

1. CALL TO ORDER

Call to Order – 4:42 PM

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We respectfully acknowledge that the SFSS is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), Sel̓íl̓wítulh (Tsleil-Waututh), k^wik^wəł̓əm (Kwkwetlem) and ǵíc̓əy̓ (Katzie) Nations. Unceded means that these territories have never been handed over, sold, or given up by these nations, and we are currently situated on occupied territories.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

3.1 Council Composition

Student Union Representatives

Applied Science.....	Vacant
Archeology	Damon Tarrant
Art, Performance, and Cinema Studies.....	Vacant
Asia Canada Studies	Vacant
Bachelor of Environment.....	Tiana Andjelic
Behavioral Neuroscience.....	Aarthi Srinivasan
Biology	Nicolas Bonilla
Biomedical Physiology & Kinesiology	Kashish Mehta
Business	Vacant
Chemistry.....	Vacant
Cognitive Science	Gurmehar Singh
Communications.....	Vacant
Computing Science.....	Vacant
Criminology	Charlotte Taylor-Baer
Dance.....	Vacant

Data Science Student Union	Vadym Shakhraichuk
Earth Science	Vacant
Economics	Rafid Rahman
Education	Jihye (Jin) Choi
Engineering Science	Sarah Raisuddin
English Councillor.....	Liz Giardin
Environmental Science	Paige Ripley
Faculty of Applied Science.....	Vacant
Faculty of Communications, Arts and Technology	Vacant
Faculty of Environment Event.....	Vacant
Film Student Union	Vacant
Fine and Performing Arts	Vacant
French	Kylee Pocrnich
Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies	Vacant
Geography.....	Natasha Kearns
Gerontology Student Union.....	Vacant
Global Asia Studies Student Union	Eunice Kwok
Health Science	Jocelle Refol
History	Vacant
Humanities	Vacant
Indigenous Studies Student Union	Anita Shen
Interactive Arts and Technology	Jeremy Felix
International Studies Student Association.....	Deanna Short
Labour Studies	Justin Chen
Latin American Studies	Vacant
Linguistics.....	Alev Maleki
Mathematics.....	Ben Tischler
Mechatronics System Engineering	Ryley McWilliams
Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	Avneet Kaur
Music Student Union.....	Vacant

Operations Research.....	Ashutosh Dubal
Performing Arts	Vacant
Philosophy.....	Nicole Kirigin
Physics	Vacant
Political Science	Abhishek Parmar
Psychology	Tiffany Liu
Public Policy.....	Vacant
Science Undergraduate Society	Vacant
Semester in Dialogue	Vacant
Society of Arts and Social Sciences.....	Akum Sidhu
Sociology and Anthropology.....	Kayla Chow
Software Systems	Shashank Thanalapati
Statistics and Actuarial Science (SASSA)	Jia So
Sustainable Community Development	Vacant
Sustainable Energy Engineering Student Society	Mohammad Al-Sheboul
Theatre Student Union	Vacant
Visual Arts	Vacant
World Literature	Vacant

Constituency Group Representatives

Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance	Vacant
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association.....	Keianna James
International Student Advocates	Quynh Chi Bui
Out on Campus Collective.....	Vacant
Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry	Linda Kanyamuna
Women Centre Collective	Nim Basra

Affiliated Student Groups

Residence Hall’s Association (RHA)	Vacant
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	Paul Ursu

SFSS Executive Committee

Acting President (Chair)	Corbett Gildersleve
Acting VP Internal and Organizational Development	Chloe Homenuke
VP Finance and Services	Almas Phangura
VP University and Academic Affairs	Serena Bains
VP External and Community Affairs	Matthew Provost
VP Equity and Sustainability	Marie Haddad
VP Events and Student Affairs	Jess Dela Cruz

3.2 Society Staff

Operations Organizer.....	Ayesha Khan
Board Organizer.....	Emmanuela Droko
Policy, Research, Community Affairs Coordinator	Beaty Omboga
Administrative Assistant.....	Simar Thukral
Building Manager.....	John Walsh

3.3 Alternates

Cognitive Science Student Association.....	Hilary Tsui
Criminology Student Association	Ava Wood
Indigenous Studies Student Union	Audrey Heath
International Studies Student Association.....	Alea Mohamed
International Studies Student Association.....	Sude Guvendik

