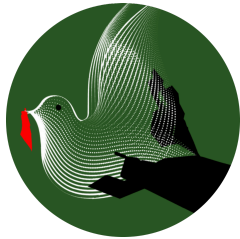


December 19th, 2023



Endowment Justice Collective Statement Regarding Unjust Suspension of New Brunswick Students for Justice in Palestine

We write this statement in solidarity with the New Brunswick chapter of the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and in response to the Rutgers administration's unjust suspension of their organization. We wholeheartedly denounce the University's decision to suspend SJP without due process over unsubstantiated claims of violation of policy and call on the administration to reinstate SJP immediately. The allegations which Rutgers cites in its decision to suspend the club are wholly unsubstantiated by date, testimony, and description of incidents. The University has also made zero attempt to support its groundless claim that the club was suspended over concerns that it poses a "substantial and immediate threat to the safety and well-being of others." It is clear that Rutgers is not actually concerned about SJP's behavior and is instead invoking ungrounded allegations of policy violations in a racist attempt to suppress Palestinian activism. We, the Endowment Justice Collective, denounce this action in the strongest terms.

The carelessness of the administration in acting to suspend SJP has been deeply troubling to witness. A member of the administration leaked the letter announcing SJP's suspension—with an SJP member's personal information included, thereby doxxing the student—to the press before it had been officially sent to SJP. In fact, SJP has yet to formally receive the letter from the administration. SJP and their advisors have consistently reached out to members of the administration to schedule appeals meetings and have been met with unresponsiveness and a lack of proper urgency from the administration. As students, staff, and faculty at Rutgers, this behavior is extremely alarming. Our administration has shown a complete lack of regard for student safety and even for its own student conduct procedures, which include due process and active communication.

Given the context of well-documented and unaddressed hate crimes experienced by members of our Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim communities in recent months, it is clear to us that the University's action to suspend SJP is not out of any genuine concern over creating a safe student environment. Rather, by suspending the SJP at the New Brunswick campus, Rutgers University shows that it does not care for Palestinian students and allies who felt safe precisely *because* organizations like SJP existed freely on campus. When SJP has a right to organize, we know that there are pockets of the University that see and validate our struggles, even when the administration does not. If the Rutgers University administration cares at all about maintaining a safe environment for its students, it will reinstate SJP immediately and put its full support behind the group's right to exist and organize freely on campus.

Consequently, we demand that:

1. Rutgers University immediately reinstate the Students for Justice in Palestine chapter at the New Brunswick campus.
2. Rutgers University divest its endowment fund from Israeli bonds and corporations upholding Israeli settler-colonialism, apartheid, and genocide.
3. Rutgers University identify and terminate the position of the administrator who leaked a private suspension letter including the name and contact information of a student member of the Students

for Justice in Palestine to media outlets and issue a public apology for compromising student safety.

4. Rutgers University accept the five demands issued by the New Brunswick Students for Justice in Palestine chapter in their [statement issued on December 13th.](#)

The Endowment Justice Collective is a student-led coalition of Rutgers students, faculty, and community organizations advocating for an ethical University endowment fund. Our 2019-20 campaign for an endowment fund divested from sweatshop labor, fossil fuels, Israeli apartheid, the prison-industrial complex, and the military-industrial complex resulted in Rutgers University's 2020 decision to divest from fossil fuels. However, the University dismissed our other concerns as insignificant. In November 2023, we reactivated our campaign for Rutgers to divest from Israeli apartheid due to the overwhelming support for Palestine from Rutgers students. We recognize the need for Rutgers University to act as a progressive force for justice today, as it did in 1985 by divesting from South African apartheid. Our university is presented with a choice: to stand against the ongoing injustices that have been waged against the Palestinian people for over 75 years or to remain willingly complicit. We hope that our work will result in a better Rutgers and a more liberated tomorrow.

Rutgers-affiliated signatures:

1. RU Progressive
2. Young Communists of the Diaspora
3. Anakbayan Rutgers
4. Rutgers Undergraduate Anthropology Club
5. Rutgers Union of Cuban American Students (RUCAS)
6. Muslim Public Relations Council
7. Muslim Feminists for the Arts
8. Latin American Student Organization
9. SLAM Society of Latin American Men
10. Rutgers Jumu'ah
11. United Black Council
12. Arab Cultural Club
13. Neolyora
14. Rutgers Marxists
15. Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc.
16. The Invincible IOTA Chapter of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
17. Students for Environmental Awareness
18. Gujarati Student Association
19. Rutgers Transmissions
20. Undergraduate Social Work Organization
21. Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated
22. Ultra Violet
23. BIPOC @ MGSA
24. Ahlul-Bayt Student Association (ABSA)
25. Muslim Student Association

