



The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts

**Resolution for the Reaffirmation of Academic and Artistic Freedom, Freedom of Expression,
and Institutional Neutrality**

Whereas, the UNC Board of Governors has established, in Chapter VI of the UNC Code, that “the primary function of the University of North Carolina and each of its constituent institutions is the discovery, improvement, transmission, and dissemination of knowledge by means of research, teaching, discussion, and debate. To fulfill this function, each constituent institution must strive to ensure the fullest degree of intellectual freedom and free expression;” and

Whereas, The UNC Code charges UNCSA to “protect faculty and students in their responsible exercise of the freedom to teach, to learn, and otherwise to seek and speak the truth” without restraints that would unreasonably restrict their academic and artistic endeavors; and

Whereas, the UNCSA Policy Manual encourages all members of its community to engage in the fundamental individual rights of free expression and participation in the political process, and every member of the UNCSA community has the right to freely express their views on any subject, including advocacy for political and social issues of the day; and

Whereas, individual freedom of thought, expression, inquiry, and dialog are critical to UNCSA’s mission in disseminating knowledge and artistic expression; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts affirms that institutional neutrality is a fundamental and guiding principle of the University of North Carolina Consolidated System that reinforces and upholds the individual rights of the UNCSA community, and is critical to encourage and foster individual freedom of thought, expression, inquiry, and dialog; and

Therefore Be It Resolved:

The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts reaffirms its commitment to academic and artistic freedom and freedom of expression, and to institutional neutrality, as embodied in, and in compliance with Federal and State Constitutions and laws, the University of North Carolina Code, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Policy Manual, and UNCSA Policies and Regulations.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2024

Peter Juran, Chair UNCSA Board of Trustees