

April 11, 2024 Academic Senate – Item 6.10: Draft resolution on Palestine

I wanted to start by reminding all of us that the most important purpose of today’s agenda item is to listen. Today’s item is discussion only. If I don’t think there has been enough time for discussion today, then it will come back again as a discussion-only item. I also ask us to assume good intentions of each other, especially when we disagree with each other.

We will start by listening to the draft resolution. Then there will be an opportunity for all guests (non-voting members of Academic Senate) to comment. Finally, Academic Senate voting members will have an opportunity to comment.

Structure of Discussion

Since I expect there to be many commenters, the discussion will be structured as follows:

- 5 minutes: presentation of the draft resolution
- 10 minutes: guest comments.
 - Guests in the room will be given priority over guests on zoom.
 - Guests on zoom who would like to speak should use the Raise Hand function under Zoom “Reactions”.
- 5 minutes: Academic Senate voting member comments

Basic Discussion Guidelines

To ensure that as many speakers as reasonably possible have an opportunity and to ensure as wide a representation of viewpoints as possible, there will be the following discussion guidelines:

- Each commenter will be limited to 1 minute
- Commenters will alternate between “pro” and “con.” Pro means in support of the agenda item under consideration (that is, the draft resolution), while Con means opposition to the draft resolution.
- It is appreciated if commenters do not repeat previously shared comments so that Academic Senate can hear as wide a range of comments as possible.

Additional Discussion Guidelines and Norms

- Address comments to Cañada Academic Senate, not to other individuals.
- You are welcome to respond to a previous comment. But keep in mind: your response should be addressed to the idea and to Academic Senate, not to the other individual.
- Zoom guests: refrain from using topic relevant images in your profile picture or video background.
- Zoom guests should share a name as their “Zoom name,” not a message in the name field.
- In keeping with our regular procedures, no deliberation/comments occur in the Zoom chat.
- For this agenda item, the chat will be used to share the discussion guidelines and then will be disabled.

Further Opportunities to Comment

If you wanted to comment on this agenda item but were unable to do so during the meeting due to time

constraints, then you are welcome to email David Eck (eckd@smccd.edu) your comment by end-of-day today (April 11). In your email: 1) explicitly state that you would like your comments posted to Cañada's Academic Senate website, and 2) explicitly state whether or not you would like to share your comments anonymously.

Any after-meeting comments will be posted to the Materials section of the April 11th meeting and be labeled as shared after the meeting. If the draft resolution returns to a future meeting agenda, then I will link these comments to the future agenda item description.