PROPOSED FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION (Hood – Luppino)

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate’s COSCO committee has done extensive preliminary work in exploring the budgets and operations of several UMKC administrative and support units: and

WHEREAS, the UMKC Chancellor has asked his Budget Advisory Committee to consider the implementation at UMKC of a new model based on concepts generally known as “Resource Center Management” (“RCM”); and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Budget Committee reports that its research indicates that budgeting models incorporating RCM or RCM-like principles are designed to promote management efficiencies and are predicated in large part on stakeholders having transparent information on the costs of goods and services of administrative and support units and an accurate assessment of the reasonableness of such costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Faculty Senate hereby recommends to the UMKC Chancellor that he form by the end of this semester an “Administrative Efficiency Oversight Committee” (“AEOC”);

2. That the AEOC be directed to review the COSCO reports for background, recommendations and the identification of potential areas for action to reduce costs and improve management efficiency, and then undertake a more comprehensive review of the organizational structure of each significant UMKC administrative or support unit (i.e., each significant unit that is not a College, School or Library), gathering additional information from personnel within such units and from the consumers of their goods and services;

3. That AEOC be comprised of two UMKC deans, three full-time members of the UMKC regular faculty appointed by the Faculty Senate, one UMKC staff member appointed by the UMKC Staff Assembly, and one UMKC student appointed by the appropriate student governance body, and have staff assistance from one or more independent outside person(s) possessing expertise in both accounting and/or management;

4. That the AEOC be directed to issue a separate report of findings with regard to costs incurred and management efficiencies or inefficiencies of each administrative or support unit examined as soon as possible (and in such order as the AEOC determines), and a final comprehensive report with recommendations to reduce costs and improve management efficiencies, all such work to be completed on or before October 31, 2006.