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## **“Stop CSU partnership with Israeli universities”**

### **ENDORSEMENTS**

CFA DISABILITY CAUCUS – APRIL 8, 2025  
CFA LGBTQIA+ CAUCUS – APRIL 8, 2025  
CFA LIBRARIANS COMMITTEE (UNANIMOUS) – APRIL 8, 2025  
CFA TEACHER EDUCATION CAUCUS (UNANIMOUS) – APRIL 8, 2025  
CFA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER DESI AMERICANS CAUCUS – APRIL 9, 2025  
CFA BLACK CAUCUS – APRIL 9, 2025  
CFA CHICANX/LATINX CAUCUS – APRIL 9, 2025  
CFA COUNCIL OF LECTURERS (UNANIMOUS) – APRIL 11, 2025  
CFA COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS – APRIL 11, 2025  
CFA COUNCIL FOR RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE – APRIL 11, 2025  
CFA POLITICAL ACTION AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – APRIL 11, 2025  
CFA RETIRED FACULTY AND HEALTH & RETIREMENT  
BENEFITS COMMITTEE (UNANIMOUS) – APRIL 11, 2025  
CFA WHITE ANTI-RACIST COMMITTEE – APRIL 11, 2025  
CFA WOMXN'S CAUCUS (UNANIMOUS) – APRIL 11, 2025  
CFA COUNSELORS COMMITTEE – APRIL 12, 2025  
CFA 100<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY – APRIL 13, 2025

**Whereas**, The CFA is a union of faculty with diverse ethnicities, national origins, and political and religious views, united in defending universal human rights, including the right to education and freedom of speech and has previously passed [CFA RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PALESTINIANS AND THEIR ALLIES IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY](#) (Spring 2024) and [CFA RESOLUTION TO FUND JOBS AND EDUCATION, NOT WARS AND OCCUPATION](#) (Fall 2024);

**Whereas**, many of our faculty and students are directly and indirectly impacted by injustices of settler colonialism in Palestine based on occupation, ethnic cleansing, apartheid, and genocide;

**Whereas**, Palestinian students, staff, and faculty are routinely subjected to oppression, arrest, torture, and in many cases, murder at the hands of the Israeli armed forces and violent settler groups;

**Whereas**, the Israeli government has carried out “systemic destruction of the Palestinian education system”<sup>1</sup> including bombing all universities and the majority of schools in Gaza, “an action known as ‘scholasticide;’”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [UN experts deeply concerned over ‘scholasticide’ in Gaza | OHCHR](#)

<sup>2</sup> a term which “refers to the systemic obliteration of education through the arrest, detention or killing of teachers, students and staff, and the destruction of educational infrastructure.”

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**Whereas**, Israel is intensifying acts of scholasticide in all of occupied Palestine;

**Whereas**, according to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) Israel's war on Gaza "appears to be capable of falling within the provisions of the Genocide Convention,"<sup>3</sup> and Israeli policies in Palestine "violate the prohibition on racial segregation and apartheid;"<sup>4</sup>

**Whereas**, Israeli universities have been an integral part of state militarism and armament industries, and their connections with military and intelligence entities have been widely documented<sup>5</sup>;

**Whereas**, Israeli universities collaborate with the government in oppressing and discriminating against Palestinians, including Palestinian students and faculty;

**Whereas**, Israel subjects Palestinian-American students and faculty to discriminatory treatment and restrictions on travel to educational institutions which they are eligible to attend through CSU study abroad programs (CSUIP);

**Whereas**, The University of Haifa, the chosen site for the CSUIP in Israel, is collaborating with Israeli armed forces and houses special programs for training high-ranking military personnel<sup>6</sup>;

**Whereas**, the AAUP recognizes that academic boycotts are consistent with principles of academic freedom and are "legitimate tactical responses to conditions that are fundamentally incompatible with the mission of higher education;"<sup>7</sup> and

**Whereas**, The CSUIP partnership with Israeli universities and other institutions makes the CSU complicit in Israeli discriminatory policies; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the CFA Board of Directors demand that the CSU immediately and permanently terminate any study abroad program (CSUIP) in Israel, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the CFA Board of Directors demand the immediate termination of any CSU collaboration and partnership (including but not limited to signed MOUs) with Israeli universities and academic or cultural institutions due to their complicity in occupation, ethnic cleansing, apartheid, and genocide.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> [Order of 26 January 2024 | INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE](#)

<sup>4</sup> [ICJ opinion on Israeli occupation is vindication of Palestinians' rights](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Maya Wind](#), *Towers of Ivory and Steel: How Israeli Universities Deny Palestinian Freedom*. Verso, 2024.

<sup>6</sup> School of Political Science, "National Security Programs," [poli.haifa.hevra.ac.il](http://poli.haifa.hevra.ac.il); Pinhas Yehezkeli, "The National Security College" [in Hebrew], [amutatmabal.org](http://amutatmabal.org). cited in Wind, Maya. *Towers of Ivory and Steel: How Israeli Universities Deny Palestinian Freedom* (p. 319, Kindle edition).

<sup>7</sup> "AAUP New Statement on Academic Boycotts," approved by Committee A on Academic Freedom and adopted by the AAUP's governing Council on August 9, 2024. <https://www.aaup.org/report/statement-academic-boycotts>

<sup>8</sup> [Guidelines for Applying the International Academic Boycott of Israel](#)