APPEAL OF “CHAIR UMER REPORT ON DIVESTMENT RESOLUTION 2013-2014”

Presented by Students for Justice in Palestine
Resolution Calling for “University Socially Responsible Investment” through Divestment from Companies Complicit in the Severe Violation of Palestinian Human Rights

➔ Passes 22-14-1 on May 27th, 2014
➔ Last spring SUA votes on appeal process, which enables this to be brought to SUA.
SUA Chair Shaz Umer’s Repeal

Claimed the wrong section of the bylaws had been suspended

- Article IX Section C (10) (B) (II) (e)
  INSTEAD OF Article IX Section C (10) (B) (IV) (a)

Umer had no authority under SUA bylaws or Robert’s Rules to rule on or not implement a Resolution that the Assembly has passed

Video recording and witness testimonies indicate that people voted based on correct section of bylaws, no matter what he said/thought.

Notes indicate Umer himself knew the intention was to suspend bylaws section requiring a 2/3 majority

Umer’s claim was disingenuous and in bad faith.

Umer based his claims on unapproved SUA meeting notes.
Conclusion

➔ The SUA Chair’s actions were undemocratic and based on false claims
➔ The SUA Chair’s actions should be overruled by the Assembly