

Trent University Faculty Association

Motion to Prevent Scholasticide in Palestine¹

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Be it resolved that TUFA:

1. Calls for an immediate and complete ceasefire in Gaza, the full release of hostages held by Hamas, and the exchange of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel;
2. Condemns the scholasticide in Gaza and the other Occupied Palestinian Territories (West Bank and East Jerusalem);
3. Supports students' rights to assemble and protest peacefully on campus without disruption, surveillance, reprisal or violence from police, security, or other quarters;
4. Will work towards a complete Trent University divestment and boycott of all institutions and corporations complicit in Israeli war crimes, breaches of international law, and human rights violations in all Occupied Palestinian Territories (Gaza, West Bank and East Jerusalem), including scholasticide (Israeli military, defence, security, intelligence, and technology sectors);
5. Will strengthen academic links with Palestinian academics and educational workers, work to revitalize Trent's Scholars at Risk Program (SAR) by establishing a committee to facilitate the nomination of one or more Palestinian scholars via the Palestinian Students and Scholars at Risk Program, as well as actively seek ways to support the eventual rebuilding of academic institutions in Gaza;
6. Establish a TUFA Committee called "TUFA Scholars Against the Scholasticide in Palestine." This committee shall:
 - a. Conduct research with the aim of ending all TUFA's and our university's ties and support for the Israeli military, defence, security, intelligence, and technology sectors (including institutional research collaborations, corporations, investments, and financial holdings),
 - b. Be composed of 6-8 members (at least two of whom are original endorsers of this motion, as listed below),
 - c. Develop a research report that documents the connections between our faculty association's resources, our university's finances, investments, and agreements, and our own salaries and pension with the Israeli military, defence, security, intelligence, and technology sectors,
 - d. Develop a longer-term strategy, mandate, procedures, and goals to continue its work.

¹ Bullet numbering added for ease of reference.