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To the
Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary
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Re: Review Visit and Re-Accreditation

Dear Imad
Dear Hannah

In its fall meeting the EEAA council received and discussed the report of the Review Visit to your institution. After careful study of all relevant documents the council endorsed the recommendation of the Visitation Team. **This means that accreditation will be renewed for another period of five years in principle.**

However - as you know from the VET-Report - the recommendation is linked to a series of requirements:

1. The team require that JETS further develops their 'Strategic Plan', beyond a statement of vision to include explicit identification of how these goals may be realised, what resources are required, who will be responsible, to whom they are accountable, when they will be achieved, what method of monitoring and review will be used and also the way in which key stakeholders will inform and be involved with the strategic plan. This document must be completed September 30th 2015.
2. The team require that JETS identify within their strategic plan their response to the need to provide adequate provision for faculty instructional development, enrichment of qualifications, and provision for faculty research. This must be included within the Strategic Plan to be submitted September 30th 2015.
3. The team require that JETS identify within their strategic plan appropriate response to their own recognition of the need to recruit additional faculty. This must be included within the Strategic Plan to be submitted September 30th 2015.
4. The team require that JETS develop within their strategic plan an explicit Library Development Plan with particular reference to the provision of adequate library resources, in both English and Arabic, appropriate to both Undergraduate and post graduate programmes of study. This must be included within the Strategic Plan to be submitted September 30th 2015.
5. The team require that JETS develop explicit reference, within the context of the Library Development Plan, to the provision of professional development and qualification for library staff. This must be included within the Strategic Plan to be submitted September 30th 2015.
6. The evidence presented to the team regarding the understanding and usage of 'credit hours' was adapted from a North American educational context and therefore appropriate to the regional context of JETS. However the team require that JETS provide explanatory documentation for the conversion of the 'credit hours' system they use to the EEAA Bologna ECTS. [Please see page 26 & 27 of EEAA Manual] Additionally, this document must clearly indicate the ECTS for each course and programme. This must be submitted September 30th 2014.

You submitted the required documentation with regard to the ECTS counting. However the submitted document did not fully satisfy the council's questions and concerns. It seems that the philosophy and the counting of the ECTS system is not yet fully understood. Two basic features of the ECTS system need to be taken into account:

- ECTS is based on total learning time (not lectures, not contact hours, not private study time, not weeks). The basic counting is that one full academic year comprises 1500 to 1800 hours total learning time (these are 60 ECTS, each ECTS counts 25 to 30 hours of learning).
- ECTS credits can only be awarded for learning activities which are defined in syllabi including intended learning outcomes which are assessed.

According to the submitted document, it appears that the programs submitted for re-accreditation by JETS are not in full compliance with these standards. For further details see my comments in the document.

EEAA asks JETS to provide a revised document which is in full compliance with the aforementioned standards and the comments in the document until March 31 2015 so that the EEAA Council can finalize its decision in the spring council meeting.

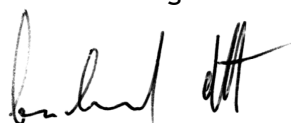
In order to facilitate the preparation of the required calculation, we have produced short guidelines which you will find in the attachment.

The EEAA council also wants to see an update report on all other requirements by March 31 2015.

Please feel free to contact me again if you need assistance.

We wish you God's blessings as you continue to prepare men and women for the service in God's mission.

With kind regards



Dr Bernhard Ott (EEAA Chairman and Accreditation Director)