

August 17th 2021

By e-mail to Professor Hugh Brady, Vice Chancellor and President of the University of Bristol

Dear Professor Brady,

I am writing to you to request an urgent meeting to discuss the British Jewish community's deep concern at the ongoing situation regarding David Miller.

It has now been almost half a year since the latest concerns about Mr Miller's highly inflammatory behaviour were transmitted to the University. While a certain period of investigation into this is understandable, the silence from the University's leadership on this issue has been troubling. It is even more unsettling, however, to note that the University seems set to allow Mr Miller to resume his teaching for the coming academic year while the investigation into his deeply disturbing conduct is still ongoing. Both the University's Jewish Society and the Union of Jewish Students have raised their serious concern with this.

Mr Miller must be suspended from his position while the investigation into his conduct is ongoing. Failure to do so will cause the UK Jewish community to assume that either the University is not taking the behaviour exhibited by Mr Miller seriously, or, perhaps even worse, that this entire investigation is a sham.

Either inadvertently or deliberately, the University appears to be suggesting it believes that by pretending no problem exists, the anger and disquiet surrounding this issue will disappear. I feel the need to emphasise that this is not going to happen.

I would like to meet you in order to better understand the timeline for this disciplinary process, the steps the university will take to protect and care for Jewish students and the reputational risk to the university if the current policy of under-engagement is not changed. If your office could be in touch with mine to arrange a date, that would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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President