3.4 Regrets

Philosophy.....	Nicole Kirigin
Mathematics.....	Ben Tischler
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)	Paul Ursu
Environmental Science	Paige Ripley
Education	Jihye (Jin) Choi

Political Science	Abhishek Parmar
English Councillor	Liz Giardin
Software Systems	Shashank Thanalapati
Criminology	Charlotte Taylor-Baer

3.5 Guests

Student.....	Allyson
Student.....	Balqees Jama
Student.....	Bassam Abun-Nadi
Student.....	Colin Ai-Jeffrey
Member	Dalia Yasin
Member	Dalya
Student.....	Eden Ghirmay
Student.....	Haider Abbasi
Member	Lara El-Khatib
Student.....	Liza Awaad
Student.....	Marwan Zaqout
Student.....	Micaela Bilot
Student.....	Omar Abumuaileq
Student.....	Oromiya Ali
Student.....	RamiAbu-Awwad
Student.....	Rea Chatterjee
Student.....	Rose Dobrovinska
Student.....	Sayyidah Jaffer
Student.....	Selma
Student.....	Sumaiya Tufail
Member	Tala Alsharif
Student.....	Usama Siddiqui
Member	Dalya

3.6 Absents

Economics Student Society	Rafid Rahman
Engineering Science Student Society	Sarah Raisuddin
Labour Studies Student Union	Justin Chen
Statistics and Actuarial Science Student Association.....	Jia So

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 CONSENT AGENDA

Be it resolved to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1.1. RATIFICATION OF REGRETS-MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-20:01

SUBMITTED BY: Acting President “Corbett Gildersleve”

Be it resolved to ratify the regrets for the April 20th Special Council Meeting from Philosophy Councillor “Nicole Kirigin”, Student Athlete Advisory Committee “Paul Ursu”, Environmental Science Councillor “Paige Ripley”, Education Councillor “Jihey (Jin) Choy”, Mathematics Councillor “Ben Tischler”, Political Science Councillor “Abhishek Parmar”, English Councillor “Liz Giardin”, Software Systems Student Society “Shashank Thanalapati”, and Criminology Councillor “Charlotte Taylor-Baer”

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-20:02

Marie / Kylee

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

- Acting President moved to include item 6.1.

6. Presentation

6.1 Presentation Overview of the Working Group:

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability “Marie Haddad”

- VP Equity and Sustainability and two members from Palestine Working Group presented on IP-10 Palestinian Liberation.
- VP Equity and Sustainability mentioned that on May 2021, the SFSS Council voted unanimously to condemn the state of Israel’s Colonization of Palestine and struck a working group called the Free Palestine working group to formulate a statement and issues policy on behalf of the council.
- On June 10th, 2021, the SFSS released a statement recommended by the Free Palestine Working Group entitled “SFSS Statement on Israeli Colonization of Palestine” discussing the SFSS’s solidarity with the Palestinian people in condemnation of the Israeli State’s settler-colonial advancement, human rights violations, and war crimes against Palestinians.
- VP Equity mentioned that they have been working on the issue policy since the beginning of June involving multiple writing sessions, developmental sessions, discussion panel event for the issue policy endorsements.
- SFSS Free Palestine Working Group and other groups namely SFU Student for Justice in Palestine (SJP), UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR), The Palestinian Youth Movement of Vancouver (PYM), BDS Vancouver – Coast Salish, SFU Arab Student Association (ASA), SFU Migrants Student United (MSU), SFU International Student Advocates (ISA), SFU First Nations, Metis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA), SFU Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA), SFU Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA), The Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG), SFU Radical Individual’s for Solidarity and Equity (RISE), SFU International Studies Student Association (ISSA), SFU 350, Anti-Racism Coalition Vancouver (ARC), Canadian Voices Against Racism (CVAR), and the Caucus among many other in solidarity

endorse the drafted Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy. (29:26)

