Why: Incidents involving weapons/firearms on campus have increased in frequency over recent years. This is a national trend.

Goal: To assist students in understanding the seriousness of weapons possession on campus and reflect this in the COSB.
UAPS Stats on weapons-related incidents (robbery or weapons complaints):

2016: 4 (1 R + 3 WC)
2017: 9 (3 R + 6 WC)
2018: 16 (5 R + 11 WC)
2019(ytd*): 13 (6 R + 7 WC)

* As of 2019NOV06
Current COSB:

Violations Safety & Dignity

30.3.4 (6) c No Student shall create a condition which endangers or potentially endangers or threatens the health, safety or well being of other persons.
Status update:

- Developing wording of the additions to the COSB:
  - A new section specifically noting that it’s an offence to possess a weapon; and an appropriate definition of a weapon
- Consultations have occurred with GSA council, SU council, SCPC working group
- Upcoming consultations include: COSA and the SCPC (both on Nov. 28th, 2019).
- Goal is to implement the addition to the COSB for the Fall 2020 semester.
Next phase:

- Following addition to the COSB, we will review existing UofA policy / procedures relating to weapons and look for similar best practices to be reflected in our institutional policy...