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The Kimura three parameter model of evolution along a tree can be described as a toric variety. We provide a facet description for the polytope associated this toric variety for any choice of a claw tree. The combinatorial structure behind these facet descriptions provide an interesting example of how applied mathematics can motivate new and interesting pure algebraic geometry. (Received January 15, 2016)