students and or faculty can get upset at meetings when they are threatened of being fired or failing.

Public service careers- others may have guns there already

Childcare- safety of children

Testing- students may become upset by test results

President's office- some may be upset with president

Cashier- gun may be used to take money

I don't think guns should be allowed on college campuses.

I feel guns do not belong in a learning environment. Yes you have some that are responsible in use of guns and other that do not care, they pick it up and will use whenever they are unhappy. Gun range and police should be allowed to carry.

I don't think guns should be allowed anywhere on campus (except in the possession of police officers), but since we have to allow them, they should be kept out of TVB because that's where Collegiate High School is housed. SB 11 Section 2 subsection (k) "does not permit a person to possess a concealed handgun, or go with a concealed handgun, on the premises of a preschool, elementary school, or secondary school that is located on the premises of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education."

Since CHS students may be anywhere on campus, I wish we could call the whole campus premises of a secondary school.

Never allow a student to carry a gun on campus-period. All campus outside areas and inside buildings should be "no carry zones". The student should leave his gun in his car before stepping one foot on campus.

I oppose campus carry, period.

Areas where I checked never allow are areas where children are and also the Gym where on more occasions than not COM PD is called to intervene in a heated verbal dispute over a basketball game, I just don't think it is a good idea for those area.

Guns have no place in an educational setting with the exception of police and those learning to become police/or safety professionals. Having guns in the classroom will NOT make anyone feel safer, it sends a message that we are not in a safe environment and we need to be on guard. You cant learn when you fear for your safety, and you cannot teach when you are distracted either. This is a TERRIBLE idea.

Guns should never be allowed regardless of location or circumstances

School is for education Guns are unnecessary and may promote violence.

Most places congregate multiple individuals increasing risks associated with carrying weapons.

Many students and faculty suffer from anxiety and other illnesses where if someone had a gun and therefore had the ability to shoot someone, it would be very damaging for them.

Despite the fact that the campus carry bill passed, I do not believe that guns belong anywhere on the college campus. I am totally against campus carry.

I don't think there is EVER a place for guns in an educational setting at COM with the exception of the public safety building and the gun range. Having to worry about a student/staff/faculty member losing their temper and making irrational instantaneous decisions does not contribute to student success or foster the learning process. Having guns on the campus makes me feel extremely unsafe and is not something I should be worrying about when the focus is on learning and education.

Whether or not to allow concealed or open carry is always a tough topic. I marked mostly "never allow", especially on the campus itself, because I do not feel that young people have the necessary experience, both life and educational, to make life and death decisions that could affect another person. In some of the off campus locations I chose to 'always allow' because I feel that security could be an issue for some of the targeted community (women in cosmetology in parking lots after dark). The police and the firing range...that is where guns on campus should be. Young people have a tendency to want to show off and play the 'big shot' to others. Flashing a new Ruger that is fully loaded is just asking for trouble. I understand that a portion of the student body would have the emotional and mental maturity to not engage in this type of behavior but it is the portion of the student body that could and will do this that makes me have to say No, don't do it.

My biggest concern is the people most affected by someone coming in with a gun (non-Licensed) are the ones that will be most affected. It seems that all the people on the committee making all the decisions are located in the back of the offices. If someone comes in with a gun, they have time to get out. It's the front people, admins, faculty, Secretaries, etc. who will be the target. I believe they have the right to defend themselves and other.

I believe having the guns present will worsen some of these incidents.

I think the college should concentrate on training some campus employees to be first to respond to an incident. At least this way we would have a chance if something happens. One or two in each building. I've seen some crazy people hanging around campus.

I personally do not think that guns should be allowed on campus. In these volatile times people's emotions misguide their reaction to disappointments, breakup, bad grades, tone, etc.

However, I understand that this is the law.

The classrooms and labs in the Industrial Education Building where equipment is located should be exempt from having guns present. In these classrooms and labs are filled with moving parts and could be a safety hazard to self and others. The guns can be caught on equipment and can restrict movement when working on equipment.

Guns don't belong in our buildings with vulnerable employees and students.

Children

I do not believe we should have it near children or anything that can cause worse than a bullet wound. It would not be the best of the situation if there was a fire caused by a chemical and a bullet being shot off. The gun range and police should be able to care in case an emergency happens.

It is not safe unless in the firing range. Kids from the child labs walk all around

Most marked never allow are for the safety of the president or more sensitive areas for accidents. Such as Childs care facility and the such. Always allow should be rather obvious due to the nature of the areas.

Guns shouldn't be allowed in the Child Development Lab because of a risk of the children accessing the guns that carriers may have on their persons while in the presence of children.

I marked "always allow" in most areas because if some one is LTC they have the right to do so. I marked "never allow" in areas where minors are present. Minors will not be LTC, and should be kept away from any weapons.

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Child Lab School: Too many accidents could happen when you have concealed guns around young children. There is no need to have a carry in there.

Faculty Offices: It should be up to the faculty if people are allowed to bring these guns into their offices.

Student Activities: When you have a lot of students together and amped up, you should not allow people to carry.

Child Lab School and Collegiate High School have children and/or minors, and guns should not be allowed for their safety. Grievance meetings, investigations and BOT meetings can sometimes get heated, and I believe guns should never be allowed in these.

Students, staff, and faculty should never be allowed to carry weapons into the President's office where grievances are addressed and where emotions can become unstable. The highest authority in an organization is often the focus of frustration even when the highest authority may not be responsible for a particular problem; therefore, the President's Office should be off-limits for Campus Carry.

Guns are a precursor to potential trouble if the Cashier's Office carries large sums of money; hence, the temptation to rob the Cashier increases when a concealed weapon is readily available to a perpetrator, and especially when the campus police have limited personnel and resources to respond.

Children require the protection of adults to thrive. An angry parent, student, staff member, or faculty member should not have an open door to carry firearms into an area where a multitude of children are gathered for their protection and well being. **NO GUNS IN THE CHILDCARE CENTER!**

Never where children are present...

Never in a governmental meeting...that is the law

Grievances, hearings, conduct meetings could get hostile. No need to add firearms to the situation.

The areas I marked "Never Allow" are events that will, more often than not, involve a variety of emotions. Emotions & guns do not mix well. I marked "Always Allow" on the majority of areas on our campus. I believe that if a person has their legal LTC then they should be allowed to carry. (Please see additional comments below in #3.) The policy related to the Child Lab School should be given additional consideration. Therefore, at this time I remain neutral on that area.

My three "always allow" areas are those where law enforcement personnel will be involved either in a professional or student capacity.

