

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Whereas, pursuant to the University of North Carolina Policy Manual and Code, North Carolina citizens and institutions must be prepared to compete in a rapidly changing global environment; and

Whereas, constituent universities shall be guided by the needs of the people of North Carolina in their academic degree program development, approval, and discontinuation actions. Academic program planning and procedures must be nimble, efficient, and responsive to those needs at all levels; and

Whereas, campuses shall continue to have a lead role in identifying academic program needs and in formulating proposals to meet those needs; and

Whereas, the UNC-CH Board of Trustees, the UNC Board of Governors, and the UNC-CH administration established the Program for Public Discourse at the University; and

Whereas, the UNC-CH community has consistently identified skills in public discourse as necessary to fulfill the strategic plan's point regarding promoting democracy and serving to benefit society; and

Whereas, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Trustees has identified the need for degree-oriented programs in the area of Civic Life and Leadership;

Now therefore, the UNC-CH Board of Trustees requests that the administration of UNC-CH accelerate its development of a School of Civic Life and Leadership, potentially nested within an existing college or school, pursuant to the University of North Carolina Policy Manual, Code, and any other applicable University policy, including the development of a school with a goal of a minimum of 20 dedicated faculty members and degree opportunities for undergraduate students at the University.

[Passed by the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees on January 26, 2023]