

May 1, 2024

To: Don Avison, Board of Governors Chair, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Trish Kelly, Interim President, Emily Carr University of Art + Design
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From: The Membership of the Faculty Association, Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Palestine Solidarity Motion: passed April 29, 2024:

Whereas [Emily Carr University](#) is committed to “good citizenship [which] includes social and environmental sustainability”, and whereas we are already committed to decolonizing work as a Faculty Association and as a University,

Whereas every university in Gaza has been destroyed by Israel's military in an unfolding [scholasticide](#), and our colleagues at [Palestinian universities](#) have called upon the international academic community, unions, and students to fulfill our educational duties to seek knowledge;

Whereas we have a responsibility to stand up against ethnic cleansing and genocide because of Canada's complicity in the military industrial complex that has killed over 33,000 Palestinian people, with countless still missing, almost half of whom are children, between October 2023 and April 2024;

Whereas anti-Palestinian [racism](#) has substantially targeted many racialized people here and abroad and [Emily Carr University](#) recognizes that “the principles of EDI [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion], when embedded throughout our culture, our curriculum and our community, create the conditions for lasting and significant change”;

Whereas widespread, international calls for a ceasefire have not stopped the military massacre of Palestinian civilians, including students, professors, artists, doctors, healthcare workers, and more, and the United Nations and the International Court of Justice are calling for Israel to comply with international law, end the siege and occupation, and allow aid through to people being starved;

Be it resolved that the Emily Carr Faculty Association will:

1. Continue to call for a [ceasefire](#) and urge immediate entry into Gaza of sufficient amounts of life-saving humanitarian needs (incl. water, food, fuel, medicine), equitably distributed throughout the whole territory of Gaza.
2. Demand UN protection for the Palestinian civilians trapped under siege in Gaza and the West Bank.
3. Support the international campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions ([BDS](#)), until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and fully complies with the precepts of international law, including UN resolution [194](#) (1948) regarding the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes, and UN resolution [242](#) (1967) regarding the withdrawal of armed forces from occupied Palestinian territories.
4. Support in dismantling colonialism and apartheid and to achieve a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace based on the [BDS principle](#) that “Palestinians are entitled to the same rights as the rest of humanity.”