

WTAMU | Staff Opinion

Staff Council, a representative body of West Texas A&M University, was asked by Student Government to form a staff opinion on the issue of Concealed Carry of firearms on campus. Staff Council executive members felt it would be best to survey the staff of WTAMU to find out how our constituents feel and base our response on those findings. Regardless of the findings, we will abide by all state and federal laws and TAMU System regulations on the issue. The opinions expressed herein will not reflect the opinion of West Texas A&M University.

The Survey:

The survey asked three questions and allowed for comments by the respondent.

Question 1 – Would you support Faculty or Staff being permitted to Concealed Carry on Campus if they are a Concealed Carry Permit holder? Y/N

Question 2 – Would you support Students being permitted to Concealed Carry on Campus if they are a Concealed Carry Permit holder? Y/N

Question 3 – Do you have any comments or suggestions to make our campus safer for faculty, staff and students? Comment box.

The survey link was emailed to all current staff based on information obtained from Personnel Services. It was also distributed to the Physical Plant at their January 30 and 31, 2013 safety meetings for those who might not have access to a computer.

Survey Results:

Of the five hundred and twenty-four (524) staff members, identified by personnel, four hundred and thirty-nine (439) survey responses were returned. This is an eighty-four percent (84%) return rate.

Question 1 – Of four hundred and thirty-one (431) responses, two hundred and sixty-eight (268), or sixty-two percent (62%), are in support of allowing faculty and staff to concealed carry if they are current concealed carry permit holders. One hundred and sixty-three (163), or thirty-eight percent (38%), are opposed to allowing concealed carry by faculty and staff.

Question 2 – Of four hundred and thirty (430) responses, one hundred and fifty-four (154), or thirty-six percent (36%), are in support of allowing students to concealed carry if they are a current concealed carry permit holders. Two hundred and seventy-six (276), or sixty-four percent (64%), are opposed to allowing concealed carry by students.

Question 3 – There were 80+ comments.

The survey results and resulting opinion were presented to the full Staff Council on February 19th, 2013.

Opinion:

Based on our survey results, we find general support among staff members for faculty and staff to carry concealed handguns on campus, if they are a concealed carry permit holder. Based on survey results, staff would not support students carrying concealed weapons on campus.

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1. Would you support Faculty or Staff being permitted to Concealed Carry on Campus if they are a Concealed Carry permit holder?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		268	62%
2	No		163	38%
	Total		431	100%

2. Would you support Students being permitted to Concealed Carry on Campus if they are a Concealed Carry permit holder?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		154	36%
2	No		276	64%
	Total		430	100%