Office of the President  
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Members, Board of Trustees:

PROPOSED REVISION TO ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION: POLICY ON DEADLY WEAPONS

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the attached revisions to Administrative Regulation (AR) II-1.2-7, Policy on Deadly Weapons. The proposed revisions consist of updating the definition of deadly weapons to conform to KRS 500.080 and formatting changes to make the regulation consistent with other university regulations.

Background: Kentucky Revised Statute 237.115 permits postsecondary education institutions to limit, restrict, or prohibit deadly weapons on any property owned or controlled by the institution. In 1996, the Board of Trustees approved AR II-1.2-7 to prohibit deadly weapons on university property, provide disciplinary action for violations, and provide for appropriate exceptions. The attached revisions are necessary to:

- Update the definition of deadly weapon to conform to KRS 500.080;
- Clarify the language; and,
- Update the formatting to make the AR consistent with other university regulations.

A revised copy of AR II-1.2-7 is attached. Proposed additions are underlined; proposed deletions are lined through.

Action taken: ☑ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other _______________________

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
POLICY ON DEADLY WEAPONS
(Approved by the Board of Trustees)

I. Policy PURPOSE

The Kentucky General Assembly has explicitly recognized the authority of the University to regulate the possession of deadly weapons on any property owned, leased or controlled by the University, including the right to prohibit possession of such weapons by any person or entity using or enjoying University property or premises. This policy applies to all property and premises owned or controlled by the University, including off-campus facilities used for athletic or other events controlled, sponsored, or managed by the University.

Except as provided in Subsection IV of this policy, deadly weapons are not permitted on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the University, including but not limited to the following—classrooms, laboratories, residence halls, hospitals and clinics, office buildings, performance halls, museums, athletics and recreation facilities, farms and forests, parking lots and structures, and all outdoor areas of the campus of any unit of the University. This prohibition is applicable to persons who possess and persons who do not possess lawfully issued licenses (or permits) to carry deadly weapons.

II. Violations PROHIBITION

A. Except as provided in Subsection III of this policy, deadly weapons are not permitted on any property owned, leased, or controlled by the University, including but not limited to the following—classrooms, laboratories, residence halls, hospitals and clinics, office buildings, performance halls, museums, athletics and recreation facilities, farms and forests, parking lots and structures, and all outdoor areas of the campus of any unit of the University. This prohibition is applicable to persons who possess and persons who do not possess lawfully issued licenses (or permits) to carry deadly weapons.

   A.B. Students who possess deadly weapons in violation of this prohibition are guilty of violations of the Code of Student Conduct and are subject to disciplinary action under that Code, including expulsion from the University, and all other appropriate legal actions.

   B. Faculty and staff Employees (faculty or staff) who possess deadly weapons in violation of this prohibition are guilty of misconduct and subject to disciplinary
corrective action under Governing and Administrative Regulations, including termination of employment and all other appropriate legal actions.

C. Others who possess deadly weapons in violation of this prohibition will be directed to remove their weapons or themselves from the University’s property or premises and shall be subject to all other appropriate legal actions, with all appropriate legal actions (including arrest) being taken upon failure to comply.

III. Definition

For purposes of this policy, “deadly weapon” means:

(A.1) a weapon of mass destruction;
(B.1) any weapon from which a shot, readily capable of producing death or other serious physical injury, may be discharged;
(C.2) any knife other than an ordinary pocket knife or hunting knife;
(D.3) billy, nightstick, or club;
(E.4) blackjack or slapjack;
(F.5) nunchaku karate sticks;
(G.6) shuriken or death star; and,
(H.7) artificial knuckles made from metal, plastic, or other similar hard material.

IV. Exceptions

The following actions or activities do not violate this policy:

A. Possession of deadly weapons by peace officers acting in the course of official duties;

B. Possession of deadly weapons as a part of legitimate academic, athletic, or work-related activities (e.g., historical preservation, law enforcement training, ROTC activities, 4-H marksmanship training, rifle team, etc.).
C. Possession of deadly weapons as a part of a sanctioned UK Athletic Association team sport practice or competition (e.g. Rifle Team).

C.D.C. Possession of deadly weapons by persons holding valid permits issued by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for use in the Robinson Forest Wildlife Management Area; and,

D.E.D. Possession of deadly weapons by a person specifically authorized to have such possession by the President, or his or her designee, but only if such person fully complies with any and all restrictions imposed upon such possession by the President, or his or her designee.

References:

KRS 237.115(1)
KRS 500.080

AR II 1.2-7