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## A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GUN FOUND IN WESCOE HALL

- WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations states “The Student Senate shall work to build a vital and thriving University community encompassing students, faculty, staff, and administration,” and
- WHEREAS, the Preamble to the Student Senate Rules and Regulations states “The KU Student Senate shall work to enhance the learning experience of all KU students both in and out of the classroom,” and
- WHEREAS, many students on this campus are concerned and frightened by the concealed carry policy, that students vehemently opposed, that went into effect on July 1, 2017, and
- WHEREAS, a stolen, loaded .38-caliber revolver was found in a restroom in Wescoe Hall September 5, 2017, and
- WHEREAS, many students have expressed that the situation developed without them being informed by the University what was going on, and
- WHEREAS, the University Daily Kansan was the sole source of information regarding the incident, and while they did an excellent job reporting, the University must shoulder the majority of the burden of informing students about events pertaining to campus safety, and
- WHEREAS, the University has systems in place to reach students via text message or email, and neither of these forms of communication were used, and
- WHEREAS, the University has yet to release any information regarding this incident, and the University has an obligation to its students to inform them of dangerous incidents on campus to avoid misinformation and ensure students know that the University is acting, and
- WHEREAS, there are students with unique access needs that are being put in danger due to the nature of current notification and the alert, given that an immediate text alert is needed, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Kansas Student Senate here assembled condemns the University's failure to respond to the incident that occurred and its failure to notify students in any form. The University must inform students when weapons are found on campus, so that students have the correct information when concerning developments occur on campus. The University of Kansas Student Senate requests that the University creates a new procedure concerning unattended guns on campus and better informs students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the following entities:

Chancellor Douglas Girod  
Provost Neeli Bendapudi  
Interim Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs Reggie Robinson  
KU Public Safety Office  
Lawrence Journal World  
University Daily Kansan

  
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