

Appendix 17: email from dean of Osgoode Hall Law School to the U50 committee re the conference, March 27, 2008

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Subject Re: Fw: U50 Activity / 2 matters

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Can I raise another matter? Two of my faculty members, Bruce Ryder and Susan Drummond, are in the process of organizing a conference for June 2009 on the general topic of a "One-State Solution" for the middle east conflict involving Israel and the Palestinians. They expect to have a very high profile list of international speakers, and are hoping to have Nelson Mandela as the keynote. I know the topic is controversial here at York but I believe this conference would be a real contribution to meaningful dialogue on these important issues. It would also be a way (perhaps) for York to show some leadership and to get beyond the bad press we often attract on this issue.

The problem is that they did not submit a proposal by the deadline for the U50 Committee. Is there any way they could shoe-horn a proposal for consideration by the relevant committee (without any commitment that it would make the list)? I think it would be well worth a look.

Thanks,
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