On January 10th and 11th, 2017, during Spring Professional Development Days, two sessions were held, at which an overview of JCCC’s Draft Weapons Policy Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was given, followed by facilitated roundtable discussions. Members of the KOPS Advisory Committee acted as facilitators for these discussions, from which the following points were drawn:

Many good questions were raised in these sessions. Examples include questions and clarifications regarding the authority that faculty have in the event a student does not properly conceal their weapon in their classroom and their obligation to report; caliber limits and capacity; and specific situations such as how the library will handle bag checks for alarm trips and the differences between BNSF occupied spaces and JCCC spaces. An upcoming KOPS Advisory Town Hall/Forum is being planned for Spring Semester where we intend to address these concerns.

Additionally, the need for additional training and awareness for faculty, staff, students and the public was identified. The KOPS Advisory Committee is evaluating all of the feedback received at the sessions and will develop additions to the training and awareness campaign in the spirit of continuous improvements to campus safety.

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