- One of the Member from Palestinian Working Group expressed that the reason the policy was put together was based on the recent events from last year. They provided policy background around British Imperialism and Zionism as the main obstacles to Palestinian self-determination and enjoyment of basic human rights. Apartheid as a symptom of Israeli settler-colonialism and mentioned the Palestinian struggle as an anti-colonial struggle.
- VP Equity and Sustainability went over IP-10 Details. They expressed that the first part of policy focuses on the SFSS Support for the liberation and self-determination of Palestinians in the quest for freedom, justice, right to return, and land back, including all forms of resistance in line with international law. We shall strive to amplify the efforts of the Palestinian diaspora to bring international pressure on Israel and focus on the lived experience of Palestinians in all of Palestine.
- The second part of policy essentially focuses on working with anti-colonial, Palestinian, and Anti-Zionist Jewish groups, students, community groups, and grassroots organizations advocating for Palestinian liberation, including workshops, teach-ins, walk-out, protest, rallies, and other actions via: funding, organizational partnerships, and actions that advance the cause of Palestinian liberation, including calls for boycotting, divesting, and sanctioning the state of Israel and institutions complicit in the oppression of Palestinians.
- The third part of the policy focus on the aims of the BDS movement which are to end Israeli occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantle the Wall, recognize the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality, respect, protect, and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and

- properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.
- The SFSS Supports the call for initiative in support of the BDS movement such as boycotting the state of Israel and institutions, companies, and organizations that fund or support Israeli apartheid and settlements. This involves withdrawing support from Israel's apartheid regime, complicit Israeli sporting, cultural and academic institutions, and from all Israeli and international companies engaged in violation of Palestinian human rights. This includes an academic boycott of Israeli universities within the guidelines outlined in the PACBI academic and cultural boycott framework. In addition to this, sanctioning the state of Israel in order to end its system of apartheid by banning business with illegal Israel settlements, ending military trade and free-trade agreements as well as suspending Israel's membership in international fora.
 - They expressed that the SFSS opposes laws, policies, and practices that violates international law such as divided and separate rule, Israel's discriminatory system of immigration for Jewish peoples only as well as the granting of rights and privileges to Jewish people at the expense of Palestinians, the building of illegal settlements on occupied territories, restricting on Palestinians' right to political participation, Inhumane acts and abuse of Palestinians' fundamental rights, and Institutional discrimination and systematic domination.
 - In addition to these, the SFSS opposes discourse that adopts or promote anti-Palestinian racism, anti-black racism, anti-Indigenous, anti-Arab racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and any forms of oppression.
 - VP Equity expressed that SFSS opposes apartheid, genocide, slavery, colonial exploitation, and ethnic cleansing, or crimes against humanity that are founded on racism and racial supremacy. SFSS supports victims,

including descendants, right to full reparation.

- Also, the SFSS opposes partnering with, or empowering groups through representation on decision-making bodies (such as on the SFSS council) that censor and suppress actions supporting Palestinians, foster a repressive environment for members of groups that support Palestinian liberation and human rights on the basis of their member's support for Palestinians including using tools such as boycotts, divestments, and sanctions or that have ties to or seek to establish ties with the state of Israel or any institution complicit in its oppression of Palestinians as guided by this policy.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Palestinian Issues Policy– MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-20:03

SUBMITTED BY: VP Equity and Sustainability “Marie Haddad”

ATTACHMENT: IP- 10_ Palestinian Liberation Draft formulated by the SFSS
Marie / Jocelle

Whereas, the SFSS creates SFSS Issues Policies on a variety of stances on social, economic, and political issues that impact our membership;

Whereas, it is typical for students societies to employ Issues Policies to establish stances;

Whereas on May 19th, 2021 the SFSS Council voted unanimously to condemn the State of Israel's Colonization of Palestine and struck a working group called the Free Palestine working group to formulate a statement and issues policy of behalf of the council;

Whereas on June 10th, 2021 the SFSS released a statement recommended by the Free Palestine Working Group entitled “SFSS Statement on the Israeli

Colonization of Palestine” discussing the SFSS solidarity with the Palestinian people in condemnation of the Israeli State’s settler-colonial advancement, human rights violations, and war crimes against Palestinians;

Whereas the SFSS Free Palestine Working Group and other groups in solidarity endorse the drafted Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy, namely, SFU Student for Justice in Palestine (SJP), UBC Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR), the Palestinian Youth Movement Vancouver (PYM), BDS Vancouver – Coast Salish, SFU Arab Student Association (ASA), SFU Migrants Students United (MSU), SFU International Student Advocates (ISA), SFU First Nations, Metis & Inuit Student Association (FNMISA), SFU Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA), SFU Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance (DNA), The Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG), SFU Radical Individual’s for Solidarity and Equity (RISE), SFU International Studies Student Association (ISSA), SFU 350, Anti-Racism Coalition Vancouver (ARC), Canadian Voices Against Racism (CVAR), and the Caucus, among many others;