The "never allow" areas fit under one of three areas: those where children are present such as the lab school, those where money is kept or exchanged such as the bookstore, and the one that I believe will be the most controversial, which is faculty offices. Since faculty are typically alone in their offices, sometimes with a student who is unhappy about a grade, attendance issues, etc., leaving a faculty member vulnerable is problematic as has been in evidence with student violence on college campuses across the country. I never shut my door when a student is in my office--others do.

Marked Never Allow is because you are either dealing with money, many students in one area like the enrollment center and one may get upset and retaliate, for the Lab Care we very young children and Collegiate students under the age of 18. Both of these areas need protection I feel because we are the one's responsible for them during the time they are on our campus. Also, the other ones for meetings you never know if someone will be upset or mad at something and come in to shoot someone and hurt others. Campus police will need to be increased in numbers to be able to attend meetings and to walk the campus/buildings more during the day.

Firing Range - always allow - current and future law enforcement officers are trained here who bring their own fire arms, which may or may not be concealed. Concealed handgun classes are also conducted at the firing range so it would be appropriate that this be allowed in this location.

The areas that I have indicated "never allow" are for the following reasons:

- 1) these areas are specifically targeted to serving children and/or youth through high school
- 2) are meetings where emotions may be high and/or stressful discussions are taking place
Children, police, Board and Grievance meeting - no need because of safety and trouble issues

The areas for "always"....are areas with mass and non student areas which could be trouble areas because of the community allowance areas.

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Area with a aggregation of minors should be treated differently.

Because it's where the little kids are! I do think there should be an armed officer in the child's lab though!

Childcare "no" toddlers in the area and mistakes are made.

Conduct hearing, employee hearings could be areas of heated exchanges and could get hostile.

Firing range LTC

Parking lot is not an enclosed building.

It should obviously not be allowed where small children are in large concentration, nor should they be allowed anywhere near hormone-filled teenagers attempting college coursework, chemicals that can explode or catch fire, places where peace and quiet are expected, or places where at-risk students are gathering. None of these places are safe to have a gun anywhere near.

Guns make me feel unsafe and afraid because of the possibility that someone may pull a gun out to threaten or hurt me if they don't like my opinion

I put never allow in areas where there are business professionals, students, any adult, and especially CHILDREN! As a mother of a child who attends the development lab I will feel scared for the safety of my child if any weapon were allowed in their facility. I may have went over board with my "not allows" but I will not be okay with open carry especially knowing that often times the children from the daycare take walks on the campus to explore the different buildings. It's just not safe and something I will not be okay with.

My answers were based on the fact that I feel these areas in particular pose more of a risk than others. Child care would definitely put children in harms way if some gun toting nut case were to come on premise. If there were custody issues, this may be a place that one might use a gun as force to obtain their child without approval.

Offices are at risk as there is no accountability of having witnesses to anything that may come up.

The satellite campuses such as 50 plus, Gulf Coast Safety are at risk and especially North County since there is no onsite Police protection. Main campus has the ability to have an Officer come to aide much quicker than the off site campuses. North County has to call the LG City Police and hope that an officer is in the general area then if able call COM PD. Being set back off the road, while visible, the CLC and AHC buildings are basically at the mercy of the staff protecting themselves. There is also the issue of the elementary school directly across the road. The last thing one needs is an active shooter injuring children let alone staff and visitors at either facility.

The locations i checked off as "never allow" is because of the safety considerations, and specific concerns such as these areas contain private information, and high volume of student population. Especially never allow carrying a gun in the child lab school because of all the children that are located there.

The TVB has the Lab School, where all the kids are. If they see someone with a gun, they will not know what to do. Like run, hide, fight. They would be easy targets for someone who wanted to cause the most destruction and hurt.

I think allowing guns on campus is ridiculous, as it creates an unsafe environment that is not conducive to learning. Also, we have dual credit students and a childcare lab on campus.

Guns should not be allowed in TVB because of the high percentage of minors and children in that building. NEVER allowed in an instructors office. That one should be a no-brainer. Other meetings or offices where issues of possible anxiety or stress is likely, such as student conduct meetings or tenure meetings, should also be restricted. Staff meetings that do not carry a high possibility of anxiety or stress should be fine. I don't think the issue is going to be faculty and staff, but more of students.

I do not think that guns should be allowed where a major decision is being made about an individual, where money is being exchanged or where the children of the lab school or high school students reside.

1. Child Lab School (on-campus child care facilities in TVB) - guns should not be around infants and children
2. Collegiate High School Offices - guns should not be around minors. This includes high school classes.
3. COM Campus Police - the presents of guns might undermine the Campus Police's authority.
4. faculty offices - faculty should have choice if they want people/students in their office with a gun
5. Employee Grievance Meetings, Investigations, or Hearings - a potentially stressful environment that guns should not be allowed
6. Formal Student Grade Appeal Meetings - a potenitally stressful environment that guns should not be allowed.

For most of the Never Allow- Collegiate High School students (minors) and dual credit students are integrated into classroom environment. -- Safety concerns for minors. Never allow in areas where chemicals are stored and discharge of weapon my cause unintended consequences. Never allow in or around child care facilities. Never allow where money transactions take place.

Carrying in the Child care lab school or any science or tech labs raises my concerns for safety.

I don't believe that campus carry is going to negatively impact the environment of the school, the way that the school is seen, nor the way that the school conducts its business, even though I am very anti-firearm. This is why I have marked most locations 'always allow'.

At the same time, I do recognize that there might be some concerns for anyone handling money and financial services. I think that there should be some amount of restriction for the safety of those workers and for their morale.

Labs (chemicals)

i do not believe we should have it near children or anything that can cause worst than a bullet wound. it would not be the best of the situation if there was a fire caused by a chemical and a bullet being shot off. the gun range and police should be able to care in case an emergency happens.

For my never allow, it is because they are stressful areas where someone may be too stressed out and not think properly. There could also be chemicals in labs that could potentially be harmful if it accidentally goes off. However, the child area is not a place for guns to be at all, along with collegiate high school areas.

For my always allow, firing range is for guns. Parking lots allow them to have their rights to concealed carry in their own vehicles.

All "off campus" locations should be weapon free due to the lack of security procedures or COM Police presence. On campus there is at least a chance for response from the COM Police to control or mitigate any potential situation before escalating. I put a lower score on classrooms because I believe that it should depend on the type of classroom. Risks should be ranked for the different type of classrooms/labs. If just a classroom is a traditional classroom then it may not be as great of a concern as a chemical lab or the glycol unit for PTEC. Other teaching areas, such as in the area where the lathes are kept, the firearm may get caught and cause a safety hazard.

Anytime that there is an area on campus where hazardous chemicals are stored or areas where a person may become hostile or disgruntled, guns should never be allowed.