26. Rutgers Women's Leadership Coalition
27. Rutgers Muslim Law Student Association- Newark
28. Rutgers Unión Estudiantil Puertorriqueña [RUEP]
29. NJMS 4 Palestine
30. RWJMS 4 Palestine
31. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Graduate Student Organization
32. Rutgers Alumni for Justice in Palestine
33. Ahmadiyya Muslim Student Association for Women (AMSAW)
34. Colombian American Student Association
35. Society of Hispanic Engineers
36. Bengali Students Association
37. RU Thrifty
38. Rutgers Pakistani Student Association
39. RU Fusion
40. Rutgers Belly Dance Troupe
41. Rutgers Bookstore Union
42. Turkish Cultural Club
43. Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (RU SACNAS)
44. Creative X
45. oSTEM @ Rutgers
46. RU Natya
47. Rutgers BRAIN
48. The Upsilon Chapter of Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
49. Rutgers Unicef
50. IDIA-RU (Institute for Domestic and International Affairs)
51. Jhoom Dynamix
52. Bloustein Palestine Solidarity
53. Sigma Beta Rho
54. Rutgers Landscape Architecture Club
55. Al Ghazali Club
56. RU Queer & Asian
57. Latinx American Womxn Organization
58. Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc.
59. Douglass Black Student Congress
60. Japanese Student Association
61. Mason Gross MFA Students for Palestine
62. Nehriyan Bhangra
63. Peruvian American Student Association
64. RU Persian
65. RU Swift Society
66. RU4Palestine
67. RUFUSION
68. Rutgers University Bachata Club

69. Sociedad Estudiantil Dominicana
70. Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority Inc.
71. Society of Hispanic Engineers
72. The Latino Student Council
73. The Upsilon Chapter of Omega Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
74. Rutgers Law Students for Justice in Palestine
75. Black Atlantic Dissertation Writing Group
76. Graduate Geographers Project
77. Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) Academic Affairs Committee
78. Queer and Christian
79. Afterlives of Liberation
80. Association of Punjabis
81. Association of Latino Professionals for America
82. Black Student Union
83. Blue Footprint Project
84. Celebrating LatinX Arts & Works
85. Central Asian Student Association
86. Charity: Water Rutgers
87. Cognitive Science Club
88. Creative Writing Club
89. Desi Intercultural Youth Association
90. Douglass Governing Council
91. ETA Chapter of Delta Kappa Delta Sorority
92. FACE Modeling Team
93. Feminist Liberation
94. Glamour Gals Rutgers
95. GlobeMed
96. Hallyu Club
97. K-Pop Appreciation Club
98. Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.
99. Korean Language Club
100. Lambda Chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon
101. Lambda Sigma Upsilon Fraternity
102. Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity
103. Latin American Womxn's Organization
104. LGBTQ+ People of Color Organization
105. Malayali Association
106. Mexican-American Student Association
107. Organization of Luso-Americans
108. Phi Delta Chi - Beta Nu
109. Rainbow Symphony
110. Routure Magazine
111. RU Salsa Club
112. Rutgers AICHE

113. Rutgers Asian Student Council
114. Rutgers Association of Phillippine Students
115. Rutgers Bhangra
116. Rutgers Council of Black Graduates
117. Rutgers Indigenous Turtle Island
118. Rutgers Kappas
119. Rutgers NAACP
120. Rutgers - Newark 4 the Arts
121. Rutgers - Newark Muslim Student Association
122. Queer Caucus
123. Rutgers RAGA
124. Rutgers Rotaract Club
125. Rutgers Sangam
126. Rutgers Together Not Alone (TNA)
127. Rutgers Twese
128. Rutgers University for Planned Parenthood
129. Rutgers Women's Pre-law Society
130. Society for Women Engineers (SWE)
131. South Asian Fusion Acapella Team
132. Southeast Asians of Rutgers University
133. Student Organization for Academic Research in STEM (SOARS)
134. The Accountability Initiative
135. The Medium
136. Verbal Mayhem
137. Wanawake
138. West Indian Student Organization

Community signatures:

1. Speakeasy
2. Newark Water Coalition
3. Jews for Palestinian Right of Return
4. Stockton University Students for Justice in Palestine
5. Drew University Students of Justice for Palestine
6. TeachingWhileMuslim
7. Central New Jersey DSA
8. Students for Justice in Palestine at TCNJ
9. Global Anti Caste Thought Working Group
10. Students for Justice in Palestine at Sarah Lawrence College
11. Montclair University Students for Justice in Palestine
12. Hope City Socialists
13. Princeton Palestine Liberation Coalition
14. Students for Justice in Palestine at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
15. Al-Awda NY/NJ
16. AMP-NJ

17. Stockton Queer & Trans People of Color Society
18. Tempest Collective
19. La Gatita
20. University of Maryland Students for Justice in Palestine
21. Jewish Voice for Peace Northern NJ
22. Party for Socialism and Liberation - New Jersey
23. Police Free Penn
24. Princeton 4 Palestine
25. Sayreville Mutual Aid

This list is updated as of April 14th, 2024.

If your group is interested in signing this statement, [respond to the Google Form here](#). To join or learn more about the Endowment Justice Collective, email rutgersejc@gmail.com.