Whereas the School of Dentistry of the University of Missouri-Kansas City is the only dental school in the state of Missouri, and

Whereas the School of Dentistry serves over 72,000 patients each year, and

Whereas the School of Dentistry educates most dentists in the state, providing an important contribution to the health of the citizens of Missouri, and

Whereas the dental equipment in the School of Dentistry, including patient chairs, dental lights, dental units, and provider chairs, is obsolete and needs to be replaced, and

Whereas modern equipment and facilities are essential for high quality of care and compliance with HIPAA codes, and

Whereas legislation now being considered by the legislature of the State of Missouri includes three million four hundred thousand dollars ($3,400,000) in funding to replace equipment in the School of Dentistry,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City strongly urges the House and Senate to support the proposed funding to replace obsolete equipment in the School of Dentistry.