



UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN  
**GREEN BAY**

*Student Senate*

**October 26th, 2015**

**University Union, 1965 Room**

**5:15pm**

- I. Call To Order: 5:16
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. Reed moved to amend the Agenda to include the reading of the bill. Gretchen seconded. Approved.
  - b. Approval of the new agenda, Catherine approved. Gretchen seconded. Approved.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Chad Osteen
    - Guns do not make people safer in self-defense situations.
    - The more guns in an area, the higher the rate of gun violence.
    - Right-to-carry gun laws linked to increase in violent crime.
    - Gun access increases the suicide rate.
    - Additional concerns,
      1. What are the opinions of our constituents and faculty? Some professors have stated that some would take on early retirement if conceal and carry is passed on campus.
      2. RHAA, extremely uncomfortable about the possibility of having guns in dorm rooms.
      3. Supporting a safe living and working environment.



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- b. Sam Welhouse and Nate Fiene
  - Getting a concealed carry gun permit is more difficult to get than people think (21+, numerous classes, etc).
  - Weapons in Dorms.
  - What does conceal and carry help?
    1. Women (street harassment, rape)
    2. Minorities (hate crimes)
    3. LGBT
  - Crime rates on campus for type.
  - Concealed Carry and Violence information
- c. Nate Fiene
  - Homicide survey (Gun related)
  - Small Arms Survey
  - Discrepancies in what is labeled homicide and gun related murder.
  - Active shooting on the rise
  - Crime is dropping
  - Why the crime dropped?
    1. Criminal uncertainty
    2. Victim resistance
  - Gun Facts
  - What can SGA do?
- d. Reed Resolution –Reading of the Bill
  - Resolution on Concealed Carry at UW-Green Bay.
- e. Samuel motioned to table the motion. Reeds objects.
- f. Discussion – Conceal and Carry
  - C: If it is passed this strips the university from choosing if they want or do not want Conceal and Carry on campus.
  - Q: If the state does go forth with the legislature can the school do anything about this?
  - Q: How many students are 21 and over on campus? How many people will really be affected by having conceal and carry on campus? Is there a way to get this data?
  - C: There needs to be more information given about conceal and carry on campuses not on murder rates. There should be more relevant data, for example what does the suicide rate have to do with anything?



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- C: Suicide is something that should be considered relevant to the top of conceal and carry. It is a thing that can happen on campus.
  - C: There are some statistics on depression and suicide. Is there a way to get more information of this occurring on campus?
  - C: Public Safety does oppose the passing of conceal and carry on campus.
  - C: To address why are we talking about it? Faculty has asked for the SGA opinion on the matter.
  - C: The questions on the survey could have been worded better.
  - C: We are represented data that says if someone owns a gun there is a higher chance of suicide. What are the concerns on this campus? Students on this campus struggle with depression, and anxiety.
  - Q: Brenda, do you think that having Conceal and Carry on campus would increase the knowledge of who has guns on campus?
  - A: No, there are some students who already have the conceal and carry permit on campus and they simply do not alert the school. There are already guns out there.
  - C: We should address the issue of depression. If suicide is a major issue on campus, that should be addressed, not the guns.
  - C: We are not here to fix the issue of depression. The issue at hand is if we support conceal and carry on campus or not. Nothing else is being considered at the moment.
  - What kind of data is wanted for the next meeting?
    1. How many schools in Wisconsin already have conceal and carry on campus?
    2. How many people is this going to affect?
    3. How much gun violence is already occurring at other schools?
  - g. Motioned to Table the Discussion. Samuel Approved. Mitch Seconded. Approved.
- V. Adjournment: Motion to end the meeting. Nik approved. Gretchen seconded. Approved. Adjourned at 6:16