April 13, 2015

Dear Chancellor Gray-Little,

On behalf of the University Senate, I am forwarding a resolution that was passed unanimously by the body on April 9, 2015. While your message to the KU community on February 11, 2015 supporting inclusiveness and non-discrimination was greatly appreciated, it is hoped that you will also assume a visible leadership role in the effort to improve domestic partner benefits for KU’s faculty and staff.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Mayhew, president, University Senate

RESOLUTION ON DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

To Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little:

In light of KU’s policies on non-discrimination and the report of the Task Force on Domestic Partner Benefits, prepared by Professor Margaret Severson, the University Senate urges you to support wholeheartedly the granting of benefits to the domestic partners of all eligible University employees. The Senate believes that the addition of these benefits would not only be a fitting public recognition and appreciation of domestic partners, but would also be a welcome addition to the package of benefits we now offer prospective employees. The University Senate stands ready to assist you in this worthwhile endeavor.