

The University of Michigan
Senate Assembly
Resolution #121123-1

Resolution for the Faculty Senate Assembly, 11 December 2023

Whereas the draft [Principles on Diversity of Thought and Freedom of Expression](#) asserts that the University of Michigan strives to ‘stimulate and support diverse ideas and viewpoints’ and to ‘meet conflict and controversy with empathy and reason, refuting our opponents rather than refusing them a platform’; and

Whereas Central Student Government resolutions [13-025](#) and [13-026](#), which respectively concern the ongoing military campaign conducted by the State of Israel in Gaza and the 7 October attack by Hamas on Israel, were opened for voting on 28 November 2023; and

Whereas the University’s leadership cancelled voting on both resolutions on 30 November 2023, citing an email that was, in the leadership’s view, inappropriately sent to the student body;

Whereas the University has acknowledged that a University administrator [reviewed the email and sent it to the student body](#);

Whereas President Ono said the University [will not allow any future votes on the two resolutions](#);

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate Assembly deprecates this unwarranted interference in the free expression of opinion, and calls on the University’s leadership to protect and encourage the practice of deliberative democracy within the student community.

Senate Assembly approval: January 29, 2024