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STUDENT SENATE

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THE PITZER COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE DOES ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Pitzer College Faculty motioned to eliminate the University of Haifa study abroad program without consulting with other actors in Pitzer's system of shared governance, including student representatives or the student body at large; **AND**

WHEREAS, the University of Haifa study abroad program is specific to Student learning outcomes and **only** Student learning outcomes (not pertaining to the advancement of the Faculty)-- the faculty are not linked to any quantifiable nor intangible positive or negative consequence of either the suspension or prolongation of the University of Haifa study abroad program;

WHEREAS, only the University of Haifa study abroad program was called into question without the same standards of review being applied to any other study abroad program-- marking a departure from deliberating a program on its merits but rather forwarding a clear political agenda;

WHEREAS, the decision of the faculty is an advancement of a political agenda at the expense of students who seek opportunities in Middle East/North African Studies, Arabic, Hebrew, Christianity, Judaism, Islam and the intercultural relations of Israeli and Palestinian ethnicities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pitzer College Student Senate denounces the Faculty's desire to suspend the study abroad program at the University of Haifa and the Faculty's

decision to act unilaterally without regard to Student Voice, which constitutes an abuse of power and rebuke of Pitzer's tradition of shared governance; **AND**

RESOLVED, that the Pitzer College Student Senate, in accordance with our value of intercultural understanding, supports Pitzer's continued collaboration with the University of Haifa and all other avenues which allow for greater understanding of Israel and Palestine; **AND**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, upon approval, signed copies of this resolution shall be promptly delivered to the Faculty Executive Committee and be presented at College Council.

Shivani Kavuluru, President

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