

**Attachment 3**  
**Kansas State University Faculty Senate Resolution on  
Dependent/Spouse Tuition Assistance Task Force Report**

**WHEREAS**, President Schulz directed Interim Provost Dyer and Faculty Senate President LeHew to convene the Dependent/Spouse Tuition Task Force in September of 2009 to study our current policies and suggest changes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dependent/ Spouse Tuition Task Force met regularly, secured relevant data, discussed the strengths and limitations of our current policy, and made clear and compelling recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Faculty Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate has reviewed the report of the Tuition Waiver Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, Faculty salaries at Kansas State University have been the lowest among Big 12 Schools for 19 consecutive years, and faculty salaries rank in the lowest tier among peer institutions nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, many similar universities offer a more generous dependent tuition benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of living in Manhattan, KS is second highest among Big 12 communities; and

**WHEREAS**, partial waiver of tuition for dependents represents an important benefit;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** undergraduates enrolled as full-time students should receive assistance equivalent to the resident on-campus tuition for 7 credit hours of courses; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** spouses and dependents must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program to receive this benefit and dependents must be full-time students to be eligible for the benefit may be part time students to receive the graduate benefit; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** spouses may be enrolled either as part-time or full-time students in undergraduate or graduate programs to receive the benefit; however, spouses enrolled as part-time students will receive a maximum of three credit hours; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** all students who receive this assistance must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as defined by their respective programs of study; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the dependent/spouse tuition assistance applies equally to all on-campus, distance, graduate, and DVM courses; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an individual student may benefit from the maximum credit hours contained in this document regardless of the number of guardians who may be eligible to provide the benefit.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the tuition assistance through the program would be provided in addition to other forms of financial aid up to the total cost of attendance.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Faculty Senate strongly encourages the KSU administration to endorse and implement the recommendations of the Tuition Waiver Task Force.