Be it resolved that the SFSS Council amend the SFSS Issues Policies to add the drafted Palestine Liberation Issues Policy titled “IP-10: Palestinian Liberation”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- SFU student spoke in favour of this motion and expressed how important this motion is. Canadian universities are mechanisms of Canadian state, a state built on legal occupation and a state that has been complicit in the apartheid ethnic refusal of self-determination of Palestinians for decades.
- Member of SFU 350 spoke in favour of this motion and urged Council to vote yes for this motion. They expressed the importance of making land

acknowledgment and mentioned that as long as we make land acknowledgement we are making a statement against colonialism.

- One of SFU Undergraduate Student expressed that in May 2021, the international community witnessed settler colonialism, homes possession, bombardment. These attacks have been a part of 74 years of settler colonialism of ethnic refusal. These have been happening in the places of worship, holidays, and celebration. Palestinian have been de-humanized on daily basis with many of them killed with their loved ones taken away. They are shot at the checkpoints just made for them, burnt in their homes, brutally attacked, and witness their home demolition's. They urged Council to vote in favour to this motion to show your support to the community.
- One of SFU Students express their concern around this policy and mentioned that the main issue that they have with this policy is that SFSS has not consulted the actual Jewish community on campus nor consider the effect it has on us, despite our attempts of reaching out to SFSS. Instead SFSS tokenized Jews by only consulting independent Jewish voices, which are the group of Jews that agree with your point of view and the conflict, rather than the actual Jewish presence on campus. IJV is not an official SFU club but rather a Vancouver based affiliate of a pro-Palestinian group that represents a tiny fraction of the Jewish public opinion Hillel is an official club on campus and is the largest on campus Jewish organization internationally, that has ties to Israel is the only form of Jewish representation on campus and at risk of having no representation on decision making bodies according to this policy

The people who wrote this policy are not Jewish. This will not affect you in your everyday lives. It's coming from a place of privilege

misinformation about the conflict and our lived experiences as Jews, this very policy as a race the existence of Middle Eastern North African Jews and Israel, all Jews, European white colonizers do diminishing our existence in our history to fit your anti-Semitic narrative. We ask that as SFSS to consult the actual Jewish presence on campus and to include us in conversations that involve us, as you would with any other minority and so constantly dismissing us when we do not fit your narrative as complex as conflict in not correct.

- One of SFU Undergraduate student mentioned that If this policy legitimizes all forms of resistance within the context of the UN General Assembly Resolution 37 to 3443. This resolution cannot be considered binding international law, as the General Assembly does not have the authority under the UN Charter to construct binding resolutions only the Security Council is able to do. Nevertheless, 37 to 43 says nothing about identifying which groups can be considered terrorists, and as a result as the motion stands violence and violence against innocent civilians is not condemned.

If the BDS working group is to pass a statement with respect to supporting resistant, it must state explicitly clear that the forms of resistance ought to be peaceful and cannot be used to target innocent civilians, quote, the SFSS executive committee condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine and fights for peace alongside all peoples against war locally and globally, is the SFSS saying Jews are not people, the policy supports a cultural and academic boycott this marginalizes Jewish and is really students specifically through their inability to support any causes tied to Israel, and this violates the BC societies act which states, an act of the society was done, or is threatened or a resolution of the members or directors was passed or is proposed.

This is unfairly prejudicial to the members and one or more other members. All in all, reading over this policy, just is inexplicably an anti-Semitic and I believe that you should reconsider what you're about to vote on.

- Acting executive of the Disability and Neuro Diversity Alliance urged Council to vote yes to the policy. They expressed that they are glad that Jewish and Palestinian students alike have been involved in writing the policy and has been invited to review it and that checks have also been made with the lawyer consultation with millions of Palestinians expelled and displaced by the State of Israel. The state has created what the UN refugee agency has described as by far the most protracted and largest of all problems in the world today that has both targeted disabled Palestinians specifically, and caused increased incidence of disability among Palestinians by limiting their access to basic goods and services and causing long term injuries and ongoing waves of violence, access to any kind of support or rehabilitation for disabilities is greatly hindered by the restricted movement and the Gaza blockade imposed by the State of Israel, leaving over 90% of disabled Palestinians unemployed and this again poverty as a disabled person myself whose family has also fled a major war as refugees, the suffering caused by the State of Israel action is clear to me, as is the complicity of organizations and governments in socially, economically and politically fueling up the apartheid. They support this issues policy as it plays a crucial role in fulfilling our responsibility as global citizens by outlining meaningful actions the SFSS can take to oppose the apartheid, while being clear that a kingdom slowly those slots support, and are complicit with the state violence. They are confident that the SFSS can and should follow the steps of other university student unions and standing in solidarity with Palestinians

