

FAS-SEAS SENATE

AN ELECTED BODY OF THE
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE AND SEAS
YALE UNIVERSITY

Resolution Regarding Police Enforcement of University Policies Approved by the FAS-SEAS Senate - May 9, 2024

"The resolution was approved by a vote of the Senate and forwarded to the administration; next year's Senate will follow up with them."

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the School of Engineering & Applied Science of Yale University (FAS-SEAS Senate) was established as an elected representative body by a vote of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences;

WHEREAS, Yale's commitment to free expression is outlined in the Woodward report adopted in 1975: "the university must do everything possible to ensure within it the fullest degree of intellectual freedom";

WHEREAS, the University has adopted policies that outline [parameters for peaceful assembly](#), the [use of posters and chalking](#), [use of outdoor space](#) and [structures](#);

WHEREAS, a primary concern of faculty is the welfare, safety, and education of students;

WHEREAS, the enforcement of University policies for undergraduate students is outlined in the Undergraduate Regulations and involves the Yale College Executive Committee, which is responsible for addressing "undergraduate student conduct that may violate the Undergraduate Regulations, academic or nonacademic";

WHEREAS, the enforcement of University policies for faculty is outlined in the Faculty Handbook and involves procedures with their cognizant Dean and/or the Provostial Faculty Standards Review Committee;

WHEREAS, University policies have been enforced in recent months by Yale and New Haven police, including detaining and arresting students;

WHEREAS, the Yale Faculty Handbook and Undergraduate Regulations lack clear guidelines regarding the procedures and criteria by which police are utilized to enforce University policies;

THEREFORE, the FAS-SEAS Senate of Yale University resolves as follows:

RESOLVED, that the FAS-SEAS Senate urges the University to allow free expression to occur on Yale's campus without using police to enforce University policies, to the extent possible while ensuring the safety and education of all students;

RESOLVED, that the FAS-SEAS Senate urges the University to establish a faculty-led committee to 1) evaluate current policies that regulate free expression, and 2) define the specific circumstances that require the use of police to enforce University policies;

RESOLVED, that the FAS-SEAS Senate urges the University to create a standing faculty committee, with input from the FAS-SEAS Senate, to provide real-time advice in managing events that require decisions regarding the enforcement of University policy by Yale or New Haven police.