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Thanks for finally getting this issue on the radar. I personally believe the university is out of compliance with the State Constitution and relevant law. Our Constitution specifically states that, with a few exceptions such as a day care facility, a political subdivision of the State, such as a borough, municipality or State established and funded university, cannot have laws, regulations or policies more restrictive than State law. The university is a state funded political subdivision of the State and, as such, cannot, in my opinion, have a policy more restrictive than allowed under our Constitution or existing law. The university has a regents policy which flagrantly violates both our Constitution and State law.

We asked the University about this a couple of years ago and the response from their attorney was that she realized they could not cite or arrest us for carrying a firearm on university property, however, they could trespass anyone who did so once they asked that person to leave and they remained on the property anyway. This was the first time I ever heard of a person being trespassed for obeying the law. In a moose nugget, it's illegal for the university to have this policy so obviously it's illegal for them to enforce a policy which, on it's face, is illegal.

As a citizen of Alaska and a person who is eligible to carry a firearm in a legal manner, I'll carry on our State funded campus any damn time I feel like it without having to apologize for exercising a freedom currently protected under the Alaska Constitution and relevant law. And, if asked why I'm carrying, my answer will be "because I can."

Thanks,

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