

ATTACHMENT 2
A RESOLUTION
REGARDING THE BIG 12 EXPANSION
FACULTY SENATE
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS the Big 12 Conference is considering expansion, and

WHEREAS the Big 12 Conference conveys membership in athletics, academics, and student life, and

WHEREAS numerous events across these three arenas of campus life are held regularly on the campuses of member universities of the Big 12 including, but not limited to sporting events, faculty research projects, and student organization regional meetings, and

WHEREAS acceptance of differences and a welcoming environment to all members of our university community regardless of race, nationality, gender, differing abilities, religious affiliation, and sexual orientation are succinctly captured in the spirit of our Principles of Community (<http://www.k-state.edu/about/community.html>) and stand as essential core values at Kansas State University, and

WHEREAS issues, whether athletic, social or academic, at one conference school often reflect on other schools in the conference in the eyes of the public,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate urge decision makers to consider academic environments and their ability to welcome faculty and students from other conference schools in addition to athletics considerations when making decisions to add universities to the Big 12 Conference.

Upon passage this resolution will be shared with Kansas State University Interim President General Myers.

Signed: _____
Andrew Bennett, President of Faculty Senate

Written by the Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning September 2016.