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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 3rd, 2024

10:00 a.m.

To be held virtually via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcmaster.zoom.us/j/95556845577>

Meeting ID: 955 5684 5577

According to MUFA's By-Law 3(b), fifty full members shall constitute a quorum of a general meeting.

Rules of Order

In the interest of maintaining order and ensuring fair opportunity for all members, this meeting will use the following rules of order:

- Only one member may hold the floor at a time. The chat function will be disabled for the meeting.
- Each member may speak exactly once on each motion, for no more than two minutes. Members are advised to prepare their remarks in advance.
- If a member cannot attend the Special General Meeting, they may designate a proxy member to read prepared remarks on their behalf. The proxy must identify the absent member by name. A member who reads proxy remarks is also entitled to speak on their own behalf.
- The MUFA Constitution and By-Laws do not allow proxy voting.

AGENDA

1. Motion to establish a MUFA Ad Hoc Committee (Lyndsey Beutin) (attached)
2. Motion to issue a statement calling on the University (Lyndsey Beutin) (attached)
3. Motion to Preserve Academic Freedom and Prevent Political Misuse of the Faculty Association (David Feinberg) (attached)

Motion 1

Be it resolved that MUFA establish a faculty committee dedicated to the following objectives:

- **Comprehensive Audit:** A full audit to assess McMaster's potential complicity in arming Israel through its association and material connections to institutions and corporations. We seek a comprehensive audit of all investments, including but not limited to names of holdings and portfolio shares, endowments, pension fund, short-term working capital assets, and financial holdings of the University.
- **Divestment:** The divestment of the university's investments, endowments, pension fund, purchases, and other financial holdings from companies linked to genocide, human rights violations, occupation, and apartheid in Israel.
- **Review of Cooperation:** Reviewing, with the goal of ending, McMaster's cooperation with Israeli academic and cultural institutions complicit in apartheid including exchange programs, institutional research collaborations, partnerships, scholarships, and fellowships, in line with the [Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel](#). Importantly, this boycott is of [institutions, not individuals](#). The affiliation of Israeli cultural workers to an Israeli cultural institution is not grounds for applying the boycott to them as individuals.

Motion 2

Be it resolved that MUFA issue a statement calling upon University leadership to safeguard the civil rights of Palestinian and pro-Palestinian students, faculty, and staff engaged in nonviolent protests against the decimation of life in Gaza, including:

- A public guarantee that administrators will not authorize Campus Safety Services or the Hamilton Police Service to interfere with protest actions or encampments on the basis of trespassing or other nonviolent charges;
- A public guarantee that faculty and students will not face any form of disciplinary action or academic reprisal for their participation in nonviolent protest, including but not limited to suspension, expulsion, or the withholding of grades or degrees earned.

Motion 3

Individual members of the Association, including members of the MUFA Executive, shall not be prohibited from taking positions on political issues that reflect their own opinions. However, neither the Association as a whole, nor the MUFA Executive, which represents the Association, shall adopt a position on an issue that does not directly relate to the shared professional interests of its members.