HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES
Minutes from the **Staff-Student Consultative Committee** Meeting held on **25 March 2015** in Room FC320

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| **1. Present & Apologies** | Present: Prof. Neill Lochery (Chair, NL), Michael Berkowitz (MB), Noemie Duhaut (ND), Belinda E. Stojanovic (BES)  
Absent: Julija Levina, Grace Idle  
Apologies: Prof. Sacha Stern (SS)  
BES reported that Antoni Pippas has interrupted and is due to resume his studies in September, 2015. Two other students were emailed to ask them to take his place on the committee but there was no response from them. |   |
| **2. Minutes and Matters Arising** | 2.1 NL welcomed all present, asked members to look at the minutes and comment, and then proceed with raising any concerns or issues.  
2.2 ND commented on no. 4 – she is happy with the use of the JKS  
2.3 NL commented on no. 4 – NL reported that Tsila Ratner, as Chair of the Language Committee, investigated the issue and it was found that the student was not speaking on behalf of the class, and the class asked the student to email the lecturer to confirm this. ND additionally commented that it would be nice if the Hebrew teachers could use more up-to-date materials instead of dated textbooks. |   |
| **3. Ratification of Minutes** | The minutes were ratified. |   |
| **4. National Student Survey** | BES reminded the committee that lecturers should remind all finalists to complete the National Student Survey. The deadline for the completion of the survey is 30 April, 2015. |   |
| **5. Any other business** | ND reported that one of the Hebrew classes had a visit from a police officer who was making rounds of Jewish-related businesses in the Camden area. ND said the talk the officer had with the students was not the most helpful and she would have preferred to have had this organised officially by the department.  
BES confirmed that the lecturer acted out of her best intentions, unaware that such events had to follow official protocol through the Departmental office. It is also noted that for future reference, if such events are to be organised by the Department, they will not coincide with teaching time.  
NL added that it is odd that the Department, perhaps one of the most vulnerable departments at UCL, is located within a building that has virtually no security. It would be worth putting the pass-entry infrastructure in place in Foster Court, much like that of the Roberts building. | **Urgent:** SS to contact Faculty to discuss the security of Foster Court |

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