

CUNY ALLIANCE IS AT IT AGAIN. THIS TIME IT IS LIES ABOUT ISRAEL.

CUNY Alliance presidential candidate Fred Brodzinski has been circulating emails to hundreds of individuals charging that the New Caucus and PSC leadership are anti-Israel. **The charges are absolutely false.**

He is circulating a discredited article published several years ago that quotes current CA candidates and ultra-conservative National Association of Scholars members.

First CA circulated lies and disinformation about salary increases and the Welfare Fund. When PSC members rejected these falsehoods, they accelerated a new disinformation campaign.

What are the facts about the PSC and resolutions on Israel?

The PSC leadership took a public position opposing the proposed boycotts of two Israeli universities by the British faculty union, the Association of University Teachers. (DA Resolution, June 21, 2007). Barbara Bowen, a member of the Executive Council of our national affiliate, the American Federation of teachers, helped to craft the Council's resolution opposing the boycott (<http://www.aft.org/about/resolutions/2005/aut-boycott.htm>)

The PSC's representative to the AAUP Committee on Academic Freedom helped to create the AAUP's statement, also in opposition to the boycott.

The PSC has passed two other resolutions touching on Israel. One, recently passed, declared "that the Delegate Assembly take no position on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict at this time and that it encourage delegates to the DA to hold conversations with members on whether the union should take a position on this issue." That resolution was preceded by a respectful debate among delegates, during which two proposed resolutions opposing Israel's actions in Gaza failed. In a democratic union, all delegates are entitled to offer resolutions and open debate is encouraged.

A second resolution passed on December 13, 2007, by the PSC Delegate Assembly included the following statement in a resolution opposing expansion of the Iraq war into Iran, "Resolved, that NYSUT unequivocally condemn the reactionary regime of Ahmadinejad and his shameful, anti-Semitic Holocaust denials."

To foster the innuendo that the New Caucus PSC leadership is anti-Semitic or "anti-Israel" is simply malicious. It's also a familiar technique of those who wish to stifle free speech and suggest that any discussion and analysis of the volatile situation in the Mideast is out of bounds.

Reject this Kind of Campaigning. Vote for Barbara Bowen and the New Caucus Slate.

