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Mr. Krisna Saravanamuttu
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Dear Krisna,

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Report of the Ombudsperson on the York Federation of Students Elections Process, entitled "*Towards a More Level Playing Field*". As you will see, in his comprehensive and thoughtful report the Ombudsperson puts forward a number of recommendations designed to enhance election practices and processes with a view to increasing the transparency and perceived fairness of those processes. In accordance with my earlier commitments, I will be making the Report public.

I believe the recommendations that have been made are entitled to careful consideration. Accordingly, I have referred the Report to Vice President Students Rob Tiffin and asked him to work with you in developing a plan for implementing the Report, in time for the next round of YFS elections in 2011. I also understand that you have received a report from your outside counsel that contains a number of recommendations in areas also discussed in the McCamus report.

I appreciate your cooperation, in recognition of our common desire to improve the active engagement of York students in democratic governance.

Yours very truly,

Mamdouh Shoukri
President and Vice-Chancellor

cc: Rob Tiffin, Vice-President Students