

COALITION RESPONSE TO PROVOST DORR – THANK YOU

October 7, 2014

Dear Provost Dorr,

Thank you very much for your response to [our letter](#) to President Napolitano following the UC Academic Student Employee union's public declaration of support for the anti-Israel and antisemitic Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. Unfortunately, too often, instructors misuse the classroom for promoting their own unscholarly, politically-motivated propaganda and advocacy. Jewish students have repeatedly reported to us feeling uncomfortable and even targeted when their instructors bring into the classroom anti-Israel and antisemitic propaganda and advocacy, often with no discernible relationship to the course curriculum. Fearing retaliation for speaking out about the problem or expressing themselves freely about Israel, many Jewish students have suffered this intellectual and emotional harassment in silence.

We were very concerned that this would happen with UC teaching assistants, and are therefore grateful that you confirmed: "The University's position as to the conduct of ASE's in the classroom is rooted in its academic policies, including the UC Regents Policy on Course Content". In addition, we greatly appreciate that you sent [a letter](#) notifying every UC Chancellor of the need to inform ASE's that they are obligated to adhere to several university policies which prohibit them from using their instructional positions to promote political propaganda or advocacy, including the promotion of a boycott of Israel. These policies were established for a reason, and we appreciate your reminding the Chancellors to uphold them.

Your actions will go a long way towards ensuring that all students experience a safe and effective learning environment consistent with the high academic standards of the University of California.

Sincerely,

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Americans for Peace and Tolerance
Brandeis Center
Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America
Hasbara Fellowships
Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel
Lawfare Project
Proclaiming Justice to the Nations
Scholars for Peace in the Middle East
Simon Wiesenthal Center
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