I chose never allow for areas on campus where gas and highly flammable or explosive material may be held. I chose always allow for all other areas because I want to be able to conceal carry at any time in order to use my constitutional right as an American citizen to protect myself against a threat to my person or others around me.

It should obviously not be allowed where small children are in large concentration, nor should they be allowed anywhere near hormone-filled teenagers attempting college coursework, chemicals that can explode or catch fire, places where peace and quiet are expected, or places where at-risk students are gathering. None of these places are safe to have a gun anywhere near.

I think that any areas that handle cash should not allow carrying of concealed handgun.

I also feel those areas significantly populated by K-12 students, e.g. child development and CHS, should not have concealed handguns.

Because of the lasting affect of decisions made there, I think it would be a good idea for the Employee Grievance... and student grade appeal meeting to be gun free.

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Campus Police

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High Emotional Areas (Meetings, Offices, Grievance Hearings)

President and HR along with disciplin areas should never be allowed. All other areas a US Citizen with the proper Liscense to Carry has the right to defend him or herself.

I do not think anyone should have a gun in an environment where potential conflict could occur. I think it is appropriate for staff and some professors to have one but not all students.

I marked never allow on highly volatile areas on campus.

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Never - grievance committee means that emotions run high; firearms and negative emotions may not be a safe time to allow weapons for anyone.

Always - police are trained to use firearms and I would also assume more used to special circumstances of when it is appropriate to use firearms.

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Child Lab School: Too many accidents could happen when you have concealed guns around young children. There is no need to have a carry in there.

Faculty Offices: It should be up to the faculty if people are allowed to bring these guns into their offices.

Student Activities: When you have a lot of students together and amped up, you should not allow people to carry.

I would never allow concealed weapons in an area where sums of money are distributed. I would also never allow carrying of a concealed weapon in the faculty offices, as this may present an easy target for a potentially disgruntled student. The same goes for any meetings where behavior, grades, grievances, etc are being introduced tempers can flare and become out of control.

Places where Firearms should be allowed are Student common areas and classrooms.

Offices of teachers and professionals should not allow firearms/ should be left up to that person. Meeting between COM staff and COM Staff and students should not have firearms present

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No guns in offices handling cash or dealing with highschool kids

The COM Police and the firing range would not be able to perform their specific duties if they were not allowed to have firearms.

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Chose "Never Allow" several times. These are sometimes very emotional meetings and things could get out of hand. Person with gun may loose control and pull out a weapon.

Child Lab School and Collegiate High School have children and/or minors, and guns should not be allowed for their safety. Grievance meetings, investigations and BOT meetings can sometimes get heated, and I believe guns should never be allowed in these.

The campus police is supposed to protect and serve. The other locations do not have visible peace officers to protect them. Grievance meetings may get a little heated.

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I marked "Always Allow" on the majority of areas on our campus. I believe that if a person has their legal LTC then they should be allowed to carry. (Please see additional comments below in #3.)

The policy related to the Child Lab School should be given additional consideration. Therefore, at this time I remain neutral on that area.

"Never Allow" are places identified as targets for highly emotional/combatative interactions between students, staff/faculty and the general community. A gun should not be allowed in these areas.

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Any where money or potential conflicts may arise, no guns.

My three "always allow" areas are those where law enforcement personnel will be involved either in a professional or student capacity.

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Children, police, Board and Grievance meeting - no need because of safety and trouble issues

The areas for "always"....are areas with mass and non student areas which could be trouble areas because of the community allowance areas.

Grievance procedures / discussions should be kept very neutral. Tempers can escalate in these situations, and not everyone can control their impulses.

Childcare "no" toddlers in the area and mistakes are made.

Conduct hearing, employee hearings could be areas of heated exchanges and could get hostile.

Firing range LTC

Parking lot is not an enclosed building.

It should obviously not be allowed where small children are in large concentration, nor should they be allowed anywhere near hormone-filled teenagers attempting college coursework, chemicals that can explode or catch fire, places where peace and quiet are expected, or places where at-risk students are gathering. None of these places are safe to have a gun anywhere near.

The "never allow" areas are those where there might be heightened emotions and anger, or where there will be children/minors. I noted that the firing range and police offices should be "Always allow."

Guns should not be allowed in TVB because of the high percentage of minors and children in that building. NEVER allowed in an instructors office. That one should be a no-brainer. Other meetings or offices where issues of possible anxiety or stress is likely, such as student conduct meetings or tenure meetings, should also be restricted. Staff meetings that do not carry a high possibility of anxiety or stress should be fine. I don't think the issue is going to be faculty and staff, but more of students.

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any place there is cash, or where a student could be confronted should be off limits.

Any where there is a discussion about students and their behavior or where money is in play. Gym is no place for weapons as arguments always spark up .

I believe Faculty should be allowed to decide on their own basis, but as i understand the law that is not allowed.

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Classroom

As an Adjunct Instructor, the possibility of a student carrying a concealed weapon in my class would be distracting to me when conducting lectures, labs, and tests.

No sane reason to allow any weapons in a classroom setting.

Unless the course specifically teaches about the operation of a firearm, there should be no need for a student or an instructor to possess a firearm in a classroom. It should be obvious that we should always allow firearms at the Firing Range.

Off Campus Locations

All "off campus" locations should be weapon free due to the lack of security procedures or COM Police presence. On campus there is at least a chance for response from the COM Police to control or mitigate any potential situation before escalating. I put a lower score on classrooms because I believe that it should depend on the type of classroom. Risks should be ranked for the different type of classrooms/labs. If just a classroom is a traditional classroom then it may not be as great of a concern as a chemical lab or the glycol unit for PTEC. Other teaching areas, such as in the area where the lathes are kept, the firearm may get caught and cause a safety hazard.

Firing Range - Because this is where a weapon is required as part of the training necessary to become proficient and safety conscious

Cosmetology and 50 Plus - Because these areas are outside the jurisdiction of the campus in predominately surrounded by business not within the scope of the campus.

The North County, Gulfway Plaza, and Gulf Coast Safety Institute buildings have no security on site, and would be vulnerable. The North County location is also approximately 50 yards from an elementary school.

Administration Building

I do not think the public should be allowed to carry in the Admin building as that's where the highest amount of foot traffic is and money is handled. However, I think that the faculty and staff of the Admin SHOULD be allowed to carry for their own protection if they so choose. The rest of the campus should fall under normal concealed carrying rules. Anyone licensed to carry knows the rules and risks of carrying and that should be respected as their right to do so. It would be a good idea to make clear to students that concealed means CONCEALED. If they somehow know someone has a weapon then that person is no longer concealing and the police should be called immediately.

The Administration Building has highly stressful areas for students, such as Financial Aid, Business Office, Cashiers. Human Resources is also a highly stressful area. Also, guns should not be allowed near children.

