

A Resolution
Presented to the Faculty Senate
University of Nebraska at Kearney
November 3, 2005

Whereas, the Faculty Senate acknowledges the need for new UNK residence halls and the demolition of the outdated and dilapidated residence halls,

Whereas, UNK students deserve and need the best possible on-campus living arrangements because it supports and enhances their learning experiences,

Whereas, the UNK campus, as a place of learning, is a very important component of each student's education because it is the location of a learning community wherein respect for nature and social responsibility are valued, taught, and encouraged,

Whereas, UNK has attempted to cultivate a sense of identity for the institution, part of which is its locale and characteristic landscape and landmarks,

Whereas, UNK is a place where, in the future, our students can return as alumni and rekindle memories of their pleasant experiences at UNK,

Whereas, UNK is one of the jewels of the Kearney community, a pleasing and inspiring place for its residents to visit,

Whereas, UNK is a part of the Nebraska Arboretum as a Landscape Steward, which is "a public landscape that demonstrates an ongoing commitment to excellence in design, plant diversity and maintenance,"

Whereas, the plan for new residence hall construction includes the destruction of dozens of mature trees, all of which are aesthetically pleasing and some of which are historically significant having been planted by Doctor William E. Bruner,

Be it resolved that Faculty Senate urges the administration to reconsider the planned location of the new residence halls and to consider moving the site to a location that minimizes damage to the established flora of the campus.