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To:

Prof. Sam Wineburg  
Members of the Committee for the Evaluation of Education and  
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The Council for Higher Education  
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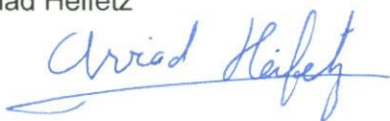
**Response to the CHE Evaluation Report on Education Studies,  
of September 2014**

We wish to thank the committee for its Evaluation Report on Education Studies at the Open University of Israel, and for its visit to our campus on March 23, 2014.

We appreciate the committee's contribution to our on going effort to advance the education studies at the Open University, and are thankful for some of the insightful recommendations pointed out in the report.

At the same time, we have significant concerns regarding several key assertions and recommendations made by the committee. The enclosed response expresses our concerns in detail, and addresses the recommendations suggested by the committee. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our reply.

Sincerely,  
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