

Resolution 2018-7. On Supporting a Statement from UNC Black Faculty on Silent Sam

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 campus.

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Rationale

The following events are pertinent as university leaders formulate a plan of action concerning the Confederate monument:

1. Resolution 2017-10 (“On Silent Sam”), in which this body requested the removal of the Confederate memorial from McCorkle Place (Appendix A),
2. The removal of the memorial on August 20, 2018,
3. The Chancellor’s statement of August 31, 2018 that “Silent Sam has a place in our history and on our campus where its history can be taught, but not at the front door of a safe, welcoming, proudly public research university” (Appendix B),
4. The statement from 450 members of the faculty from September 5, 2018 commending the Chancellor for her statement that the monument does not belong “at the front door” of the University, seeing that as an “important first step” and stating its determination that faculty shall continue to have a strong voice in the decision about the disposition of the monument (Appendix C),
5. The “Statement from UNC Black Faculty on Silent Sam” published in the *Daily Tar Heel* on September 6, 2018, signed by 54 UNC faculty colleagues, including these elements in particular:
 - a. that the presence of such a monument on campus creates a “racially hostile work environment” for Black faculty,
 - b. that reinstallation of the statue anywhere on campus would constitute a statement “for the nation and for the world that UNC is not a welcoming place for Black people”, and
 - c. that such a symbol “has no place on our 21st century campus” (Appendix D), and
6. The statement dated September 10, 2018, from 417 faculty colleagues endorsing and supporting the previous statement by our Black faculty colleagues (Appendix E).