

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DOMAIN NAME FOR KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS Kansas State University is unique in that it is allowed to use and maintain two domain names, .ksu.edu and .k-state.edu; and

WHEREAS the domain name system is a hierarchical naming system for computers, services and resources connected to the Internet; and

WHEREAS the domain name for Kansas State University is a functional part of the effective communications of students and faculty; and

WHEREAS any disruption of the current domain name situation will harm the communication responsibilities of faculty in their teaching, research and mission interests at Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS in a joint meeting of CITAC and FSCOT with the Vice Provost for Administrative Services and Technology and the Dean of Student Life, Tuesday, October 22, 2002, it was agreed between VPAST Unger and Dean Bosco “that input from the entire university would be sought and considered in the unlikely event that EDUCAUSE forces Kansas State University to choose between the two current domain names”; and,

WHEREAS in communications between representatives of the Faculty Senate and University central information technology services in the fall semester of 2009, it is understood that central information technology is committed to maintaining both .ksu.edu and .k-state.edu equally as domain names

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE THAT:

Central Administration of the University be committed to maintaining both .ksu.edu and .k-state.edu as domain names for university services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event any change in the domain name of Kansas State University or support of one domain name of Kansas State University over another is contemplated, central administration will seek the active participation and support of the Faculty Senate in thorough and open conversations leading to a formal resolution from the Faculty Senate for such a change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the University information technology units will endeavor to ensure that faculty, staff and students will be able to easily choose and use the domain name of their choice whenever new university-wide software (e.g. email system, student information system, etc.) or policies are adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate President communicate this resolution to the appropriate administration of Kansas State University including President, Provost, Vice-Provost for Information Technology Services, Vice-President for Communications and Marketing, and Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students as soon as practical upon adoption.

This resolution passed by the Faculty Senate, Kansas State University on January 12, 2010

Melody Lehew, President of Faculty Senate

Unanimously Endorsed by the Faculty Senate Committee on Technology November 17, 2009