POLICY STATEMENT

Firearms (handguns, shotgun, rifle or replica) and dangerous weapons (switchblade knife, gravity knife, pilum ballistic knife, metal knuckle knife, dagger, razor, stiletto, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, plastic or metal knuckles, cane sword, chukka stick, sand bag, sandclub, wrist-brace slingshot or slingshot, electronic dart gun, shirken or “kung fu star”, electronic stun gun, ammunition, ammunition magazines, fireworks, explosives, or any lethal weapon) are not permitted anywhere on campus.

Intentional use, possession, or sale of firearms or other dangerous weapons by anyone is strictly forbidden and is a violation of state and federal law as well as a violation of the student code of rights and responsibilities. Also subject to action will be the use of any implement with the intention to cause harm.

The Chief of Police has permitted the possession of self-defense spray on campus for the purpose of self defense. All students in possession self-defense spray must comply with New York State Penal Law. To legally possess self-defense spray they must comply with, among other things, the following regulations:

1. Must be at least 18 years of age
2. Possessor cannot have been previously convicted of a felony or any assault.
3. Must be “a pocket sized spray device which contains and releases a chemical or organic substance which is intended to produce temporary physical discomfort or disability through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air.
4. Must be purchased from licensed Firearms Dealers or licensed Pharmacists in that state.
5. Must display the following warning on the canister: “WARNING: The use of this substance or device for any purpose other than self-defense is a criminal offense under the law. The contents are dangerous - use with care. This device shall not be sold by anyone other than a licensed or authorized dealer. Possession of this device by any person under the age of eighteen or by anyone who has been convicted of a felony or assault is illegal. Violators may be prosecuted under the law.”

RESPONSIBILITIES

Student policies and their effectiveness are reviewed annually as the Student Handbook is updated.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS