

SGF Report

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Legislative Watch

- ▶ The Senate approved SB 17 this week, which allows open carry.
- ▶ **SB 11** (section C) **denies** the right of public higher ed institutions to opt out of campus carry. Please contact your Senators– and email me if you need a contact list. It is out of committee, but not on the floor.
- ▶ **HB937** campus carry is in Committee; no date has been set for a public hearing.

Texas Council of Faculty Senates

- ▶ Panels on:
 - ▶ the role of Texas Tribune (and media) on issues that relate to higher ed;
 - ▶ Collegiality, Bullying, and Academia; (Trinity's Faculty Code of Conduct)
 - ▶ the role of faculty ombudspersons
 - ▶ AAUP and Higher Ed
- ▶ Campus Reports (almost universal evaluation of salary compression, merit exercises, and climate surveys.)
 - ▶ UTPA reports 25 TT faculty were fired during the first phase of campus reorganization
 - ▶ UTD added 50 new faculty in the last year
 - ▶ UTA has lost 3 VPS, 5 Deans, and the Vice Provost of Faculty Affairs in the last year
 - ▶ UT is losing their Business Dean as Pres. Powers leaves
 - ▶ A&M-SA became accredited as of December 2014