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SOUTH AFRICAN UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS

It has come to our attention that last Friday prior to the last UCT Senate meeting there were students promoting the boycott of Israel. As SAUJS, we fully believe in the fundamental right of free speech. However, with every right comes a responsibility.

In this case, the students promoting this boycott were wearing SAUJS apparel and as such were intentionally misrepresenting the position we as SAUJS holds on this issue, presumably in order to fool people into thinking that there exists significant Jewish support for the proposed boycott. They thus used their right to free speech but neglected their responsibility concerning it.

We believe in both free speech as well as Israel's right to exist in peace and security, something that proponents of the Boycott vehemently disagree with, hence the ruse of simply cutting ties with Israeli universities.

This being said, they should be able to convince you on the merits of their argument and not through deception. In doing so, they disrespect every single SAUJS member as well as every single Senate member. We fight for our argument against the Boycott authentically and to maintain academic freedom in our University. To see students resort to underhanded political tactics and blatant deception only debases the "good faith" in which they support this Boycott.