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Dr. Alaa Abd-El-Aziz
President
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Dear President Abd-El-Aziz:

At the Association's Annual General Meeting on Friday, April 19, 2013, a Motion was passed directing the Executive to express in the strongest terms the Membership's dissatisfaction with how budgetary cuts are being handled.

Amalgamation in the Faculty of Arts was announced to the Chairs and Coordinators by email one week ago. Despite avowed "transparency and willingness to consult", Arts faculty do not feel that this is indeed the case. Challenging times should not occasion a break-down in the collegial decision-making model which has served universities well. There have been numerous reorganizations here at our university which have proven to be very successful; these were effected through collegial discussions.

The Faculty Association Membership is very proud of our University. None of us want to have decisions made in haste which could potentially damage its reputation, hamper our recruitment and retention efforts, and affect the student experience in a negative way. We call for a collegial decision-making process to be employed.

Sincerely,

Betty Jeffery
UPEIFA President

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