

# *Rutgers Council of AAUP Chapters*

*American Association of University Professors - American Federation of Teachers*

## **Resolution on the Virginia Tech tragedy and the need for gun control passed by the Rutgers AAUP-AFT Executive Council on May 22, 2007**

**Whereas**, the murders that took place at Virginia Tech University on April 16, 2007 were a tragedy that could happen at Rutgers University or any other university community; and

**Whereas**, that Seung-Hui Cho was able to carry out this horrendous act of mass murder by bringing onto the Virginia Tech campus two semi-automatic weapons and ammunition highlights the problem of dangerously easy access to guns in our society; and

**Whereas**, this tragedy is a warning of the pervasive problem of gun violence in our society and a threat not at all conducive to the peaceful and productive pursuit of knowledge at any educational institution; and

**Whereas**, the issue of gun control policy on the Rutgers University campus has not yet been effectively dealt with;

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the Executive Council of the Rutgers AAUP-AFT proposes that Rutgers University promulgate a policy of no guns allowed on campus (excluding authorized law enforcement officials) and that University police be given the support they need to enforce this provision effectively for the safety of all members of our community; and

**Further, be it resolved**, that Rutgers AAUP-AFT support and/or sponsor (in coordination with other groups on campus and in our community) debates, research, and action that will foster the adoption of effective gun control on our campus and in our society as an urgent matter of life and death.