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Dear Colleagues:

Following passage of the new concealed carry law, a clear consensus emerged amongst the UW chancellors that a UW System policy on the carrying of weapons or firearms be put in place, and that the UW institutions could proceed to adopt consistent local policies. Understandably, there is some confusion about what the new state law entails. The hope is that the new systemwide policy, and subsequent institutional policies, will help provide some clarity.

We worked closely with chief business officers, chief student affairs officers, police chiefs, and other stakeholders at the colleges and universities to draft such a policy. Accordingly, please find attached Financial and Administrative Policy (FAP) #G51, the "UW System Policy on Carrying Weapons or Firearms at University of Wisconsin Institutions," which is now in effect.

The Office of General Counsel will continue to monitor this topic and its affect on our institutions. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit:
<http://www.wisconsin.edu/gc-off/news/concealed-carry.htm>

We hope this information is helpful. If you have additional questions not covered in the FAQ above, please don't hesitate to contact General Counsel Tom Stafford (608-263-6105, tstafford@uwsa.edu) or Deputy General Counsel Chris Ashley (608-262-3662, cashley@uwsa.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Morgan".

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