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SUBJECT
Advice concerning the Proposed Language Policy

We advice not to use this document as the basis for any language policy for the faculty EEMCS.

It strikes the PC-AM that this document was nearly similar to an earlier version we were asked to comment upon. We disagreed with that policy on most points too, see AM-advice 149 (April 1, 2019). In that advice, we also provided some comments and suggestions. We observe that we do not see any of those being taken into account. For instance, we proposed to base such a language policy on the idea of being inclusive. Yet the word inclusive is not even mentioned once. Also the idea of a ``police'' is not creating a safe working environment.

Summarizing, we believe that either a new policy should be written, or no policy at all. In the latter case there could still be a document, e.g. in the form of a Code of Conduct, providing information how language can be non-inclusive and how to deal with this in an educational setting.

Kind regards,



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chair Programme Committee AM