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Dean Robert King
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Dear Bob:

Congratulations. You have just turned over the entire English operation to a dozen or so faculty members who for a year have pushed a harsh line on Lecturers and demonstrated their unwillingness to share with the Department their deliberations or even the simple facts on which decisions were made. Bitterly partisan after a year of divisive debate, it is by no stretch of plausibility a representative elected committee any longer; it is a junta. I earnestly hope that those members of the EC who have some sense of democratic fair play will resign in protest of your action.

If your object was to reduce confusion and dissension by simplifying our form of government, you should have called for a fresh election before vesting all power in the EC. Even placing us in receivership, as you did with the Government Department, would have been preferable.


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cc: members of the EC and former Senate