Always Allow

General/Miscellaneous

Students should always be allowed to have a weapon in their car/parking lot, as long as the weapon is out of sight and locked away behind 2 locks (locked glove box and locked car). Campus police should make random parking lot searches simply by walking by at least 15-20 cars and looking for any signs of weapons out in the open. Allowing students to have a weapon in their car provides good protection for students when driving to and from school (especially with how upset the democratic party is with the election results).

Campus police should always carry a weapon, because: 1. they are trained and skilled with the weapon to use it when needed, and 2. the police officers cannot know what kind of weapon the aggressor may be carrying on their person.

Regarding student activities, it would depend on the nature of the activity. Is the activity held on campus? Is the activity held off campus? etc.

As adults, we should be able to protect ourselves from an armed person that is a threat.

I think if the state of texas has granted someone to carry a firearm, the background check has been done and they should be allowed to protect themselves and everyone around them!

I personally do not carry YET, my husband does and when we are out and about it is nice to know that a responsible law abiding citizen has a gun if anything happened.

I don't feel that there should be restrictions on where a licensed person can carry. My basis for this stance is that a person who would commit a crime with a gun is not concerned about what the law says or what the rules of the campus state. The only thing accomplished by limiting a persons legal right to carry is leaving them defenseless in certain areas of the campus so that someone else can have a false sense of security thinking no one would dare enter a gun free zone with a gun. it has been proven over and over that when someone wants to commit a mass murder the best place to go is a gun free zone. Common sense would tell you even a criminal is smart enough to know that people wanting to obey the law will lay there guns down when they enter a gun free zone thereby leaving them unable to defend against an attack.

I chose "Always Allow" for all of the locations, with the exception of the Childcare area's. I think that individuals who have obtained a concealed carry license and taken the necessary measures, training, and background verification to legally carry concealed make our campus safer as a whole. In the event of a shooter or terrorist attack, I want as many of us armed as possible. The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun, is a good guy with a gun.

NEVER ALLOW locations are areas where strong emotions may be elucidated and a weapon might be produced and used in anger. The ALWAYS ALLOW are areas where the student has a right to either defend himself defensively or are neutral locations.

I believe if you are license to carry there shouldn't be any regulations as to wear I can carry.

because if someone in every corner of the school has a gun, a shooter will think twice before trying to shoot the school

I marked always allow because there are going to be good people carrying guns in any area so if somebody tries to kill many students, faculty, staff those "good people" will be there to defend you in any building or room. If you prevent certain areas from guns, those are the areas that people that want to hurt others will target because they know nobody else will have weapons but them only.

Always allow everywhere as those who are intent upon harming someone don't care about laws and will not stop because a law says " it's illegal". The people who have a LTC are background checked at the same level as the campus police for background, the LTC holders are more known and safe than almost everyone else on campus. This includes instructors and Adjuncts, they have been trained and checked and are safer than the person on the street and are less likely to commit a crime than police officers. check the actual facts not something published by gun control advocates. concealed weapons have been on campus for over 20 years and there has been no significant incidents of unlawful incidents by anyone that holds a CHL/LTC.

that it must remain cancelled

I marked Always on many areas, but my rationale is based on the idea that many of these locations are in the same building. That being so responsible gun owners who wish to carry concealed, should not be looking to cause any problems. Rather being prepared should the need arise in an admitting unlikely scenario where an individual's use of force in defense could arise. This being said the parking lot will have to be a neutral zone since without it you couldn't bring your firearm past your vehicle. as for class rooms and student centers the same idea applies. that if the gun is not brandished or showing, is being properly concealed by a responsible owner, it poses little threat except for those guns which could have a misfire due to a mechanical failure. such as those that rarely occur but can with exposed hammer weapons. The guns themselves pose little risk our concern may be to allow a voluntary carry registration letting wielders at their own discretion inform the campus police and staff that they may carry on days they are here. it would not be necessary, but give an option to provide for greater clarity with campus staff and officials as to the state of student affairs.

In my opinion anyone can be in our parking lot and campus at any time unless the schools locked. I just feel like any women or man leaving the night classes would feel safer with a gun to protect themselves because anything can happen.

For all locations that I marked "always allow" I believe that restricting campus carry in these areas would defeat the purpose of having campus carry in the first place. Study show that most mass shootings occur in gun free zones. This may be attributed to the lack of concealed carry holders that could've prevented the attacker from killing so many people.

It's an American right. Those of us within the law should be able to carry.

To me it wouldn't be safe to carry guns on campus

I think everyone should be allowed to have their own type of protection, not just very specific locations

If a person is licensed to carry, there should not any limitations. When a person means to cause harm to anyone, a person in danger will be wishing they had some other form of protection then a desk, glass window, or campus police on the other side of the campus. I am permitted to carry and I would defend anyone that was in harms way if it was possible for me to do so. There have been so many school shootings, none of them came from a person abiding the law and carrying with a permit. Some of them did purchase a gun legally. That said, there is no possible way to stop bad people from being bad. If someone wants to hurt you, disarming the people that could potentially protect you seems ludicrous! I support arming people that have been trained and taught proper gun safety to protect those in need and themselves.

a good guy with a gun can stop a bad guy with a gun; a good guy without a gun gets killed by the bad guy with a gun.

Allowing campus carry does not present a threat to COM faculty or students. LTC holders are law abiding citizens that have passed extensive background checks and have demonstrated proficiency with a firearm.

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When I am able carry I never want to be vulnerable in any public setting so I choose always allow for every location. If I can stop a mass shooter in their tracks to save mine and others lives then I have no problem pulling the trigger to do that.

Carrying a weapon should be allowed anywhere at all times. Armed students can protect themselves and each other from dangers and school threats.

The thought of multiple people having a gun on campus is actually frightening because you never know what people are thinking about doing. We never actually know what people are attempting to plan. However, it is a good sense of protection if anything does happen.

CHL holders should be free to carry, where ever, when ever.

You should be allowed to protect yourself and fellow classmates anywhere on or around the campus at all times. You wouldn't prohibit a law enforcement officer that has been trained and has their weapon properly secured from carrying into these areas, neither should you deny the citizen the right either.

I believe that students should be allowed whole heartedly to have the right to bear arms regardless of the location that being said I agree also completely with using wisdom in this day and age. I think there are certain situations or places that might warrant more wisdom than others so as to not put a gun around emotionally charged atmospheres but I still affirm the right to bear arms.

Always being on top of things should always be aloud in any building or at section.

I think that those that have a LTC know the rules, have been checked out by the FBI in order to purchase said firearm, and should be allowed to carry anywhere on campus. With that said, so should staff. I do not believe there should be designated areas only. Since the state has gone to open carry, I believe it should be allowed anywhere. People that are disgruntled and show violence if they decide to, do so with disregard to the rules.

