



MEMORANDUM

TO: UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

FROM: CHARLES WILSON, ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE CHIEF

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF DRONES ON OR ABOVE CAMPUS PROPERTY

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2015

In order to protect the safety, security and privacy of students, faculty, staff and campus visitors, North Carolina A&T State University prohibits the use of "Unmanned Aircraft Systems" – drones – or remote controlled model aircraft on NCA&TSU property or within the university's air rights. This applies to privately owned craft as well as those owned by a business or non-profit organization.

There is an exception for research purposes only as approved by University Relations.

Violations of this mandate, may result in a criminal trespass warning and possibly arrest for those who fail to comply.

Public safety is the primary purpose of this measure. Drones and model aircraft can be useful, even fun, but are also potentially dangerous – if they malfunction they could injure anyone on the ground. Beyond that there's the potential that they could be intentionally used as weapons. And finally they could potentially be used to take video or still images that violate student or employee privacy. These are all extreme examples, but they must be taken seriously. The only real option for us is to restrict use in order to protect the people on our campus.

THIS MORATORIUM IS FOR 180 DAYS OR UNTIL A UNIVERSITY POLICY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WHICHEVER FIRST OCCURS.

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