



March 2, 2016

Dear Dr. Jacobus A. Naudé:

Thank you very much for the Renewal Proposal for **Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew** and your response to the committee's letter of December 21, 2015. We respect the fact that you see a clear distinction between linguistics and philology, even though we continue to hold that integrating the two best serves the interests of scholarship. This particular issue has extended the unit's review, and we appreciate your patience. While our decision has been to approve the unit's request for renewal, this issue also leads us to reiterate the need for collaboration between this unit and the Philology in Hebrew Studies Section. Collaboration is also especially important because Annual Meeting attendees routinely cite fragmentation as a top concern.

Please be prepared to submit a brief write-up of plans for collaboration between the units after this year's Annual Meeting. We will request such a write-up from the philology unit as well. Charlie Haws will follow up with both units about a brief explanation of this collaboration after this year's Annual Meeting.

Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew will continue according to the following parameters.

Program Unit Type: Seminar

Term: 2016 – 2021

Seminars are long-range collaborative research topics/papers that require active participation and well-defined research topics or projects; unit chairs typically collect papers before meeting and distribute to participant group; papers are summarized and discussed, not read, at meetings.

Chair: Jacobus Naudé

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Sincerely and on behalf of the Committee,

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