- One of the Student mentioned that they strongly urge all councilors to vote yes to the adoption of this motion, as it strongly aligns with the society's values of opposing settler colonialism and against violence. The SFSS has adopted numerous other policies and this time should be no different. The State of Israel is actively perpetuating a system of apartheid against Palestinians, with one is actively being stolen by the state, which is real estate is waging ethnic cleansing against major human rights organizations have condemned Israel for its actions. Unfortunately, the federal government and universities have not through arming and funding, Israel, on a local university level. They expressed that we all know how this can be a powerful mechanism to plant the seeds of change.

8. ATTACHMENTS

8.1 IP- 10_ Palestinian Liberation Draft formulated by the SFSS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 MOTION COUNCIL 2022-04-20:04

Ashutosh / Ryley

Be it resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IP-10: Palestinian Liberation

Preamble

Palestinian liberation refers to resistance against Israeli settler colonialism and ending the occupation within Historic Palestine which includes the 48 territories (present-day State of Israel), West Bank, and Gaza.

The State of Israel was built through the dispossession and ethnic cleansing of over 700,000 Palestinians from their homes, villages, and lands. Since 1948, the State of Israel has been occupying and colonizing Palestinian land, discriminating against Palestinians across the entirety of Palestine—displacing and denying the right of return to over 7 million Palestinian refugees across the world. The reality of Palestinian displacement by Israeli colonialism and expulsion is at the core of the Palestinian liberation movement and experience, especially in reference to Palestinian refugees and the right of return.

Israel enforces its settler-colonialist regime of occupation, forced expulsions, dispossessions, and ethnic cleansing—core components of eradicating the Indigenous population that contribute to the entirety of settler-colonialism—through segregation and discrimination with policies of apartheid. This state of oppression has historically organized itself through discriminatory and colonial policies of ethnic supremacy for Jewish citizens of Israel and the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians from their rightful home. Furthermore, Palestinians at home, in exile, and the diaspora (as well as their allies) are subject to censorship and doxing (i.e., online dossiers and blacklists such as “Canary Mission”), leading to assaults on their careers, education, and livelihoods.

As outlined in the Human Rights Watch report ["A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution,"](#) the B'tselem report ["A regime of Jewish supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea: This is apartheid,"](#) and the Amnesty International report ["Israel's Apartheid Against Palestinians: A Cruel System of Domination and a Crime Against Humanity,"](#) the State of Israel is in clear violation of public international law and its most foundational, universal norms.

The State of Israel violates international humanitarian law and international human rights law; provisions in the [Fourth Geneva Convention](#), the [International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#), the [International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid](#), the [International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination](#), and the [Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court](#) (to name but a few) are breached wherever Israeli civil and military institutions practice effective control.

There have been numerous [UN resolutions](#) denouncing the continuation of illegal settlements in Occupied Palestine, but these have been ignored by the State of Israel and international supporters. Governments around the world fail to hold Israel accountable. Multinational companies and global

institutions assist in the Israeli oppression of Palestinians. Individuals, as outlined under the Nuremberg Principles [I](#) and [II](#), are responsible for adhering to the principles of international law. Accordingly, the Simon Fraser Student Society is obligated to support the Palestinian pursuit of self-determination and resist the illegal actions of the State of Israel, guided by Nuremberg Principle [VII](#).

In response, since 2005, Palestinian civil society has called for adherence to the grassroots Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement as one of the several acts of resistance in the overall fight for Palestinian liberation. International law, governments, and other legal apparatuses have failed to achieve justice for Palestinians, hence the grassroots organizing for BDS.

