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Dear UHD Colleagues,

You already have received previous correspondence from me on the issue of Campus Carry. This is a law that will no doubt drive ongoing conversations at the University and across the state. As the first day of classes approaches, I know there may still be questions about UHD's policies and procedures concerning the law. I certainly welcome and invite discussion on the topic, and I am sending this message to offer some details that will assist you this semester and going forward.

Much of this information has been previously communicated, but my intent is to offer this message as an informational resource for both part-time and full-time faculty.

In my last message to you, I referenced language that can be used on syllabi. Please note that syllabus notification is not required by the University or the state. Faculty can elect to use the wording below that has been reviewed by the UH System Office of the General Counsel.

- *As of August 1, 2016, the "Campus Carry Law" (SB 11) is in effect on the UHD campus. Any individuals who hold a current and valid License to Carry may carry a concealed handgun on or about their person, where permitted on UHD property. Certain areas of campus have been designated as gun-free areas, and there are notices or signs at those locations. Please refer to the UHD Campus Carry Policy (<https://www.uhd.edu/administration/employment-services-operations/resources/Documents/PS01A16.pdf>) for a list of the areas designated as gun-free and to understand your rights and responsibilities under the policy.*

Again, the use of syllabus language is at your discretion. Please know that faculty members cannot make statements on syllabi or course communications that would identify, limit, restrict or dissuade those with licenses to carry from exercising their rights that are provided in the University's Campus Carry Policy or applicable law. Faculty can review the Texas code regarding wrongful exclusion of license holders [here](#).

Further questions regarding Campus Carry are addressed on the UHD Police Department's website. Visit this [link](#) for details on the law itself, the UHD Campus Carry policy, a list of campus areas excluded from Campus Carry and other details.

UHD faculty have been exemplary in leading the discussions, fashioning policy, and engaging in this difficult dialogue. This conversation will continue, and I welcome your feedback. There are many positive developments at UH-Downtown, and we should have a good year.

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