

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
University of California, Santa Barbara

Senate Resolution

Title: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE IRHA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM			
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Bill Type:	Directional	Vote:	50% +1

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS RECOMMENDATION

Grammatical Recommendations	
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Pass as Written		Pass with Amendments		Do Not Pass	
Refer to Committee					
Recommended by a Vote of			Chairperson's Initials		

STUDENT-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Student Sponsor	Hannah Green
<i>The Student Sponsored Liaison has insured that this Student-Sponsored Resolution is correct in its form and adherence to the AS UCSB Legal Code.</i>	

FISCAL IMPACT

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE IRHA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

WHEREAS: the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is an intergovernmental organization which “unites governments and experts to strengthen, advance and promote Holocaust education, research and remembrance;” and,

WHEREAS: the IHRA member states are Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS: on May 26, 2016, at its plenary in Bucharest, the IHRA adopted a non-legally binding “working definition” of anti-Semitism, which defines anti-Semitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.” as well as outlines manifestations of anti-Semitism; and,

WHEREAS: the United Kingdom, Israel, Austria, Scotland, Romania, the City of London, and Germany have adopted and endorsed the working definition of anti-Semitism^[1]; and,

WHEREAS: the European Parliament Working Group on Antisemitism, the United States Department of State, the United Kingdom’s College of Policing, and the Interparliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism have used similar definitions of anti-Semitism; and,

WHEREAS: on June 1, 2017, the European Parliament adopted a resolution calling on member states and their institutions to adopt and apply the working definition of anti-Semitism; and,

WHEREAS: anti-Semitism is increasing in the United States; and,

WHEREAS: according to the most recent year of FBI Statistics^[3], the Anti-Defamation League and the Southern Poverty Law Center hate crimes against Jews account for the largest number of religiously-motivated hate crimes^[4]; and,

WHEREAS: on Saturday morning, October 27, 2018, eleven people, including one Holocaust survivor, were killed during their time of worship, Shabbat, in an outwardly anti-Semitic shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS: in early October 2018, anti-Semitic fliers appeared on our sister campuses UC Davis and UC Berkeley insinuating incredibly hateful and anti-Semitic sentiments and images; and,

WHEREAS: last year, University of California, Santa Barbara students reported multiple instances of anti-Semitic graffiti, such as swastikas, painted on locations on campus and in Isla Vista; and,

WHEREAS: studies have shown that students at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and four other University of California campuses experience anti-Semitism at alarmingly high rates^[2]; and,

WHEREAS: the ASUCSB Student Bill of Rights states, “All students shall have the right to be free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, gender, sex, ethnicity, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, status

within or outside the university, or political belief in all activities sponsored or conducted by the University, its affiliates, ASUCSB, or campus student groups.”

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT: the Associated Students, University of California, Santa Barbara (ASUCSB) adopts and endorses the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s non-legally binding working definition of anti-Semitism; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the ASUCSB condemns all groups and individuals who have expressed or committed acts of anti-Semitism; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the ASUCSB stands in solidarity with the Jewish community at the University of California, Santa Barbara; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the ASUCSB will schedule an anti-Semitism awareness training with the Anti-Defamation League by the end of Week 6, as mandated by ASUCSB Legal Code; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the ASUCSB reaffirms its commitment to the Regents of the University of California Principles Against Intolerance; and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: copies of this Resolution shall be sent to Chancellor Henry Yang; The UC Regents; University of California President Janet Napolitano; Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Margaret Klawunn; Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Katya Armistead.

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[1] http://holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/fact_sheet_working_definition_of_antisemitism_1.pdf

[2] <https://amchainitiative.org/antisemitic-activity-schools-large-Jewish-report-2015>

[3]

https://ucr.fbi.gov/hate-crime/2016/topic-pages/victims?fbclid=IwAR2Fg-PV_x8KvpF28UfnbA6-It2zAI3SIAIz9RZKJpBQIN7TjEuEAkAnZaA

[4]

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/10/27/us/jewish-hate-crimes-fbi/index.html>