Boycott: Academic, Cultural, and Economic

- *Academic Boycott:* Palestinian civil society calls for an academic boycott of complicit Israeli academic institutions. Refusing to normalize oppression, many academic associations, student governments, and unions, as well as thousands of international academics, now support the academic boycott of Israel. In North American campuses, this can look like ending ties with university “Go Global” programs at Tel Aviv or Haifa University.
- *Cultural Boycott:* Israel overtly uses culture as a form of propaganda to whitewash or justify its regime of occupation, settler-colonialism, and apartheid over Palestinians. Just as South African anti-apartheid activists called on international artists, writers, and cultural institutions to [culturally boycott South Africa](#), the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) urges international cultural workers and cultural organizations, including unions and associations, to boycott and/or work towards the cancellation of events, activities, agreements, or projects involving Israel, its lobby groups, or its cultural institutions. International venues and festivals are asked to reject funding and any form of sponsorship from the Israeli government. Thousands of artists across the world now refuse to perform in Israel, including Roger Waters and Lauryn Hill.
- *Economic Boycott:* International companies aid and abet Israel’s violations of international law, including operating in Israeli settlements and acting as contractors for the Israeli military and government. Campaigning has led to major companies such as Veolia and Orange selling and leaving Israel altogether, and a range of investors divesting from Israeli and international companies (including [112 companies](#) named by the UN). The UN and the World Bank say that BDS is having an important economic impact on Israel and this could well grow as the movement develops.

Divestment: To divest is to withdraw funds. International companies such as G4S and HP profit from helping Israel maintain its system of settler colonialism, therefore divestment campaigns increase international pressure to end complicity with Israeli’s oppression of Palestinians.

Sanctions: Sanctions were the final blow to the apartheid regime in South Africa and the BDS movement calls for sanctions against Israel by governments meeting legal obligations not to be complicit in Israeli crimes. Some governments have responded by taking forms of sanctions against Israel or steps to ensure they do not contribute to its crimes. These sanctions could include a military embargo, an end to economic links, and the cutting of diplomatic ties. This also includes for states to end all trade that sustains Israeli settlements in all of Occupied Palestine and the suspension of free trade agreements and bilateral agreements with Israel.

BDS has three demands: 1) End Israeli occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling [the Wall](#); 2) Recognize the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and 3) Respect, protect, and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.

The Palestinian Liberation Issues Policy is an opportunity for the SFU community to follow in the footsteps of other leading Canadian academic institutions where their community has supported divestment. Previously, the University of Toronto's Student Union [passed](#) a motion mandating that it divest from "all firms complicit in the occupation of Palestinian Territory." Two universities in Montreal followed a similar approach: the McGill undergraduate student body [voted](#) in favor of the Palestine Solidarity Policy, with a 71% majority, alongside Concordia University's Student Union passing a motion against Apartheid. Additionally, UBC's student union, the AMS, voted to call for UBC's divestment of 9 companies that operate and profit from Israeli settlements and condemn Israeli apartheid and occupation of Palestine.

Definitions

Zionism: Zionism is a colonial ideology and political movement that calls for establishing a Jewish nation-state in Palestine with a Jewish majority. Zionism in Palestine meant ethnically cleansing the Indigenous population during the [1948 Nakba](#), maintaining settler-colonialism through policies of apartheid. There were barely any Zionists present before the 20th century; this necessitated the oppression and expulsion of the Palestinians to create the necessary conditions for an apartheid state. Read more [here](#).

Anti-Zionism: Opposition to the establishment and sustenance of the state of Israel that maintains a system of Jewish supremacy and colonization of Palestinian land through home demolitions, checkpoints, imprisonment, segregation, ID system, and overall subjugation of Palestinian life and dignity. Anti-zionism fits in the wider anti-colonial framework globally, including within Turtle Island.

Anti-Palestinian racism: The Arab Canadian Lawyers Association defines anti-Palestinian racism as "racism involving attacking, smearing, silencing or stereotyping of Palestinians. This racism can be implicit, overt, or systemic and can be perpetrated against Palestinians and non-Palestinians. Anti-Palestinian racism takes various forms, including: violence or the justification of violence against Palestinian lands, property, or persons; failing to acknowledge Palestinians as a people with a collective identity, belonging, and rights in relation to occupied and historic Palestine; excluding or

pressuring organizations, governments or individuals to exclude Palestinians or Palestinian perspectives; denying or causing to be denied the human rights and equal dignity and worth of Palestinians; and smearing Palestinians with tropes such as being antisemitic, terrorist sympathizers, or opposed to shared national/democratic values. This also includes denial of the 1948 Nakba and enforcing the Palestinian exception to progressive politics.” Read more [here](#).

