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A RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE TO CALL FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT IN THE LYCEUM-CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT TO THE CONFEDERATE CEMETERY

WHEREAS the Confederate ideology of white supremacy directly violates the tenets of the University Creed that supports fairness, civility, and respect for the dignity of each person;

WHEREAS the University of Mississippi has a complex history in regard to slavery, injustice, and race that negatively impacts the University community as a whole;

WHEREAS the current placement of the Confederate monument is unsuitable and undermines our mission to maintain an inclusive and safe environment;

WHEREAS 2013 Mississippi Code Section 55-15-81 stipulates, “The governing body may move the memorial to a more suitable location ... more appropriate to displaying the monument”; AND

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate acts as part of the University’s shared governance model, in conjunction with the Associated Student Body, the Graduate Student Council, and the Staff Council, and as such, is a member of the governing body of the institution; AND

WHEREAS the Confederate cemetery would offer a more suitable location for the monument that acknowledges historical figures while lessening the negative impact on the well-being of the members of the University community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SENATE OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI JOINS WITH THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY, THE GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL, AND THE STAFF COUNCIL IN CALLING FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT IN THE LYCEUM-CIRCLE HISTORIC DISTRICT TO THE CONFEDERATE CEMETERY.

RESOLVED, this day the 7th of March 2019

THE SENATE OF THE FACULTY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brice Noonan', is written over a thin red horizontal line. A vertical black line is positioned to the left of the signature.

Brice Noonan

Chair of the Faculty Senate of the University of Mississippi