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Senate Appeals Committee
C/O Lise Villeneuve
University of Ottawa

Dear members of the Senate Appeals Committee,

On November 30, 2009 I received a letter from Vice-President, Governance Diane Davidson in which she indicates that my registration for the Winter 2010 semester is “not accepted” (letter attached).

This letter also indicates that “the University wishes to make it perfectly clear to you and in no uncertain terms that it cannot tolerate any disruptive and unacceptable behavior on its premises such as the behavior you have exhibited on the campus in the past. Consequently it has been decided that it is in everyone’s interest that you pursue your studies at another university.”

I have consulted with student advocates and with university administrators, and I have thoroughly researched University of Ottawa policies, regulations and practices. There is not a single internal rule that allows for a member of the upper administration to “not accept” my registration. I am a student in good standing and I do not have fees owing to the University.

No reason has been provided to me for this decision. As for the mention that the “behaviour I have exhibited in the past” is “disruptive and unacceptable”, I request to know from Mrs. Davidson the precise nature of the behaviour to which she refers to and on which date(s) it was exhibited. As for the mention that this decision “is in everyone’s interest”, I request to know from Mrs. Davidson (1) exactly who is “everyone”, (2) does “everyone” include the 551 registered students who voted last year to elect me as President of the Student Federation, and (3) does “everyone” include myself?

Sincerely,

Marc Kelly

Note: I hereby give full consent to the University of Ottawa to share all contents of my file with Mireille Gervais, Student Appeal Officer of the Student Appeal Centre. I also ask that you communicate directly with Mme Gervais concerning this appeal and that you provide her with a copy of all documents pertaining to this procedure. Thank you.