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UFS Executive Committee Continues to Oppose Academic Boycotts

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Last week, the Doctoral Student Council at the CUNY Graduate Center considered, then withdrew, a “Resolution for the Endorsement of Boycott of Israeli Academic Institutions.”

The Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate continues to respect the convictions of colleagues who have taking a range of positions on Middle Eastern politics, along with their academic freedom to hold these positions.

However, we also continue to hold that universities are critical to the free exchange of ideas and the search for solutions to challenging problems.

It is for this reason that the UFS Committee on Academic Freedom issued a [resolution](#), in February, 2013, defending the Brooklyn College Department of Political Science; and the reason why, one year later, the Executive Committee issued a [resolution](#), condemning the American Studies Association’s endorsement of an Academic Boycott of Israeli universities.

The Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate and the UFS Committee on Academic Freedom have affirmed their opposition to academic boycotts three times since 2009.

In so doing, we affirm the American Association of University Professors’ long-standing [rejection of academic boycotts](#).

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