

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

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Dear Sabiha Alibhai and Hya Abdalla,

We are writing to follow-up on the letter sent to the community on Friday, November 29th by Vice-President Sheila Cote-Meek and Vice-Provost Lucy Fromowitz concerning the incidents associated with the November 20th event at Keele campus. We have received hundreds of pieces of communication through email, social media and via phone calls from those who were present or were impacted by the actions that occurred. As has already been announced in Senate, an external investigation is needed to fully understand the factors leading up to those actions and how best to ensure that they are not repeated.

In the meantime, however, the preliminary internal review has led us to conclude that a more immediate intervention is needed with both Herut Zionism and Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA). We will be reaching out to you shortly to discuss and schedule dates. Until then, please note that your privileges including reserving space, tabling and posting at York University have been withdrawn. This temporary withdrawal involves all buildings including those who have usage agreements with the University.

Further, any student organization that serves as a proxy and reserves space, tabling or posters on behalf of Herut or SAIA will have their privileges suspended as well.

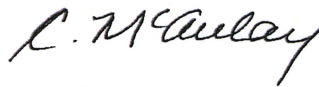
We are not making this decision lightly. Nevertheless, we feel it is essential to organize a facilitated discussion with both Herut Zionism and SAIA regarding the meetings that we had with you prior to the November 20th event and actions subsequently taken. This is especially important if we are to avoid a further escalation that has the potential to significantly impact the safety of all members of the York community.

This decision is in keeping with the Temporary Use of University Space Policy and associated Procedures. It does not prejudice any complaint being made via the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities.

Sincerely,



Lucy Fromowitz
Vice-Provost, Students



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