The Chief Legal Officer, pursuant to the authority of UWG Policy 9.4, establishes the following procedures for compliance with Georgia's laws on the possession and carrying of weapons and the requirements as set forth by the University System of Georgia.

NOTE: As it relates to certain firearms (handguns) on campus, please see O.C.G.A. §16-11-127.1 and UWG Procedure 9.4.1, Possession and Carrying of Firearms on Campus. As it relates to electroshock weapons, such items shall be allowed to the extent it is only used in defense of self or others as required by O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1.

A. Definitions

1. **Campus** - UWG-owned or leased buildings, grounds and property, including sidewalks and streets within campus boundaries.

2. **Electroshock Weapon** – commercially available device that is powered by electrical charging units and designed exclusively to be capable of incapacitating a person by electrical charge, including, but not limited to, a stun gun or taser.

3. **Handgun** - means a firearm of any description, loaded or unloaded, from which any shot, bullet, or other missile can be discharged by an action of an explosive where the length of the barrel, not including any revolving, detachable, or magazine breech, does not exceed 12 inches; provided, however, that the term "handgun" shall not include a gun which discharges a single shot of .46 centimeters or less in diameter

4. **Person** - for the purposes of this Procedure only, person includes faculty, staff, students, third parties, vendors, and visitors to the Campus, with exceptions as noted by O.C.G.A. § 16-11-127.1(c), O.C.G.A. § 16-11-130, and O.C.G.A. 16-11-130.1. Said exceptions include certain persons acting within their official capacity, or while en route to or from their official duties, i.e., law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorneys; etc. For a complete list, please refer to the code sections listed immediately above.

5. **Weapon** - For the purposes of this procedure only, "Handguns" and "Electroshock Weapons" are not included in the definition of "Weapon;" otherwise, "Weapon" means and includes any instrument designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun-chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind. Exceptions: "Weapon" does not include baseball/softball bats, hockey sticks, or other sports equipment possessed by competitors for legitimate athletic purposes. This procedure excludes any of these instruments used for classroom work authorized by an instructor and as approved by the
University Chief of Police in writing. Students must secure approval by the instructor prior to requesting permission from the UWG Chief of Police. Permission requests to the Chief of Police must include academic justification and security considerations. Those bringing weapons must comply with the stipulations established by the Chief for security and safety purposes, and failure to do so may be considered a violation of this policy. Weapons brought on campus for classroom instruction will not include live ammunition although deactivated rounds are allowed for demonstration purposes only.

**B. Compliance**

No weapons are allowed on Campus except as set forth in [UWG Procedure 9.4.1](#) or this Procedure 9.4.2.

**C. Violations**

All persons found in possession of a Weapon in violation of either [UWG Procedure 9.4.1](#) or this Procedure who does not fall within one of the stated exceptions are subject to arrest and prosecution as provided for by Georgia law. Employees may also be subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including termination. Students found in possession of any Weapon other than one specifically listed as an exception will also be referred to Student Judicial Affairs for disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

**D. Additional Guidelines Published by University Units.**

The Chief Police Officer and the Chief Human Resources Officer are authorized to publish guidelines to implement UWG Policy 9.4 and its associated procedures. In the event a guideline conflicts with the UWG Policy or its associated procedures, the latter will control.

Issued by the Chief Legal Officer, the 30th day of January, 2017.

[Signature, Chief Legal Officer]

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