

Dear Colleagues,

You will yesterday have received an email letter from the Warden, Frances Corner, that describes the 116 professors, who are on the Professor's Forum (PF), as a divisive and self-appointed body. This comes at a time when we need compassion, unity and a recognition of the difficulties we face. Coming together will always mean that our multiplicity of voices and stands be heard and can only happen in the most inclusive of open discussions.

The Professors Forum was invited to meet SMT last Friday and five Professors attended as representatives of the PF. The Forum's Steering Group then sent [a letter to SMT](#) seeking clarification of questions that were posed, but not answered, at this meeting, before communicating the outcome of the meeting to colleagues. In this letter, we reserved the right to hold a formal Vote of No Confidence in SMT as part of the democratic governance of the university.

Instead of replying to our letter seeking clarifications, the Warden has responded with her email to all staff at Goldsmiths, suggesting that the Professors' Forum and its representatives are lone voices seeking to sow divisions at a time when Goldsmiths needs to pull together as a community. This is a misunderstanding of everything we have set out in our communications, a full timeline which can be seen [here](#). We remain committed to working collaboratively and democratically, and are happy to respond to the Warden's call that 'we need to act as a community'. But we reiterate that this means that all stakeholders have a direct say in the name of 'community' at this critical time.

It is vital that the Warden hears from as many people as possible regarding the issues we have raised. We invite you to:

1) add your name to a collective statement which you can find [here](#)

2) send an email to Francis Corner, Elisabeth Hill, David Oswell, Mark D'Inverno and Dinah Caine (F.Corner@gold.ac.uk, E.Hill@gold.ac.uk, D.Oswell@gold.ac.uk, DInverno@gold.ac.uk, D.Caine@gold.ac.uk) stating that you have signed the collective response of the Goldsmiths community to the Warden's email letter of 6 April or including a longer explanation of your views

Signed,

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The Steering Group of the Professors' Forum