

April 24, 2024 Academic Senate – Item 6.3: Writing Workgroup for Drafting a Resolution on Gaza Conflict

This agenda item is only considering whether we should create an official Academic Senate writing workgroup to draft a resolution. Accordingly, *we ask commenters to focus on one or more of the following questions:*

- **Should Cañada Academic Senate form an official writing group to draft a resolution on the Gaza conflict—yes or no?**
- **What would you want Academic Senate to accomplish with the resolution?**
- **What would you not want Academic Senate to accomplish with the resolution?**
- **For Cañada faculty, would you want to be part of the writing group?**

Additionally, anyone can ask clarifying questions if they are confused by any part of this process.

Structure of Discussion

Since I expect there to be many commenters, the discussion will be structured as follows:

- 20 minutes: guest comments.
 - Guests in the room will generally be given priority over guests on zoom.
 - Guests on zoom who would like to speak should use the Raise Hand function under Zoom “Reactions.” When I reach out to zoom commenters, I will check to if anyone on Zoom is unable to find the “Raise Hand” reaction and record their place in comment request line.
- 10 minutes: Academic Senate voting member deliberation and possible action to form a writing group.

Basic Discussion Guidelines

To ensure that as many commenters as reasonably possible have an opportunity to speak and to ensure as wide a representation as possible, we will also use the following guidelines

- Each commenter will be limited to 1:30 speaking time (that is, 90 seconds).
- If there are more commenters than available time, we will strive to evenly balance the number of guest comments across:
 - members of the broader community,
 - Cañada students,
 - non-voting members of the faculty, and
 - any other members of the college community.
- It is appreciated if commenters do not repeat previously shared comments so that Academic Senate can hear as wide a range of comments as possible.

Additional Discussion Guidelines and Norms

- Address comments to Cañada Academic Senate, not to other individuals.
- You are welcome to respond to a previous comment. But keep in mind: your response should be addressed to the idea and to Academic Senate, not to the other individual.
- Zoom guests: refrain from using topic relevant images in your profile picture or video background.

- Zoom guests should share a name as their “Zoom name,” not a message in the name field.
- In keeping with our regular procedures, no deliberation/comments occur in the Zoom chat.
- For this agenda item, the chat will be used to share the discussion guidelines and then will be disabled.