GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNC ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENTS 37th SESSION, 2008-2009

LOCAL RESOLUTION 27 AN ACT SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE EXPRESSION WALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE

- WHEREAS, the Aesthetics Committee of the Student Government Association of UNC Asheville has written a proposal in order to obtain a free expression wall similar to other structures at the constituent institutions of the University; and,
- WHEREAS, a free expression wall ties into the UNC Asheville mission statement where the University is said to "[offer] a superior liberal arts education for well-prepared students who are committed to learning and personal growth. [UNC Asheville's] education is liberating, promoting the free and rigorous pursuit of truth, respect for differing points of view and heritage, and an understanding that values play a role in thought and action. Through this education the university aims to develop students of broad perspective who think critically and creatively, communicate effectively, and participate actively in their communities," as well as foster "scholarship and creative activities by faculty and students alike"; and,
- **WHEREAS,** freedom of expression is a right enshrined by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and,
- WHEREAS, other members of the University of North Carolina, including Appalachian State, N.C. State, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro and UNC Wilmington, all have existing versions of such a structure; and,
- WHEREAS, the UNC Association of Student Governments, as the collective student voice of the Student Body of the University of North Carolina, is committed to supporting the Student Government of UNC Asheville and the students it represents; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the University of the North Carolina Association of Student Governments formally endorses and supports the recommendation of the Student Government of the University of North Carolina Asheville to construct a free expression wall.

I hereby certify the foregoing resolution was read twice and adopted by consent in the General Assembly of the UNC Association of Student Governments, this the _____ day of ______, 2009.

Ashley M. Yopp Senior Vice President

I hereby signify my approval of the foregoing resolution as adopted by the General Assembly of the UNC Association of Student Governments, this the _____ day of ______, 2009.

T. Greg Doucette President