

After receiving the recommendations of the Ethics Committee, the National Executive Committee wish to make the following statement on David Howard's writing in the Journal, Vol. VIII, No. 3, pp. 66-92 and Vol. VIII, No. 4, pp. 51-75:

These writings are offensive and in bad taste; and are not the kind of material which should appear in a serious academic journal. The views expressed are those of David Howard and are not shared by Members of the National Executive Committee or any other member of the Association as far as is known. They were published in the Journal without prior knowledge of any MEXTESOL officer and the other co-editor was not consulted.

The Committee wish to apologise sincerely to Cambridge University Press, Longman and the readership in general for any offense caused by these remarks, which they acknowledge should never have been allowed into the pages of the Journal.

On behalf of MEXTESOL, the Committee formally disassociate themselves from the writings and undertake to ensure that a clearer editorial policy and structure are established in future.

We should add that the Ethics Committee wished it to be stressed that their recommendations were not to be interpreted as disapproval of controversy per se in the pages of the Journal. They hoped, however, that future editorial policy would favour a reasonable balance of views, informed opinion and professional courtesy.

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