

## **Resolution 2018-5. On Not Returning Silent Sam to its Original Location**

The Faculty Council resolves:

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 university's "front door" 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 represents are inherently opposed to the principles of light and liberty that guide the educational mission of UNC-Chapel Hill.

*Submitted by the Faculty Executive Committee.*

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### *Comment*

This resolution is consistent with Resolution 2017-10, which was passed by Faculty Council on September 7, 2017. The second and third paragraphs above are adapted from the statement signed by 41 chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences on August 28, 2018.