

November 7, 2015

I am sending this message to voice my opposition to the new Campus Carry Law. I am also asking you to please add my name as a co-signee to the following statement that would have been sent by a group of faculty members from the Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering.

"We the undersigned faculty members of the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering believe that, except for those carried by law enforcement personnel, guns should not be allowed in any building at the University of Texas at Austin. The first canon of the code of ethics of the American Society of Civil Engineers begins "Engineers shall hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public." We believe that allowing guns in our classrooms, laboratories, and offices would be inconsistent with this canon. Further, we believe that allowing guns in campus buildings is contrary to the directive of the Constitution of the State of Texas that we should become a "university of the first class," because it will make the retention and recruitment of excellent faculty and students more difficult."

Thank you,
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