

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE**

**AFFIRMATION OF INSTITUTIONAL NEUTRALITY**

WHEREAS, among UNC Charlotte’s guiding commitments is its promise to promote a “collegial culture that embraces different perspectives, civil discourse, and free expression”;

WHEREAS, the mission of the University of North Carolina system, of which UNC Charlotte is a constituent institution, includes “the transmission and advancement of knowledge and understanding, the pursuit of which is dependent upon the ability of our faculty and students to remain free to inquire, to study and to evaluate, to gain new maturity and understanding”;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte approved a Resolution on the Affirmation of Academic Freedom, Diversity of Thought and Freedom of Speech affirming its commitment to the principles for the protection and promotion of free speech on campus expressed in the University of Chicago’s Report of the Committee on Freedom of Expression; and

WHEREAS, as articulated in the University of Chicago Kalven Committee Report on the University’s Role in Political and Social Action (the “Kalven Report”), “neutrality as an institution has its complement in the fullest freedom for its faculty and students as individuals to participate in political action and social protest,” and reinforces “the obligation of the university to provide a forum for the most searching and candid discussion of public issues”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte affirms its commitment and obligation to uphold institutional neutrality on the political and social issues of the day as articulated in the Kalven Report, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment A, and in accordance with state law.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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Dennis Bunker III, Chair

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Kim Bradley, Assistant Secretary