

UC Faculty for Justice in Palestine Condemnation of UC Regents 4/26/24 Statement

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We, the undersigned current and retired employees of the University of California, condemn the UC statement of April 26th, 2024 dismissal of calls for academic boycott of Israel on the basis that such a decision would infringe on principles of academic freedom. Further, we reject being used as scapegoats for the UC refusal to divest from Israeli companies and corporations that provide material support to the Israeli government as it continues to commit ethnic cleansing & genocide against the Palestinian people. Its implementation of scholasticide, which has destroyed Gaza's education system, universities, and National Archives has left hundreds of students, teachers, and professors dead, with thousands more injured.

The UC press release claims: "Through careful management of the University's retirement and endowment funds, UC Investments provides a stable and growing revenue stream that benefits current and retired employees and supports the University's education, research and public service mission."

The statement echoes the strategy of the UC Regents to position undergraduate and graduate students against the rest of the campus. Most recently, the UC has used its 2023 contract negotiation with the UC Graduate Student Worker Union (UAW 2865) as an alibi for egregious department budget cuts and increased pressure on faculty to work as scabs. We refuse to be used as justification for the UC's ongoing exploitation of student workers and draconian austerity measures-all the while the university upper management continues to receive exorbitant raises.

Further, the UC statement contradicts the histories and policies of the University of California system. The Office of the Treasurer of the UC Regents reaffirms the importance of adher[ing] to high ethical as well as professional standards in serving the investment management needs of its constituency. In fact, the UCs have a long track record of approving divestment.

In 2020, the UC Office of the Chief Investment Officer of the Regents announced that the UC would divest from fossil fuels after selling \$1 billion in assets from its pension, endowment and working capital pools. In 2006, the UC Regents voted to divest from companies whose ventures provided revenue to the Sudanese government as it committed acts of genocide in Darfur. And in July of 1986, the UC Regents voted to divest \$3.1 billion from companies doing business with South Africa over the country's practice of apartheid.

Given the institutional amnesia of our current President & Board of Regents, we identify their refusal to divest from companies that aid in or profit from Israeli acts of genocide as an unethical and self-serving attempt to avoid accountability. History will condemn the inaction of the UC Regents, and we refuse to be complicit in this poor attempt to pit student demands for divestment against employee interests

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- Drafted by UC Faculty for Justice in Palestine

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Divestment : The absolute first step in stopping the bloodshed	UC Berkeley	Former graduate student , school of engineering , preceptor, premedical student training program
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