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To Interim System President Roper, Interim Chancellor Guskiewicz, Provost Blouin, and members of the UNC Board of Governors and UNC Chapel Hill Board of Trustees:

The undersigned members of the Council of Chairs of the College of Arts and Sciences of UNC Chapel Hill condemn the decision by the Board of Governors to transfer resources to the Sons of Confederate Veterans to preserve the monument known as Silent Sam. The decision to compensate this group, with its false interpretation of history, contradicts the core values of this university and its mission to pursue truth and knowledge.

We call upon the leadership of the University of North Carolina to take bold action and commit substantial resources to promote diversity on our campus and to endeavor to repair the harm that the above settlement has caused to our community.

Kenneth (Andy) Andrews, Sociology
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Eunice Sahle, African, African American, and
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Harvey Seim, Marine Sciences
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