I marked "always allow" in most areas because if some one is LTC they have the right to do so. I marked "never allow" in areas where minors are present. Minors will not be LTC, and should be kept away from any weapons.

If the activities or location is one that tempers could flare, I'd be more comfortable if people had to check their weapons. Grievance hearings are an example. Otherwise, legal gun owners should be allowed to keep their weapons.

Students and faculty must always have the opportunity to defend themselves. Therefore, the students and faculty always must have some sort of access to legal firearms. Access to firearms in their vehicles would provide minimum access.

I believe that the law should be followed to the letter. I know that there is a lot of emotion around concealed carry, but it is my belief that LTC holders will abide by the law. They also know with the gun comes great responsibility and possible incarceration with a bullet discharge.

Safety considerations are the responsibility of the gun owner. If there is a mis-fire, it will be because some guns do not have a firing pin safety mechanism. That is most likely how the UT professor shot himself in the foot. LTC cannot brandish a weapon, so there is little chance for an accidental discharge of a weapon properly concealed.

The campus environment is difficult at best to monitor for an active shooter until shots are fired. Once this happens, panic ensues and it is very difficult to identify the shooter. Particularly if gun owners are holding their weapon in the ready position. Police will have a difficult time telling the bad guy from the LTC holders. However, one shout out from Police to "drop the weapon" and an LTC holder will comply immediately. In fact, most LTC holders will only pull a weapon when fired upon, or seeing a clear shot at the active shooter, who in most cases is carrying long arms in addition to visible ammunition and side arms.

It is my belief that the LTCs on campus will save many lives should the need arise.

COM is an open campus and thus undesirable elements have free movement. With the terrorists issues our country is under you never know what can happen. Better to be safe than sorry.

It is the American's right to carry

The weapon will be concealed for one so no one will even know they have it. Two, If a individual has an L.T.C they have obviously been properly train to handle certain situations. Yes, you will always have people who break the rules but why punish the one's who are doing they right things as far as getting a license to carry. Individual who have concealed carry have saves lives. I picked always allow because I believe if the followed they law and have proper identification on them then yes always allow. However if a person is caught on campus with a hand gun and does not have proper identification they should be charged to the highest degree.

If students & faculty are permitted licensed holders, then they have the training to use their weapon in an emergency. Although PD is our primary security, it is an added security for staff, students, & visitors just in case. A licensed holder knows the laws & should not be of any danger to anyone.

The unexpected can happen at anytime and anywhere. You always need to be prepared for any situation that might come up. Remember , bad people will carry regardless of rules and laws , keep that in mind .

Thank you,

Never felt any danger on Campus.

I feel a person that is NOT licensed to carry could come up to any building or room at anytime and we would all be safer with licensed armed person to protect us.

Self Defense

Licensed gun owners should be able to carry any place that unlicensed, lunatics may carry.

The areas I marked "Never Allow" are events that will, more often than not, involve a variety of emotions. Emotions & guns do not mix well.

I marked "Always Allow" on the majority of areas on our campus. I believe that if a person has their legal LTC then they should be allowed to carry. (Please see additional comments below in #3.)

The policy related to the Child Lab School should be given additional consideration. Therefore, at this time I remain neutral on that area.

Bad guys will chose the safest place for THEM.

Licensed concealed carriers are the safest and most law abiding demographic (more so than the national average of police forces). The safety concern is if there is a location on campus that bars carry, the school must provide a conveniently located secure storage solution.

I attended a class in the spring semester of 2016 with a student that was a deputy who wore his side arm to every class, my personal concern is; does the school condone supporting the civil rights of one class of person over others? I certainly hope not. My understanding is that COM has a policy of equality, and the opportunity to demonstrate that the civil right of self defense applies to all equally and every where.

While I understand the concerns with guns on campus, I believe it is our right to defend ourselves. With all the shootings at schools around the country I would feel better with my protection than not.

Mass shootings happen when good people aren't allowed guns.

If you have a LTC, you should be allowed to conceal carry anywhere. Those who carry without a LTC are the problem.

Why should any area be less protected by people who are less likely to commit crimes than almost any segment of the population, including police officers? The only exceptions I see would be areas where the firearm could be accidentally dislodged from the holster (during physical activity for instance), and the police department.

The right to defend oneself should always be allowed

I believe that any time we limit areas, as gun free zones, we paint those areas as targets for any actor seeking to do harm. The majority of gun owners, especially LTC individuals, go above and beyond when it comes to gun safety. I also understand the fear of having anyone licensed to be able to carry onto campus. It should be made clear that although campus carry is allowed, no one is obligated to intervene in any incident. The police should always remain the first line of defense. However, I shouldn't be deprived of my ability to protect myself in a moment in which the police are not in the right place at the right time.

I feel people should always be allowed to carry if they are licensed to do so. They have gone through back ground checks and training. I believe that if you ban guns you are just making the area an easy target for people who choose to come on with guns and harm people. Putting up a 30.06 and 30.07 is not going to stop a person who has made the decision to come on campus and shoot people.

LTC individuals have been trained how and when to carry their firearm and the consequences of firing such firearm.

Those who are licensed to carry have gone through rigorous processes to do so and in my opinion this should allow them to carry where they wish if it's appropriate. I marked always allow for most of my answers because of personal expirience those who are licensed to carry and do so prevent crimes, and some of my family members would not be with us currently had licensed carriers not saved them in gun zones, and had they been threatened in a gun free zone they wouldn't have survived due to licensed carriers that follow the law would have been unarmed.

Always allow, a incident that's an emergency that needs protection can happen anywhere at anytime. It's better to be safe no matter where you go on campus.

All areas should be allowed otherwise it makes the whole point of the bill being passed as pointless.

I believe that the majority of LTC holders are responsible and safe handlers of firearms. Therefore, they have a right to carry in the majority of locations on campus. I would be okay with not having them in emotionally charged meetings such as student or faculty grievance hearings. I am far more concerned with people who do not have a LTC bringing firearms on campus with the express intent of hurting someone. A would-be shooter already knows it is against the law to shoot people, so they really don't care that it is also against the law for them to bring the weapon on campus in the first place. Allowing trained and responsible students and faculty to carry in the majority of the campus might deter such an event, and could stop a shooter, or prevent them from committing multiple murders.

A licensed holder must hold themselves to higher standards. Allowing them to conceal carry should be allowed. However, failure to follow laws should mean a ban from the campus.

