Amended Franklin College Faculty Senate Resolution in support of Full Domestic Partner Benefits

The Faculty Senate of the Franklin College endorses and affirms the Proposal for Implementation of Full Domestic Partner Benefits passed overwhelmingly by University Council on September 27, 2012, which calls for full domestic partner benefits for all University of Georgia employees. Such a policy should come into effect as soon as possible but no later than January 1, 2014. Faculty of the Franklin College see this as a matter of equality and excellence that is crucial for maintaining a climate of fairness and our status as an institution that welcomes and appreciates diversity. As scholars, researchers and teachers of the humanities, sciences and arts, we hold such values in high esteem. We therefore urge President Michael Adams to implement full domestic partner benefits as soon as possible, noting with concern that similar well-supported resolutions previously passed by University Council and the Faculty Council of the University System of Georgia have failed to achieve implementation.