Hello Dr. Lata,

This is Philip, I spoke with you in the meeting about Dr. Grahne last week. After speaking with Hamaad from the Student Advocacy Center, he recommended that I email you regarding our final assignment and exam.

Since our meeting with you, **class has continued to go poorly**. Gosta has shown up late to both classes we've had, and in yesterday's class the fire alarm went off and Gosta never came back after we were allowed back to class. This has **resulted in us only having 1 undisturbed lecture about Turing Machines**.

The lectures we were supposed to have about them were as follows:

1. Introduction to Turing machines. This was the class he filmed and distracted the whole class. **20min-1hr of content**, depending on how well you could ignore the professor.
2. the following class where he never showed up. **No content.**
3. the following class where he was 40 minutes late and then showed us an off-topic YouTube video. **No relevant content.**
4. a single class where he showed up late but did go over the material. **45min-1hr of relevant content**.
5. Yesterday's class where he showed up late and then class only lasted about 20 minutes due to the fire alarm. **20 minutes of relevant content.**

As you can see, of what was supposed to be 5 classes, **we've only collectively had maybe 2 classes worth of time spent on the relevant material**. This likely differs between students as some people might have had better success than me in the lecture he filmed but regardless, **in 3 of those classes we only had about 20 minutes of material.**

Since the midterm, Gosta had not updated his website with the material we'd been covering in class. Today, he has finally updated it to include:

* intro to undecidability
* Turing machines
* programming techniques for TMs
* undecidability
* Post's correspondence problem

**We’ve covered very little of any of this however.**

He's also just today released the 4th assignment (which he was supposed to release last Monday, April 1st, and kept telling us he'd release it the next day and the next day and now finally released it), which is identical to the 2015 winter semester assignment 4. We know this because it's easy to find online, and it covered material we haven't seen. The **assignment is due April 26th, which is well into the exam period** and has lots of people concerned and frustrated. I didn't think professors could make assignments due beyond the end of classes.

Finally, he's also released the material to study for the final exam, **which covers more than the syllabus even states we will cover.** It goes into section 9.5 of the textbook, which would be whatever is after Post's correspondence problem, and his website has that cited as the last thing we will cover. We've covered very little of what we were supposed to for Turing machines and undecidability and **we do not believe its fair to have that on our final exam.**

I've spoken to **over a dozen people in the class**, all of whom have said that they're willing to come forwards to complain about this in person or give me written permission to cite them in a complaint against Gosta and his treatment of us. **We do not believe he's treating us fairly** based on what's occurred over the past 3 weeks, and we would like to move to try and have Turing Machines removed from the final exam and to not have this assignment. We do not believe that either of them is reasonable to ask of us, and we hope that you are willing to discuss this matter further.