Resolution 2018-5. On Supporting a Statement from UNC Black Faculty on the Permanent Removal of Silent Sam from Campus

The Faculty Council resolves:

In light of the “Statement from UNC Black Faculty on Silent Sam” published in the Daily Tar Heel on September 6, 2018, we request the permanent removal of the statue and its base from the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

We support Chancellor Folt’s August 31, 2018 statement that the Confederate statue does not belong “at the front door of a safe, welcoming, proudly public research university,” and urge the chancellor and Board of Trustees to formulate their relocation plan with strong input from the faculty and the broader Carolina community.

Returning the statue to the UNC-Chapel Hill campus would reaffirm the values of white supremacy that motivated its original installation. Moreover, to do so would undermine the moral and physical security of all members of our community.

The values that the statue and its base represent are inherently opposed to the principles of light and liberty that guide the educational mission of UNC-Chapel Hill.

[As amended and passed, October 12, 2018]