I do not believe that a person who has been thru the LTC class and checks constitutes a danger to anyone in or out of the college environs. These people have been thru training in the use of force, deadly force and non violent conflict resolution and have characteristically proven themselves to be law abiding to the point that a police officer is more likely to commit a crime with a weapon than they. Further as proven time and again the criminal element does not care what the law says nor do they care about hurting others for personal gain or enjoyment. Therefore there is no place on campus that I believe should be off limits to a person who has been thru this training and background vetting.

The campus should be a safe place, police can never be everywhere and are rarely there when you need them (murphy's law). The only way to protect the students and facility is to assure the "Bad Guys/Gals" know someone is there that can stop them.

if you can carry on campus there shouldn't be any restricted areas in my opinion. if you can walk into one room but the next is restricted it would be pointless

License holders should be able to carry anywhere on campus. The 2nd amendment gives the right to carry and doesn't give a list of restrictions.

Those personnel whom have been through the training and extensive background check should be allowed to carry wherever, they were not just given a license. 1. They could protect property and life and the event if something occurred. 2. There are some areas that people could get upset and they do not think reasonably nor responsibly and should not be allowed to carry because they let their temper take control and it could get out of hand and it is possible that something could happen. Some of us Student's are Retired Law Enforcement and we sometime's don't feel safe of our surroundings, due to the fact that we have impacted a lot of peoples life's good and bad depending on the consequences that they were awarded. I pray that whatever decision that you all make concerning this policy that you will consider ALL of the scenario's of the "What If" for the safety and security of the Faculty and Students of College of the Mainland.

People go crazy everywhere, so you should be able to protect yourself or others everywhere except for child development lab to avoid an accident.

All College staff, faculty and employees have the right to defend themselves! Any space that is deemed to be a gun-free zone will make no difference at all to a person bent on trying to kill anyone on campus--in fact, it may even let them know that everyone in that gun-free zone is defenseless!! Criminals do not pay attention to any gun laws!!

Parking Lot

VA: Veterans are the most qualified individuals to concealed carry, therefore it stands to reason they should be always allowed to carry while conducting business with the VA.

Parking lot: Students can easily be accosted in the parking lot, especially at night. In addition, even if not allowed in the bushings, they will have their firearms ready in their vehicles for their trips home.

First, I do prefer that guns be kept at the parking lot inside your vehicle if you just have to bring a gun to school. My concerns primarily arise for the lack of awareness and plain out ignorance of actual gun related incidents at colleges. I feel less safe knowing and seeing weapons being carried at large in general educational environment, where academic discourse and exploration of views and thoughts are discussed intensely. This gun carrying attitude will hinder the safe environment for any type of discourse to take place in any part all items listed above. It is in my opinion, this can create an environment that can be toxic and volatile often leads to violence. Solutions to personal safety can be discussed and be proactively engaged in an academic campus geared for education rather than taunting a weapon that can be easily discharged by accident or be yielded and used in a act of frustration or anger. The perception of who has a weapon and to the extend of who's personal safety is being encroached upon is subjective and often riddled with human error. This is why I placed a " never allowed" to most of the questionnaire and "two" always allow; one for the firing range and the other for the "parking lot" as allowable accommodations to gun licensed individuals. Most people already leave weapons in their vehicles right now and some students have guns on them whether this law has taken effect or not on campus. I would like an adherence to a holistic approach to education without the mindlessness rhetoric of political dogma and bias laws that allure to a sense of artificial safety at the possible outcome of human fatalities.

I see no reason for anyone to carry a gun on campus in any building. However I know it is the law and it will happen but maybe it can be contained to just the parking lots.

Never allow a student to carry a gun on campus-period. All campus outside areas and inside buildings should be "no carry zones". The student should leave his gun in his car before stepping one foot on campus.

Veteran's Affairs

VA: Veterans are the most qualified individuals to concealed carry, therefore it stands to reason they should be always allowed to carry while conducting business with the VA.

Parking lot: Students can easily be accosted in the parking lot, especially at night. In addition, even if not allowed in the bushings, they will have their firearms ready in their vehicles for their trips home.

Veteran's affairs personnel are representative of and serve those who have fought for our rights and freedoms. I hold the opinion that they should be able to carry within the Veteran's affairs areas. The gun range should be allowed because you need to have a gun to utilize the facility and in using the facility you should have already met the gun range policies and requirements.

Those areas marked not allowed I deemed would at some point or many points of the day be high-traffic areas for students. It is difficult to monitor and maintain rules if they are different for each location.

Areas marked neutral hold public events on a regular basis and I assume there will be a separate policy for those events.

Campus Police & Firing Range

i think on the Com police area are fine to conceal a gun for the reason that we have the police officers to take care of any problems.

I feel comfortable in a environment were no guns are allowed. the firing range and school police are the only places guns should be allowed in a school.

I believe that the campus police should always be able to carry because my safety is in their hands. The cashier should also carry just because they are dealing with cash.

The COM Police and the firing range would not be able to perform their specific duties if they were not allowed to have firearms.

The others should not be allowed due to being government meetings and/or emotionally charged meetings.

Allowing guns in any place that isn't the Firing Range simply increases risk that someone will be shot. There is zero benefit to allowing conceal carry guns in educational areas or around faculty and staff.

Never - grievance committee means that emotions run high; firearms and negative emotions may not be a safe time to allow weapons for anyone.

Always - police are trained to use firearms and I would also assume more used to special circumstances of when it is appropriate to use firearms.

I don't think it is appropriate to need a gun on school campus if you aren't the police

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People shouldn't be allowed to bring their guns around the kids. It would be pointless to be at the shooting range without something to shoot with.

Unless the course specifically teaches about the operation of a firearm, there should be no need for a student or an instructor to possess a firearm in a classroom. It should be obvious that we should always allow firearms at the Firing Range.

Firing Range - Because this is where a weapon is required as part of the training necessary to become proficient and safety conscious

Cosmetology and 50 Plus - Because these areas are outside the jurisdiction of the campus in predominately surrounded by business not within the scope of the campus.

The campus police is supposed to protect and serve. The other locations do not have visible peace officers to protect them. Grievance meetings may get a little heated.

I feel guns do not belong in a learning environment. Yes you have some that are responsible in use of guns and other that do not care, they pick it up and will use whenever they are unhappy. Gun range and police should be allowed to carry.

My three "always allow" areas are those where law enforcement personnel will be involved either in a professional or student capacity.

The "never allow" areas fit under one of three areas: those where children are present such as the lab school, those where money is kept or exchanged such as the bookstore, and the one that I believe will be the most controversial, which is faculty offices. Since faculty are typically alone in their offices, sometimes with a student who is unhappy about a grade, attendance issues, etc., leaving a faculty member vulnerable is problematic as has been in evidence with student violence on college campuses across the country. I never shut my door when a student is in my office-- others do.

