

On March 16th, 2010 the UMKC Faculty Senate unanimously approved a resolution in support of benefits for domestic partners. It was reported at the April 19, 2011 Faculty Senate meeting that the IFC has taken on this issue as well. The IFC was unanimous, save one to move forward on this issue. Interim President Owens was reluctant initially to proceed on this topic but is not opposed to the IFC pursuing it. Our Senate minutes state that a grassroots letter-writing campaign referring to our core values of diversity and nondiscrimination could be initiated and may be appropriate.

The IFC members believe that this is such an important issue that they are willing to present the argument to the Board of Curators and request that it reconsiders its discriminatory policy against domestic partners. It is imperative that the President and the Board of Curators hear that this issue is important to you and countless others in the state of Missouri. To show your support for addition of domestic partner benefits please do the following:

1. Go to the Letter to Interim President Owens Word document, type your name at the bottom and email to boardofcurators@umsystem.edu.
2. Forward this link to as many people as you desire at all four MU campuses and any other concerned citizen of the state of Missouri.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter,

Sent on behalf of the UMKC Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the UMKC IFC Representatives