

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **Thursday, 27 June 2024, 1:00 P.M.**

We are grateful to live and work on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Səlilwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Watuth), Stó:lō, and Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations of the Coast Salish peoples, and in the Okanagan the unceded territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) Peoples.

- 1) Adoption of the agenda
Motion: That the Agenda be adopted.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes
Motion: That the Minutes of the Fall General Meeting of Oct 25, 2023 be approved
- 3) Presentation of the Annual Report including the Treasurer's Report & Review of 2023 Audited Financial Statements and 2024 Budget.
- 4) Notice of Motion re: Data Collection Committee.
Motion: Pursuant to the Annual General Meeting of June and September, 2022, the Data Collection Committee is recommending approval of the report and changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as outlined in the Report.

The Executive Committee has received the Report and is recommending ratification by the membership through an electronic vote.

- 5) Motion to UBC Faculty Association: *Motion to divest from violations of our collective values & Commentary from the Executive on the motion.*

Background on the resolution, provided by the member who submitted the resolution, can be found here: <https://www.equityscience.ca/message-to-students>

Preamble

Whereas the state of Israel, and countries directly supporting the Israeli military operation in Gaza, are currently accused of and/or under investigation for violations against Palestinians under: International Humanitarian Law; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Whereas Israel's military offensive has continued in contravention of calls for a ceasefire by world leaders and international bodies, and despite mounting evidence that this offensive plausibly includes crimes against humanity, including the crime of genocide against the people of Palestine and the use of intentional starvation of civilians as a method of warfare;

Whereas Canada carries obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which Canada is both a signatory and primary architect;

Whereas Palestinian Higher Education institutions issued a "Unified Call for Justice and Freedom" in November 2023, calling on their global counterparts to take concrete actions to fulfill our intellectual and academic duties by standing with them against genocidal assaults in Gaza and the decimation of all Gazan universities;

Whereas as a result of over 7 months of military assault by the State of Israel: more than 5,479 students, 261 teachers and 95 university professors have been killed in Gaza, and over 7,819 students and 756 teachers have been injured; at least 60 percent of educational facilities, including 13 public libraries, 195 heritage sites, including the Central Archives of Gaza, containing 150 years of history, have been damaged or destroyed; at least 625,000 students have no access to education; and, the last remaining university in Gaza was demolished by the Israeli military on January 17, 2024;

Whereas our University is directly complicit in this destruction of life, land, and knowledge through direct and indirect investments in UBC's endowment portfolio. 2

Whereas the investment practices of public institutions, including UBC, should be transparent, open and responsive to scrutiny, and in alignment with institutional values and obligations;

Whereas university investments in, profits from, or partnerships with states, entities or institutions that violate international laws and/or our own national, provincial or institutional ratified statements, strategies and commitments compromise the integrity and relevance of our institution;

Whereas Canada, and its public institutions, including our own university and its investments, communications, and interactions, may all be subject to International Court of Justice proceedings.

Be it resolved that the Faculty Association:

Calls on UBC's Senior Administration to work with external fund managers to release a public listing of the current holdings of the UBC Endowment including detailed reports on pooled-funds within thirty days of the adoption of this motion;

Calls on UBC's Board of Governors and UBC Faculty Pension Plan to immediately divest from pooled and direct investments that have been identified as: (1) directly supplying the military operations of the Israeli state; (2) indirectly supporting their operations

(including with businesses operating within illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory or through formal academic partnerships with institutions complicit in Israel's military operation in Gaza); and/or, investments in the following companies in UBC's portfolio identified [here](#);

Calls on UBC's Board of Governors to develop, disclose and adequately resource a transparent process for divestment or reallocation of investments guided by evidence and ethics-based dialogue across the university community, by September 30th, 2024;

Calls on our UBC Board of Governors to communicate to our campus community the steps they will take to protect our institution from potential rulings by the International Court of Justice against Canada; Calls on our UBC Board of Governors and Senates to communicate to our campus community how they will uphold our commitments to the Sustainable Development Goals & The Okanagan Charter with regard to the unfolding catastrophes in Gaza, and to identify support for faculty, staff and students to meet our collective obligations to both;

Calls on UBC's Senates and Provosts to work with the Scholars at Risk Canada Section and UBC Scholars at Risk Advisory Committee to identify and secure, by September 1st 2024, tangible supports for Palestinian academics and students, including, for example: needs related to student visas; pathways to immigration via training opportunities; fellowships, scholarships and financial aid; and, support for rebuilding and/or re-establishing destroyed academic assets and structures, as requested in the open letter from academics in Gaza released on June 1st 2024 [here](#).

Executive Commentary: The Executive Committee has received Special Resolution and determined that following a discussion at the AGM the matter will be sent to the entire membership to vote on electronically.

6) Adjournment.