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Opportunity to Share Input on the Mac for Palestine Student Proposal

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In June, the Social Responsibility Committee (SRC) submitted a report to President Rivera, recommending that the Mac for Palestine student proposal regarding divestment be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration. During the summer, an *ad hoc* committee of the Board of Trustees was formed to review the proposal. The committee has been meeting regularly and is currently focused on learning more about the issues. Discussions have been held on lessons from the Fossil Free Proposal process; how the college manages its endowment; the legal liability issues raised by the SRC; the SRC's process and recommendations; plans for outreach and engagement with the Macalester community; and what other colleges and universities are doing to address the issues raised by Mac for Palestine.

The *ad hoc* committee is offering several opportunities for members of the Macalester community to provide input on the proposal so that anyone who has a point of view to share has an opportunity to do so. A [Mac for Palestine proposal portal](#) has been posted on the college website including the SRC report, the student proposal, and a link to a feedback form. Written feedback may be submitted via the proposal portal and will be shared only with members of the committee. In addition, the *ad hoc* committee will hold listening sessions via Zoom on Tuesday, September 17, and Monday, September 23. More information and registration links may be found on the [portal](#). These listening sessions are for students, faculty, and staff. Registration requires a macalester.edu email address.