



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 31, 2014

Dr. Muriel A. Howard
President
American Association of State Colleges and Universities
1307 New York Avenue, NW
Fifth Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Howard:

In light of recent calls for academic boycotts of Israeli institutions, Florida Gulf Coast University's President and Provost wish to reaffirm their longstanding and unwavering commitment to academic freedom. The University's Faculty Senate also has reaffirmed the centrality of academic freedom.

Specifically, Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) President, Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Ron Toll, and by a vote of the FGCU Faculty Senate, stand in firm opposition to any threat to academic freedom. Academic freedom has been and should remain a core tenet for all academic institutions.

Teachers and scholars advance their roles and support the overall academic enterprise through free exchange of ideas. Interference with academic freedom is counterproductive, and undermines the long-held values and practices of academia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wilson G. Bradshaw'.

Wilson G. Bradshaw, Ph.D.
President

Cc: Dr. Shawn Felton, President, FGCU Faculty Senate ✓
Dr. Ron Toll, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

