

Resolution 2021-6. On Appreciation for the Service of Shayna Hill ('83, '14) as Chair of the Employee Forum, 2017-2021.

Whereas Shayna Hill is the 15th Chair of the Employee Forum and a double Carolina alumna;

Whereas she works as the Business Officer and Department Manager for the Office of Statistics and Operations Research, and has dutifully served in a number of staff positions at the University for many years;

Whereas she is known by her deep empathy, compassion, and devotion to those staff members she represents;

Whereas she works for equity and inclusion across the University, and was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the Rebecca Clark Staff Award for Moral Courage, which was given for the first time in the fall of 2020;

Whereas, from the earliest days of the pandemic, she has been a problem-solver, a truth-teller, and a fierce advocate in helping others on campus understand the distinct needs of various types of staff at the University, and in creating communications strategies, such as the “Why I wear a mask campaign” for which she recruited faculty, staff, and student leaders. In addition, she collected narratives of how the pandemic impacted staff and used them to highlight needs that might otherwise have been overlooked;

Whereas she co-chaired the Chancellor’s Campus and Community Advisory Committee and convened joint meetings between the Employee Forum and the Faculty Council, and also worked closely with student government to help create a truly collaborative relationship between students, faculty, and staff;

Whereas working with her, even around the most difficult issues, is fun. Her sense of humor and kind spirit make her a great partner to all with whom she works;

Whereas will be remembered for elevating the profile of staff issues and her unceasing advocacy for the all employees of UNC-Chapel Hill;

Whereas she had been formally recognized with the Star Heel Award and the Adams School of Dentistry Beyond Excellence Award;

Therefore, let it be resolved that as she leaves her role as Chair of the Employee Forum, the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill joins our colleagues across the University in expressing appreciation for Shayna Hill’s tireless service, volunteerism, and commitment to creating partnerships between faculty, staff, and students.

Submitted by Prof. Mimi Chapman