Anti-semitism: Antisemitism is racism, hostility, prejudice, vilification, discrimination, or violence, including hate crimes, directed against Jewish people, as individuals, groups, or as a collective—because they are Jewish. Its expression includes attributing to Jewish people, as a group, characteristics or behaviours that are perceived as dangerous, harmful, frightening, or threatening to non-Jewish people. This is in specific contrast to problematic definitions, such as the IHRA definition of antisemitism, which is designed to stifle criticism of Israel and of Zionism by equating it with antisemitism. Read more at www.noihra.ca.

The Boycott, Disinvestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement: a non-violent movement formed in 2005 by over 170 Palestinian non-governmental organizations, unions, and civil society groups aimed to campaign for and protect the rights of Palestinians through the application of international pressure on the of Israel until it complies with international law.

Policy

1. The SFSS supports:

- a. The liberation and self-determination of all Palestinian people in their quest for freedom, justice, and land back, including all forms of resistance. We shall amplify the efforts of the Palestinian diaspora to bring international pressure and focus on the lived experiences of the Palestinians living in all of Palestine.
- b. Working with anti-colonial, Palestinian, and anti-Zionist Jewish groups and organizers, allied student groups in solidarity, community groups, and grassroots organizations who are working on or advocating for Palestinian liberation, including initiatives such as, but not limited to: workshops, teach-ins, walk-outs, protests, rallies, and other such actions via:
 - i. Funding, partnerships, and actions that otherwise advance the cause of Palestinian liberation, including the calls for boycotting, divesting, and sanctioning the state of Israel and complicit institutions.
- c. The calls and actions toward the aim of the BDS movement are to:
 - i. End Israeli occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantle [the Wall](#)
 - ii. Recognize the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality.
 - iii. Respect, protect, and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.
- d. The call for initiatives in support of the BDS movement toward Palestinian liberation such as:

- i. Boycotting the state of Israel and institutions, companies, and organizations that fund or support Israeli apartheid and settlements. This involves withdrawing support from Israel's apartheid regime, complicit Israeli sporting, cultural and academic institutions, and from all Israeli and international companies engaged in violations of Palestinian human rights. This includes an academic boycott of Israeli universities within the guidelines outlined in the [PACBI academic and cultural boycott framework](#).
- ii. Divesting from the current state of Israel by encouraging and urging banks, local councils, religious institutions, pension funds, and universities (including internal and external to SFU) to withdraw investments from the State of Israel, as well as all Israeli and international companies that sustain Israeli apartheid.
- iii. Sanctioning the current state of Israel to fulfill their legal obligations to end Israeli apartheid, and not aid or assist in its maintenance, by banning business with illegal Israeli settlements, ending military trade and free-trade agreements, as well as suspending Israel's membership in international fora.

2. SFSS opposes

- a. Laws, policies, and practices that violate international law, such as:
 - i. Divided and separate rule;
 - ii. Immigration for Jewish peoples only and rights specific to Jewish peoples at the expense of Palestinians;
 - iii. The building of illegal settlements on occupied territories;
 - iv. Restrictions on Palestinians' freedom of movement;
 - v. Denial of Palestinians' right to political participation;
 - vi. Inhumane acts and abuse of Palestinians' fundamental rights; and
 - vii. Institutional discrimination and systemic domination.
- b. Discourse that adopts or promotes anti-Palestinian racism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous, anti-Arab racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, and any form of oppression.
- c. The coopting of the BDS movement to promote or tolerate any act or discourse which perpetuates anti-Palestinian racism, anti-Arab racism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism, sexism, xenophobia, or homophobia, and zero tolerance on any form of oppression in the name of these policies.
- d. Apartheid, genocide, slavery, colonial exploitation, and ethnic cleansing, which are crimes against humanity that are founded on racism and racial supremacy, and we call for the right of their victims, including descendants, to full reparation.
- e. Partnering with, or empowering groups through representation on decision-making bodies that;
 - i. Censor and suppress actions in support of Palestinians;
 - ii. Allow for fostering of a repressive environment for members of such groups who support Palestinian liberation and human rights, on the basis of their members' support for Palestinians—including using tools such as boycotts, divestments, and sanctions, or;

- iii. That have ties to, or seek to or continue to establish, ties with the current state of Israel or any complicit institution as guided by this policy.

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