



Intent to Plan Deadly Weapons & Dangerous Objects
Policy Number: CU-GA-78

30 Day Comment Period Notice:

Consonant with Series 4 (Rules, Guidelines and Other Policy Statements by Governing Boards) and Concord University Policy No. 11 (Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal of Policies- Rule on Rules), the Concord University Board of Governors approved the Intent to Plan a policy on dangerous weapons and dangerous objects at their meeting on April 16, 2024.

In preparation for the implementation of the W. Va. Campus Self-Defense Act, which takes effect on July 1, 2024, the University is in need of a Policy to (i) denote the prohibited locations for carrying a concealed weapon on campus, (ii) address policy and statutory guidelines and violations, (iii) define terms within the policy, and (iv) provide resource information for education/training. The objective of this Policy is to establish guidelines regarding deadly weapons and dangerous objects on CU Property, and the University's implementation of W. Va. Code § 18B-4-5b, the Campus Self-Defense Act, which, subject to certain limited exceptions, allows for carrying of a concealed pistol or revolver on campus by those holding a current and valid License to carry a concealed deadly weapon.

In researching policies at other institutions outside West Virginia, it was determined that a number of policies adopted by public institutions included similar and specific language as is incorporated in the proposed Policy. The University has worked in conjunction with other state institutions of higher education in West Virginia to create a collective and uniform approach to the Campus Self-Defense Act.

As such, it is requested that Concord University's Board of Governors judiciously approve and adopt this Policy to provide guidance regarding deadly weapons on CU property in light of the implementation of W. Va. Code § 18B-4-5b, W. Va. Campus Self-Defense Act.

Please forward comments, preferably electronically to lwoolwine@concord.edu by **4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2024.**