



## Foothill Academic Senate Locking Doors Resolution Fall 2024

Remember when ninth grade was about gettin' laid,  
Skippin' class tryin' not to get caught?  
Now you gotta take a test in a bulletproof vest  
Scared to death that you might get shot.

- Kane Brown *American Bad Dream* (2017)

Whereas, since 1999 at Columbine High School, there have been 417 school shootings in the U.S.<sup>[1]</sup>, most recently (as of this writing) on September 4, 2024 at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia; and,

Whereas, a classroom door locked from the inside figured prominently in minimizing the casualties at Apalachee High School<sup>[2]</sup>; and

Whereas, in the wake of the September 2015 Umpqua Community College shooting, FHDA administration told employees that the district was investigating "more permanent solutions,"<sup>[3]</sup> yet the safety retrofitting we've seen since then has amounted to Lock-Blok hardware; and

Whereas, anyone not subject to law enforcement oversight with \$400 can acquire<sup>[4]</sup>, or anyone at all with a commercial 3D printer, hundreds of dollars of materials, some metalworking skills and patience can manufacture<sup>[5]</sup>, a weapon made for killing people quickly and easily; and

Whereas, Title 5 §53200(b) authorizes the Foothill Academic Senate to make policy recommendations to college and district administration with respect to academic and professional matters, including, in particular, processes for budget development; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Foothill Academic Senate recommend that college and district administration prioritize student and employee safety in its budget development; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Foothill Academic Senate urge college and district administration to demonstrate its prioritization of student and employee safety in its budget development by allocating resources to make office and classroom doors lockable from the inside; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Foothill Academic Senate direct our officers to work with Classified Senate, Associated Students of Foothill College, the Faculty Association, and other campus organizations as necessary to advocate collectively for such administrative prioritization of student and employee safety.

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Foothill faculty sponsors:

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[1] <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/interactive/school-shootings-database/>

[2] <https://apnews.com/article/georgia-school-shooting-whats-known-f5300931a4a648e8887a1b8d0fdd6558>

[3] Email from Andrea Hanstein, Director, Marketing and Public Relations, Foothill College, October 2, 2015

[4] <https://www.impactguns.com/ar-15-guns-for-sale/>

[5] <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/10/world/europe/ivan-troll-3d-printed-homemade-guns-fgc9.html>



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Amendment 1 Kaupp

Amend the second resolved clause to read

*"Resolved, that the Foothill Academic Senate urge college and district administration to demonstrate its prioritization of student and employee safety in its budget development by allocating resources and planning to ensure office and classroom door locks are user operable from the inside and access control is approached from a logical and individual-centered position;"*

Amendment 2 Meezan

Delete the fourth whereas clause and its associated footnotes [4] and [5].

Amendment 3 Meezan

Add a whereas clause:

*"Whereas, the safety of Foothill College students, staff and faculty should be the highest priority of the college and district, and the inability of faculty to secure their classrooms from the inside will leave students, staff and faculty vulnerable to preventable mass casualties in the event of a school shooting on campus;"*

Amendment 4 Villanueva

Amend the resolution title to read

*"Resolution on Enhancing Classroom Security and Safety through Improved Door Lock Systems"*