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Ms. Bonnie DuPont Dr. Elizabeth Cannon University of Calgary

In both of Dr. Marshall's recent letters, she asked the SU to walk away from over 60 years of investments and give up any ownership in MacHall to negotiate an operating agreement. As a result, we are at an impasse. As we've stated repeatedly, the SU cannot enter into any further agreements on MacHall until a shared understanding on ownership is reached. As we have been in the past, we are still - and will continue to be - willing to meeting with university officials to discuss the ownership of MacHall.

The SU is puzzled that university administration has not yet seriously re-evaluated their position on building ownership, given the weight of evidence in our favour. This doesn't make any sense to us. We've presented our detailed evidence for why we believe students are rightful owners of MacHall. The university has never explained the details or provided any conclusive evidence to support their blanket assertions. Students deserve a full explanation of how and why the university's current administration came to the position that the university is now the sole owner of the building.

We are also extremely disappointed by the continuing threats and intimidation. The university does not have any right to the revenues generated by the SU, or decisions over SU space. These threats are disrespectful to students.

We are concerned that the university's current administration is not acting in the best interest of the institution and the University of Calgary Board of Governors may not be fully aware of the real situation. The board may need to be more involved in the future, as we believe the current administration's approach is not based on facts. The SU will be determining its next steps to protect students' interests.

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cc: Dr. Dru Marshall