

# RESOLUTION

## *Board of Trustees* *of*

### *The University of North Carolina* *at Chapel Hill*

*May 28, 2015*

#### **RESOLUTION # 1**

#### **CURATING THE UNC CAMPUS AND TEACHING UNC'S HISTORY**

The Board of Trustees would like to ensure that students, prospective students, faculty, staff and anyone with an interest in the University have the opportunity to learn about Carolina's history, values, and contributions to society. The Board requests that the Chancellor and her administration commission one or more task forces to:

1. Create historical markers for McCorkle Place and Saunders Hall that provide an accurate, accessible and complete history of each place. Make specific recommendations including timeframe, and budget for review by the University Affairs Committee and approval by of the Board of Trustees no later than November 2015 meeting.
2. Evaluate the current information we publish on our buildings, monuments, memorials and landscapes as to its accuracy, completeness and accessibility. Make specific recommendations for improvements including feasibility, timeframe, and budget for approval by the University Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees no later than May 2016 meeting.
3. Study the feasibility of a public space to house a permanent collection of UNC's history. Present the findings and make specific recommendations including timeframe, and tentative budget for review by the University Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees no later than May 2016 board meeting.
4. Explore options for creating an on-line orientation program or course for all new community members (students, faculty, and staff) to learn about UNC's history, values, and contributions to society. This should be short, not for credit, free and open to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Present the findings and make specific recommendations including timeframe, and budget for review by the University Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees no later than May 2016 meeting.



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### RESOLUTION #2

#### RENAMING SAUNDERS HALL TO CAROLINA HALL AND EXPLAINING THE HISTORY OF SAUNDERS

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the history of the naming of Saunders Hall for UNC alumnus and trustee, William L. Saunders. We recognize and appreciate Mr. Saunders many contributions to UNC and the State of North Carolina. However, we believe the University made an error in citing Mr. Saunders' leadership of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) during Reconstruction as a qualification for the honor. During Mr. Saunders reputed leadership of the Klan, the Klan was a violent terrorist organization that sought to overthrow duly elected state governments and reverse rights granted to newly-emancipated African Americans. Membership in and the activities of the KKK were illegal at that time and their activities would be illegal today. Leadership of the KKK as a qualification for the honor of a building name is inconsistent with UNC's values of Lux Libertas and where we are going as an institution.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees instructs the Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services to remove William L. Saunders' name from Saunders Hall.

We further request a historical marker be placed on, in or near the building explaining Mr. Saunders' contributions to UNC and the State of North Carolina, the naming of the building in 1920, the historical context of the period, and the reason why the Board of Trustees has chosen to remove the name.

We approve the renaming of Saunders Hall to Carolina Hall and further request a plaque be placed on, in, or near the building with the following language:

#### CAROLINA HALL

We honor and remember all those who have suffered injustices at the hands of those who would deny them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Lux Libertas  
UNC Board of Trustees 2015

### RESOLUTION #3

#### FREEZE ON RENAMING BUILDINGS

The new education and curation initiatives outlined in resolution 1 will require a period of time to take effect. Therefore, the Board of Trustees hereby declares a 16-year freeze on renaming historical buildings, monuments, memorials and landscapes.

