

A Motion to be presented to the UFF Senate on 25 February 2018:

Whereas, gun violence is a major health problem in the United States of America, and

Whereas, many proposals to address this problem are based on special interests, political ideology, and armchair theorizing, and

Whereas, public health has advanced in the last two centuries *because of* scientific investigation *and in spite of* distracting or unhelpful special interests, political ideology, and armchair theorizing, and

Whereas, scientific investigation into gun violence in the United States of America has been effectively discouraged by an Act of Congress, the Dickey Amendment of 1996, and

Whereas, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and other scientific organizations have appealed to Congress to repeal this Act, and

Whereas, the public discussion of how to address gun violence has been impoverished by the lack of sound science in the subject, and

Whereas, educational institutions have become a target of gun violence, and

Whereas, the Academy is in a unique position to advise the public on how to address major problems the nation faces,

Be it resolved, that the United Faculty of Florida declares that this legislation has proved contrary to the public interest, and should be repealed as soon as possible, and

Be it resolved, that the United Faculty of Florida requests that its state and national affiliates support the repeal of this legislation, and

Be it resolved, that the United Faculty of Florida shall present a motion to support the repeal this legislation at the fall FEA Delegate Assembly, and we urge Congress to fund gun violence research through appropriate government agencies.