

Resolution in Support of CUNY Student Activism  
*Adopted Unanimously on September 27th, 2013*

Whereas, colleges and universities hold a special role in promoting public discourse and accountability; and

**Plenary**

Whereas, free speech and the right to assemble are inalienable human rights; and

Executive Committee

Whereas, on September 18, 2013, CUNY students peacefully protesting the appointment of General David Petraeus as a lecturer at the Macaulay Honors College were attacked and arrested by the New York Police Department; and

Steering Committee

Constitution and Bylaws

Whereas, CUNY students engaging in a peaceful sit-in in opposition of tuition hikes were also brutally accosted and arrested at Baruch College on November 21, 2011; and

Grants

Health Issues

Whereas, the Report to the Office of the Chancellor The City University of New York Baruch College Incident, January 4, 2013, more commonly referred to as "the Kroll Report," called for increased militarization and police activity against CUNY students engaging in protest; and

Outreach

Student Services

Whereas, police actions disproportionately target violence against people of color and trans\* people; and

USS Advisory Committee

Governance Task Force

Whereas, the will of students at the Graduate Center reflects our values as both members of the CUNY system and the City of New York; and

Student Tech Fee

Whereas, the Doctoral Students' Council represents the interests of our diverse Graduate Student body to express their political views free from violence;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Doctoral Students' Council demands the end of the deplorable use of violence and brutality against CUNY students and faculty engaging in protest; and

Be it further resolved that the Doctoral Students' Council calls on the Board of Trustees and Interim Chancellor William Kelly to take immediate steps to secure an environment supportive of CUNY faculty and student activism, including defending those students already arrested in association with these protests.