

**Faculty Council Resolution 2001-1. In Appreciation of the Service of Richard Edwards as Interim Provost of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Whereas on July 1, 2000 Dick Edwards climbed the hill from the School of Social Work, where he had been an exemplary dean, to mount the steps of South Building to serve as Interim Provost; and

Whereas he has filled this role with enthusiasm, good humor, and uncommon common sense, and has in a short period of time developed and enacted progressive changes for the faculty; and

Whereas he has spoken with candor and clarity, and with wisdom and pragmatism, and has brought to the office of Provost an approachable, can-do and does-do mode; and

Whereas throughout his career at Carolina Dick Edwards has given his best, has consistently moved beyond the status quo, has challenged the traditions of what was possible; and

Whereas as Interim Provost and as Dean of Social Work, Dick Edwards has demonstrated that equity, diversity, and inclusion are far more than words; and

Whereas he has improved the education of countless students, the careers of countless faculty, and through his enormous sense of decency, generosity, and commitment to this community has made this a better place; now therefore

The Faculty Council resolves:

The faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill commends Richard Edwards for his exemplary service to this institution, and expresses its gratitude for his enduring contributions to the students, staff, and faculty of the University.