Firing Range - always allow - current and future law enforcement officers are trained here who bring their own fire arms, which may or may not be concealed. Concealed handgun classes are also conducted at the firing range so it would be appropriate that this this be allowed in this location.

The areas that I have indicated "never allow" are for the following reasons:

- 1) these areas are specifically targeted to serving children and/or youth through high school
- 2) are meetings where emotions may be high and/or stressful discussions are taking place

I feel like the campus police should be the only people on campus with a weapon. A student may feel like he is mature enough to carry his gun, but in the event of a crisis or a heated argument accidents can happen. The only other appropriate location for hand guns is the shooting range.

Common Areas/Classrooms

Places where Firearms should be allowed are Student common areas and classrooms.

Offices of teachers and professionals should not allow firearms/ should be left up to that person. Meeting between COM staff and COM Staff and students should not have firearms present

Children, police, Board and Grievance meeting - no need because of safety and trouble issues

The areas for "always"....are areas with mass and non student areas which could be trouble areas because of the community allowance areas.

Cashier

I believe that the campus police should always be able to carry because my safety is in their hands. The cashier should also carry just because they are dealing with cash.

Off Campus Locations

My answers were based on the fact that I feel these areas in particular pose more of a risk than others. Child care would definitely put children in harms way if some gun toting nut case were to come on premise. If there were custody issues, this may be a place that one might use a gun as force to obtain their child without approval.

Offices are at risk as there is no accountability of having witnesses to anything that may come up.

The satellite campuses such as 50 plus, Gulf Coast Safety are at risk and especially North County since there is no onsite Police protection. Main campus has the ability to have an Officer come to aide much quicker than the off site campuses. North County has to call the LG City Police and hope that an officer is in the general area then if able call COM PD. Being set back off the road, while visible, the CLC and AHC buildings are basically at the mercy of the staff protecting themselves. There is also the issue of the elementary school directly across the road. The last thing one needs is an active shooter injuring children let alone staff and visitors at either facility.

Additional Comments

I believe there should be some sort of testing to prove the students carrying are competent and of sound mind to carry.

I believe the only people who cause problems with gun are those who do not have the right or license to own one.

I think is a good idea. I served in the Military so I will gladly defend anybody to the best of my ability and I know that there are many like me that are willing to do the same.

Any person carrying a firearm to campus should be given a class on how to react to an active shooter on the campus. Law Enforcement may confuse students with firearms for an active shooter when they arrive on campus.

Students should be free to carry guns in most areas as a matter of security for themselves and others what with the constant terror threats in schools and populated areas.

Guns themselves pose little risk alone, our concern may be to allow a voluntary carry registration letting wielders at their own discretion inform the campus police and staff that they may carry on days they are here. it would not be necessary, but give an option to provide for greater clarity with campus staff and officials as to the state of student affairs.

Considerable measures should be made.

We should find a way to allow weapons only on campus grounds but not in any actual buildings.

At times like this, people need to feel as safe as possible and in today's society, that is difficult to accomplish.

I believe this legislation is a good thing to have. I being a veteran and now police officer always carry when off duty in accordance with the laws I enforce while on duty. I am efficiently trained, and in the event of an active shooter crisis, I would not like to be hindered to where I can or cannot carry when trying to stop a threat and save lives.

If you are 21 you should have the right to bear arms and protect yourself anytime and anywhere. No one should tell you where can or cannot carry.

If a person attends state mandatory gun handling course basically they should be able to carry a gun anywhere. The dangerous ponies are those with no skills or training in gun safety and use.

I am a student veteran, and I think allowing open carry on a college campus is the biggest mistake that COM can make because the environment will now become more tense and hostile creating a big liability. I love gun, but I don't think guns should be in the hands of stressed out college students or stressed teachers/staff. This is making it easier for a disgruntled person (student, teacher/staff or anyone off the street) with a gun to come shoot up the school, because this law grants them easier access into the school with a gun, this is common sense.

I am all for allowing COM police to have guns, but only while in uniform and on duty. How will you know who is qualified to carry and who is not. It is too many students to single one person out of many and ask to see their credentials, people will sue for discrimination therefore causing a tense environment. The military will not even allow guns on their bases or facilities, open carry or concealed and 90% of the people are trained to used them. They keep the guns in the hands of the people responsible for the security of the base. To be honest if I saw another student or teacher in a classroom or campus I would honestly be paranoid the whole time. I don't know how stable these individuals are sitting next to me are. I honestly would not be able to focus while on the campus.

There has been some research showing that rape rates rise on campuses which allow guns. People argue that the guns help women defend themselves, but it is more likely to be used to force rape than to defend against it. I hope this can be addressed somehow on our campus.

I believe that everyone who is carrying a gun should be licensed and registered with a concealed handgun license. I also think that it would be a good idea if the person who agrees to carry that they should register their gun (have a back log of the gun serial number, gun type, and bullet's ID). I worry about the students carrying a gun due to sensitive subjects being discussed and also the stress that they are under when it is exam, midterms, and final week.

Campus police should offer tandem training to the CHL student body, so these students will understand the protocol of an active shooter situation. Training is key to the safety of all who walk COM's campus. Restrictions will only lead to well known target areas for a potential active shooter. Stay aware, stay educated and stay safe.

I think it should be allowed.

There no comments.

I would feel safer if there were few restricted areas for LTC individuals or CHL owners because in the event of an active shooter coming on campus, my hope would be that those individuals that are licensed to carry or CHL holders would be well trained and ready to defend themselves and other students by stopping the active shooter. In uncertain times as these we live in today, having well-trained individuals comfortable with a fire arm are extremely beneficial and necessary to the health and survival of the students, staff and faculty of College of the Mainland.

Individuals who are LTC are generally not the ones to worry about it. They are following the law. There is a population of students who carry unlawfully already.

n/a

I thought everything was addressed in the Forum I attended.

Since it is the law, maybe classrooms can be places where open carry IS NOT allowed and certain designated places can be where it IS allowed. Teachers will be very vulnerable.

n/a

While I haven't learned all that I need to know about the proposed laws it would seem to me that it would be difficult to segregate areas where firearms are allowed around those under 18 years of age on our campus. It does not seem prudent to allow the firearms on our campus if they are not allowed on a traditional high school campus when approximately 1/3 of our students are dual credit/collegiate high school.

Campus police are on campus so why would i need a Gun?

We can not control what the unlicensed do with are we so concerned with the licensed?

Regardless of the policy that is set in place by the college, the same risk is associated whether carrying is permitted or not. Those who do not follow the law are not going to follow campus policy either. I do not feel that being allowed to carry puts the faculty or students at a greater risk of harm, as that risk is present each time we walk onto campus.

