



Boulder Faculty Assembly

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

BFA Faculty Affairs Committee Notice of Motion
*Commitment to Campus Community, Academic Freedom, and Free Speech with respect to
Palestine and Israel*
BFA-R-2-120423

Whereas University of Colorado Boulder faculty recognize that campus communities connected with both Palestine and Israel are facing immeasurable struggles in the wake of historical and ongoing violence;

Whereas the faculty affirm a culture of care, compassion, and responsiveness to suffering;

Whereas the faculty lead with a culture of care, compassion, and responsiveness to students, staff, and other faculty;

Whereas the faculty affirm the university's dedication to free expression and scholarly inquiry that creates opportunities for people to learn, discuss, and process ongoing events;

Whereas the Boulder Faculty Assembly has endorsed in full the Faculty Council resolution of October 28, 2021 re: Academic Freedom to Teach on Issues of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Religion, and Political Philosophy;¹

Be it resolved that University of Colorado Boulder faculty stand with the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) faculty of the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences (LAS) in affirming its Resolution Re: Commitment to Campus Community². With our colleagues of the UCCS LAS, University of Colorado Boulder faculty:

¹ BFA-R-2-110121: Endorsement of CU Faculty Council Resolution Re: Academic Freedom and Diversity, https://www.colorado.edu/bfa/sites/default/files/attached-files/bfa-r-2-110121_endorsement_of_faculty_council_resolution_on_academic_freedom_diversity_-_final_vote.pdf

² [UCCS LAS Resolution on Community Oct. 2023](#)



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- remain committed to supporting community members from all backgrounds;
- remain committed to recognizing that both Palestinian and Israeli families, friends, and neighbors are impacted by the continuing violence;
- remain committed to community members (students, faculty, and staff) who are impacted by the events in Palestine and Israel; and
- remain committed to the University of Colorado Vision to be a “transformative public university,” and its Guiding Principle to “promote the interchange of ideas in the pursuit of truth and learning, including diversity of race, culture, geography, political, intellectual and philosophical perspectives.”³

Submitted by Faculty Affairs Committee: December 1, 2023

Approved for submission to Assembly by the BFA Executive Committee: December 4, 2023

Submitted to the BFA General Assembly: December 7, 2023

Approved by Assembly Representatives on December 7, 2023 with: 32 in favor; 6 opposed; and 9 abstentions

³ University of Colorado Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles, <https://www.cu.edu/strategicvision/final-report-strategic-framework/mission-vision-and-guiding-principles>