

Resolution 2015-13. On Appreciation for UNC Faculty Winners of Nobel Prizes.

Presented by the Agenda Committee

On October 7, 2015, Professor Aziz Sancar, the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the UNC School of Medicine joined Professor Oliver Smithies, the Weatherspoon Eminent Distinguished Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, as Carolina's second faculty recipient of a Nobel Prize.

Sancar, a biochemist who has mapped part of the DNA repair system in cancer cells, joined Carolina's faculty in 1972. His Nobel Prize in Chemistry recognizes the contributions his research has made to the understanding of the physiology of cancer and aging. Smithies, who came to UNC in 1988, won the 2007 Nobel in Physiology or Medicine for his research having to do with altering the genes of mice, techniques that in turn have changed the science of genetic medicine and laid the foundation for today's research into gene therapy.

The faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill expresses its pride in recognizing the accomplishments of these two distinguished scholars and commends them on their outstanding achievements.