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Dear UTRGV community:

This email is to inform you that the Senate Bill 11 Campus Carry Working Group has completed its interim recommendations report.

The report, which is available here, has been reviewed and approved by Founding President Guy Bailey. The provisions established by UTRGV take effect unless amended by the UT System Board of Regents at a meeting later this spring. The campus carry law goes into effect Aug. 1.

"I have reviewed the report and approve the interim recommendations submitted by the working group," Bailey said. "The working group was asked to follow two guiding principles: comply with the law and maintain safe and secure campus environments. This plan attains that delicate balance, and I commend Ben Reyna and all members of the working group for their achievement and service."

The working group is chaired by Ben Reyna, UTRGV associate vice president for security and campus affairs. In the last three months the working group has met in person and via teleconference to review, discuss, debate and consider recommendations made during the town hall meetings, at other forums and through email submissions to the campus carry email address.

"The working group expresses its sincere thanks to the large number of participants who shared ideas, concerns and perspectives on this issue," Reyna said. "Reaching the best recommendations on how to implement the provisions of S.B. 11 at UTRGV that met the two guiding principles would have not been possible without the extensive and active participation from hundreds of students, faculty, staff and members from our external communities."

For more information, visit the campus carry website at www.utrgv.edu/campuscarry.

