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Dear Arthur:

At its meeting on March 5, 2005, the CAUT Executive unanimously passed the following motion:

“THAT, at the request of the York University Faculty Association, the CAUT Executive set up a committee of inquiry to investigate issues respecting free speech and governance at York University.”

The terms of reference for the Committee are:

1. To determine whether there were threats to, or breaches of right of free expression and academic freedom at York University;
2. To determine whether there were inappropriate governance practices;
3. To make any appropriate recommendations.

We will advise you of the composition of the Committee in the very near future.

These are serious matters that require careful and dispassionate consideration. To that end, we hope that you and members of your association will cooperate with the Committee and assist it in its work. We will follow up with more details, including the guidelines for the Committee's operation, when we send you the names of the members of the Committee. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with either of us.

Yours truly,



Loretta Czernis  
President



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