I think this is a horrible situation, I know we have to follow Texas Legislature/Laws but I think this will create more issues than it will resolve.

This absurd law should be reversed!

Has the law taken into consideration the possession of a concealed firearm where flammable and shock sensitive chemicals are located?

There is something that I believe everyone around campus has failed to take into consideration. These types of laws and regulations are only meant for the honest individuals, the ones that actually abide by the law and do care about the well being of others. Criminals, and the likes thereof, are going to do whatever they want taking no consideration for the well being of others. There is no guarantee at any given moment, especially the area where the college is located, that there are not concealed weapons on campus everyday. These regulations that are being put into place, do not apply to these types of people, as they believe they are outside the law. These regulations are meant for the individuals that obey what laws and regulations have been handed down.

I am not an advocate of the campus carry policy because I see it as a deterrent to the learning process and the ability to have and express matters in an open as well as honest dialog. My fear is that the open carry creates an environment that suppresses this dialog because one party may fear retaliation on another party's part based on expressing one's viewpoint that becomes emotionally disagreeable on the other person's stance on the matter.

Contract Training is provided at various COM locations. Would we need to disclose to them which areas of the campus are gun-free, or gun "permitted" ?

LTC openly is not okay; however, concealed and/or in your vehicle should be permissible.

Either guns should be banned from faculty offices, or faculty should not be required to hold office hours in their offices. I do not want to be trapped in a small office alone with a potentially angry, potentially gun-toting student, and I'm considering holding office hours somewhere like the library or the student center where there are always other people around.

I believe COM should consider the "Always Allow" areas that I labeled above. However, I think it would be wise to implement additional requirements for LTC holders to be allowed to carry on COM's campus. Possibly develop a series of gun safety, gun use, & guns for protection courses that an LTC holder must complete prior to carrying on our campus. I believe these additional requirements would help to ease the minds of LTC holders & non-holders about the fact that guns are allowed on campus.

While I would prefer the campus to not to allow any guns on campus (aside from the firing range and the COM police), I understand the law requires it and careful consideration should be given to the areas where guns will be allowed.

We need a safe campus, police cannot be everywhere. We must protect ourselves and our fellow students.

Any attempt to use school regulations even if they are within the confines of the law, essentially violates the purpose of the law and that is so that those who chose to carry concealed a firearm may attend the campus freely with out burdensome rules. Such as: you can go here but not there.

I hope that areas designated for NO weapons are clearly marked.

I realize that the majority of permit holders are responsible and law-abiding. However, it only takes one mentally unstable person with a "License To Carry" to shoot innocent people on campus. I am seriously considering resigning from my job at this community college because of this law. I value my safety more than a law that the Texas Legislature shoved down our throats.

Campus carry means Advisors, Money Handlers, and Profs will be in the firing lines. They will have to carry as well.

Truth be told, the Campus Carry Act is a scary law, enacted at a time when school violence is rampant throughout the country. School shootings have averaged one per week since 2013 according to statistics gathered by EVERYTOWN, a gun safety watchdog group, which adds up to 199 shootings on pre-school, elementary, middle school, K-12 school, high school,community college, and college campuses. Here is a link to the individual incidents: <http://everytownresearch.org/school-shootings/> Approximately 89 of those incidents were at a community college or college/university campus. Many of them happened in waves, one after the other.

This is the most ridiculous and irresponsible piece of legislation I have ever seen. People have the constitutional right to smoke, yet we don't allow them to smoke on campus. Vote all of the Republicans out of office and repeal this travesty.

N/A

The fact is it's the law, so we have to make the campus predominantly open. Since I have been here (over 7 years) there have been multiple accidental discharges in classroom areas. The fact is this is Texas, and the day after this goes into effect there wont be any more guns on campus than there were the day before. It'll just be legal.

Probably should add some gun safety courses to course catalog.

I expect that the men and women in charge of this institution to uphold the law passed in the state of Texas and respect it even if they do not agree with it. I expect for you to respect my right to conceal carry and protect myself. thank you.

Campus rules should be, if you do not have a LTC, do not carry on campus. Violators will be fined \$100,00.00 and banished from campus for life.

I believe in the right to self defense. I would not carry into classrooms, etc, but I want access to my weapon in the event of an active shooter event

Law enforcement officials need to be the only group allowed to open carry.

LTC hand gun owners should have the right to carry into their offices concealed.

You never know when you are going to need protection.

I am curious how this will be implemented as we have Collegiate High School students mixed in amongst the general student population here at COM, in almost every classroom. Also, I am curious as to response times regarding an firearm incident at one of the sites off the main campus (e.g.: Appomattox Square, Cosmetology Lab, GCSI, etc.)

I would be wary of allowing carry in the gym for one reason: securing the firearm. Those lockers really aren't that secure. But for purposes of attending a basketball game or other event held in the gym, where one is not expected to change clothing, it should be allowed.

In my opinion, I do believe in the right to carry a gun, but i just don't think carrying a gun on school campuses has any purpose, other than making people nervous and paranoid. Safety on our campuses should be a priority!

One issue that is not addressed is that people carry on the property every day and no one knows, I am not aware of any incidents where a weapon has been produced on the COM campus and used in an illegal manner. So if it is already occurring what difference does it make as to if its in a building or not, simply put it doesn't

Campus Carry makes perfect sense and needs to be adopted.

Will employees be concealing their weapons as well, and what type of protocol is that going to entail? If we are in an altercation and have to fire our personal weapon, are we covered by the college's insurance, or are we opening ourselves up to personal lawsuits? Will places that are restricted, like an instructor's office, still allow the instructor to carry?

The campus should be better protected by adding more security officers and metal detectors for all entrances. Anyone carrying a gun should also be required to have a permit on his or her body. Those who plan to carry arms on the campus should be required to register with the campus police department, so they will have some idea as to who will be carrying and whether or not they have permits to carry.

I hope Administration and Police Dept. know, if students are allowed to carry, teachers sure will.

If allowed to carry and someone is carrying a concealed handgun, but for some reason the guns shows, bending over, wind blows clothing, is this going to be a problem if the person has an open carry license?

I'm not opposed to campus carry but think extra consideration should be given where counseling, exchange of money, and dispute resolution take place, as these can result in emotionally charged situations. I expect that CHL holders will behave themselves but there's no guarantee of that.

Does the college have the right to, at least request, that those that have LTCs to register that information with the college? Or maybe only those that intend to carry guns on campus? Or at least staff who do?

I am looking at this from the point of view not to limit the lawful carrying of weapons, but that it might be helpful for police to have some idea, when going into a possibly dangerous situation to know who might be carrying, and even who they could call on for assistance.

Do not restrict every single area.