

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF iTunes U
FACULTY SENATE
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS the orderly development and dissemination of intellectual property is within the service mission of a major Land Grant University; and

WHEREAS a resource for archiving and distributing intellectual property in the form of audio and video files is freely available through iTunes U; and

WHEREAS such an archive of the mediated intellectual property and resources developed by K-State University faculty and units would be a benefit to the student body and to external audiences appropriate with the K-State University mission “Together with other major comprehensive universities, Kansas State shares responsibilities for developing human potential, expanding knowledge, enriching cultural expression, and extending its expertise to individuals, business, education, and government. These responsibilities are addressed through an array of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, research and creative activities, and outreach and public service programs. In addition, its land-grant mandate, based on federal and state legislation, establishes a focus to its instructional, research, and extension activities which is unique among the Regents' institutions.” and

WHEREAS iTunes U has been adopted as a platform for archiving and distribution of mediated intellectual property by more than 160 academic institutions;

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

University administration seek the earliest possible opportunity to complete the necessary contractual agreements to participate in the iTunes U program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT University administration appoint a committee comprised of members of the library staff, student body, information technology units and faculty to develop a plan for K-State University participation in iTunes U with elements containing content no later than the Fall Semester, 2009. This plan to include but not be limited to discussion of the following:

- Terms and conditions of faculty involvement.
- Assignment of responsibilities of monitor content quality and creation, and ownership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate communicate this resolution to the appropriate media at the earliest convenient time and to the Kansas State University Student Senate enlisting their support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate communicate this resolution to the administration of Kansas State University as soon as practical upon adoption.

This resolution passed by the Faculty Senate, Kansas State University

Fred Fairchild, President

Unanimously endorsed by Faculty Senate Committee on Technology, February 17, 2009
Approved by Faculty Senate on March 10, 2009