

## **A STATEMENT FROM THE UTSU BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **RE: BDS insert in 2015-2016 Student Handbook**

The University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU) does not endorse the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions movement, and has taken no official position on the issue whatsoever.

The advertisement for the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions campaign on pages 14 and 15 of the Student Handbook were inserted without the consent or knowledge of the University of Toronto Student's Union Board of Directors, and does not in any way reflect its opinion on the matter.

The University of Toronto Students' Union continues to provide a space to organize to combat issues like ableism, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, colonialism, anti-Semitism, classism and other forms of oppression both on campus and within greater society. We want to create safer spaces on campus and in our communities, creating a more equitable society.

The University of Toronto Students' Union represents more than 45,000 full-time students at the University of Toronto St. George and Mississauga campuses. For more information visit [www.utsu.ca](http://www.utsu.ca).

- The 2015-2016 Board of Directors (4 September 2015)

*Note: In light of the first sentence above, the Executive Committee would like to clarify that the Board of Directors has not voted on whether or not to endorse BDS. On 28 July 2015, the Board voted against striking a committee that would have advocated a vote in favour of BDS at a coming general meeting. Neither the Board nor the Executive Committee has taken any other action regarding BDS.*