



Greetings YUACRI,

I would like to state that I strongly support divestment from the weapons industry and from the fossil fuels industry.

On the weapons industry, the idea that institutions of learning should be invested in organizations that profit from war is morally contradictory. The contemporary arms industry and the nature of contemporary war seem to be poorly understood by those who advocate continued investment in weapons. Those who study the topic understand that most of the casualties of war are unarmed civilians, and that these advanced weapons are primarily destroying civilian infrastructure, including institutions of learning. Regehr (2015) is a fine study of how conflicts can be resolved without continuous war. There are many more sources.

I am also strongly supportive of all of the student groups that have worked hard on this proposal, and I oppose attempts to stop divestment from the weapons industry through the smearing of student groups.

The fossil fuel industry is potentially a matter of the survival of the species. Institutions of learning have helped generate the knowledge to understand the dangers posed by continuing a fossil-fuel based economy. That such institutions should be invested in that same industry is, again, contradictory.

Universities that want to provide an example of the highest values of knowledge and freedom cannot seek profits from war and environmental destruction.

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