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SA1516-013: Resolution Opposing Concealed Carry in University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Residence Halls

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WHEREAS; the Wisconsin State Assembly had a proposal (Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau reference 2653) that was introduced on Monday, October 12, 2015 as an amendment to Wisconsin State Statute 943.13(1m)(c);

WHEREAS; this proposal would allow individuals with concealed carry permits to have concealed firearms on their person in buildings belonging to the University of Wisconsin System;

WHEREAS; these buildings would include residence halls;

WHEREAS; approximately 9% of students in UW-L residence halls (320) are over the required age of 21 to hold a concealed carry permit;

WHEREAS; in the confines of a residence hall, there is currently no proper storage space to ensure that the concealed carry permit holder is the only one who has access to their firearm;

WHEREAS; these students are able to store their firearms in the campus police lockup, rather than the residence halls, if the amendment to Wisconsin State Statute 943.13(1m)(c) is passed;

WHEREAS; campus police holding firearms in the campus police lockup would ensure their safe storage;

WHEREAS; prohibiting firearms in residence halls would prevent additional stress to student staff, professional staff and other residents;

WHEREAS; Dr. Nick Nicklaus, the UW-L Director of Residence Life, is opposed to concealed carry in the residence halls due to the “potential for over-reaction to a situation which may develop” and because concealed carry “would place our residents and staff in a dangerous situation during any kind of confrontation”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Student Association of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is opposed to concealed carry being permitted in the residence halls belonging to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

resolution tabled indefinitely

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