

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

November 3, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Chancellor's Ballroom, Carolina Inn

OPEN SESSION

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(No formal action is requested at this time)

- 1. Chair Remarks

 Perrin Jones, Committee Chair
- 2. Committee Discussion Regarding Goals and Objectives

FOR ACTION

Resolution of Support for Student Veterans and Military-Affiliated Attachment A
 Students
 Perrin Jones, Committee Chair

*Some of the business to be conducted is authorized by the N.C. Open Meetings Law to be conducted in closed session.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Perrin Jones, Chair Ramsey White, Vice Chair Dave Boliek, ex-officio

Rob Bryan Ralph Meekins Gene Davis Marty Kotis

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

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENT VETERANS AND MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS

WHEREAS, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ("UNC-Chapel Hill" or "the University") has a sizable and distinguished population of student veterans and military-affiliated students (including spouses, dependents, and ROTC cadets);

WHEREAS, the University continues to enroll a significant number of student veterans and military-affiliated students each Fall;

WHEREAS, there are 12 major military institutions in the State of North Carolina, and UNC-Chapel Hill's student veteran and military-affiliated population includes representation from every branch of service;

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the fourth highest number of active duty personal stationed within its borders and the tenth highest number of National Guard and Reserve members;

WHEREAS, UNC-Chapel Hill is honored to be designated a Military Friendly School through the Military Friendly Advisory Council;

WHEREAS, the University, through the Office of the Dean of Students, has provided a growing level of support, assistance, and programming for student veterans and military-affiliated students for more than 10 years;

WHEREAS, the University, through the Office of the Dean of Students, established the physical Carolina Veterans Resource Center ("CVRC") in the fall of 2017;

WHEREAS, the CVRC promotes the wellness and academic success of student veterans and military-affiliated students by forging strong ties with campus partners to provide necessary support and resources;

WHEREAS, UNC-Chapel Hill recognizes both the unique challenges student veterans and military-affiliated students face as well as the unique contributions they make to enrich the diversity of the Carolina community;

WHEREAS, UNC-Chapel Hill is committed to continuing to provide programming to celebrate and facilitate student veteran and military-affiliated student academic success and community building on campus and following graduation;

WHEREAS, UNC-Chapel Hill is committed to meeting the unique mental health needs of our student veterans and military-affiliated students by partnering with both on and off campus resources to maximize access to care for students in crisis.

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WHERAS, the University sponsors Boot Print to Heel Print, a program to help veteran and active duty students transition to UNC-Chapel Hill;

WHEREAS, the CVRC offers Green Zone Training, a course designed to educate UNC-Chapel Hill faculty and staff about the needs, experiences, and challenges of student veterans and military-affiliated students;

WHEREAS, the University offers a number of social events and programming for student veterans and military-affiliated students throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the University hosts a Red, White, and Carolina Blue commencement ceremony to honor student veterans and military-affiliated students who are graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees states as follows:

- 1. Student veterans and military-affiliated students are a vitally important part of the University's student body.
- 2. The opportunity to educate student-veterans and military-affiliated students is among the highest honors of the University.
- 3. The University should continue to prioritize the recruitment of student veterans and military-affiliated students.
- 4. The University should continue to provide care, support, programming and resources to student veterans and military-affiliated students so that they may thrive during their time at the University and enjoy success following their graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill.