

19 January, 2010

Mr Scott Dawkins  
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Dear Mr Dawkins,

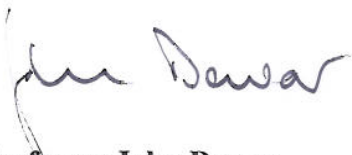
Dr Switkowski has referred to me your letter of 10 January. He has not yet met with his Committee and thus is not in a position at this stage to respond to many of the points you have raised, which would require deliberation of the Committee itself.

Some procedural issues I am able to clarify. Regarding time for student responses: though the period open for responses will have been three months, we are aware that some students may find it difficult to respond by the closing date, given it is close to the start of the term, and we have asked Dr Switkowski to be flexible in accepting submissions from students after the closing date where they could not be made earlier.

On posting submissions, it is certainly the intention to post all submissions received on the Discussion Paper website for open scrutiny, and these will be unedited, save in any case where there may be passages of an abusive or actionable nature, or where a submitter has requested confidentiality. The appointment of committee members is described on page 7 of the Discussion Paper.

On the substantive issues you raise, these are matters which you and your colleagues should address in your response to the paper, so the Committee can then take them into account.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor John Dewar**  
**Acting Vice-Chancellor**

cc. Dr Ziggy Switkowski, Chair, VCAM Review Committee

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