

Dear Dinah Caine, Chair, Goldsmiths Council,

As senior academic members of Goldsmiths, we are writing to you to request an urgent meeting. In the wake of a week of highly unsatisfactory meetings between Senior Management and each of the academic schools of the university, we are now facing a breakdown of communication between the Warden and staff at all levels. We fear the consequences of such a breakdown, and the frustration it will exacerbate, for the institution as a whole.

We feel strongly that Council must step in to provide a pathway for discussion. The overall sense of those attending the schools' meetings and the Head of Departments' Away Day is that there has in fact been no consultation. Our responses have simply been met with a reiteration of the original plan put forward, leaving them effectively unaddressed.

Whatever the outcome of this initiative, the scale of the proposed restructure must be based on consultation and debate. We all have significant senior experience, including as HoDs, Deans, leaders of large scale international research projects and as members serving on councils and advisory bodies across the world. We are also those who take the name and reputation of Goldsmiths around the globe and are therefore vital, experienced stakeholders in our institution.

There has been intensive discussion among colleagues and departments at all levels, including HoDs. The general feeling is that we should not be drawn into a discussion of future plans for degree courses, engagements and investments unless this is done in consultation with us and is properly co-ordinated. Nor will we have our role reduced to simply providing input for a series of predetermined initiatives devoid of genuine consultation.

We look to you to help move us beyond this current impasse and would like to meet with you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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