

12 UCSD PROFESSORS WRITE CALIFORNIA CONTROLLER CHIANG RE: SFSU SUPPORT OF POLITICAL, PRO-TERROR TRIP

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Subject: State Money Should not Be Used for Personal Political Agendas and Meetings with Terrorists

Dear Mr. Chiang,

If the allegations made by AMCHA, Simon Wiesenthal Center and six other organizations about SFSU Professor Rabab Abdulhadi's recent trip to the Middle East, which she herself described as a "political solidarity tour" are accurate, then SFSU President Wong's justification of this abuse of California taxpayers' money as legitimate "research" is outrageous and so broadens the term "research" as to make it meaningless. If President Wong's interpretation of Professor Abdulhadi's trip is allowed to stand then there will be no activity, regardless of how blatantly political, that Professors will not be able to engage in using public funds, under the guise of "academic freedom" and "research." We, the undersigned, urge you to bring some clear-minded reasoning to this issue and send a message that there, indeed, are some activities that are clearly political and, while perfectly appropriate for academics to engage in as private citizens, are not appropriate uses of public educational funds.

Sincerely,

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