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cc: Rt. Hon. Lord Sheppard of Didgemere, Prof. Edward Esche, Prof. Margaret House, Prof. Waqar Ahmad

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Dear Professor Driscoll

I am writing to you, again, on behalf of the British Philosophical Association, in the light of the University's decision to suspend staff and students involved in the recent sit-in.

We really do urge you very strongly to do what we proposed in our previous letter, which is to conduct a fair, full and transparent review of the University's philosophy provision, including its research and teaching activities and its financial position.

Middlesex's reputation is in danger of suffering irreparable damage if you continue to ignore the national and international outcry that the decision to close philosophy has provoked, and also the strong views of your own students. It does you and your University great credit that your students care so passionately about the value of the education you have provided for them. It does you no credit at all that you have responded to their demonstration of that passion in the way that you have.

The only way to salvage the reputation of your institution, we believe, is to conduct a full review, and of course to overturn the decision to suspend staff and students. The BPA would be very willing to meet with you or your representatives to discuss the form such a review might take, and/or to provide or propose external experts who might participate. We look forward to hearing your response to this suggestion.

Yours sincerely

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