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To the
Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary
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Re: Additional documents and accreditation

Dear Imad
Dear Hannah

In its meeting of April 16 to 18 the EEAA Council processed the additional documents JETS submitted in March 2015 (strategic plan and credit counting). Thank you for providing these documents in time. The council was pleased to see the improvement and came to the following conclusion (which I quote in full length, followed by some explanations):

The council accepts the submitted revised strategic plan.
However, the requirement regarding the calculation of ECTS is not fulfilling the requirement spelled out in the VET report of 5th June 2014 which requires a full course list with ECTS calculation of credits.
The council determined however that accreditation be granted on all programmes however the required credit documentation must be submitted along with their next APR.

The issue of credit counting is a common challenge for schools operating in more than one educational system. In my role as Academic Dean of the European School of Culture and Theology delivering programs in Germany in partnership with Columbia International University (US), I am well aware of the difficulties of credit calculation across national and continental borders. I also worked with the UK-system which has yet another credit system. If a program wants to be accredited in the European system, it has to provide its credit calculation according to the European regulations (ECTS User's Guide - see appendix). EEAA needs a proper and transparent presentation of the curriculum according to the ECTS User's Guide - and this for all courses.

This can be done easily by taking the course list of every program and add the number of ECTS credits in an additional column. The ECTS credits must also be shown on each syllabus including the expected total workload (a course of 3 ECTS requires 75 to 90 hours of total learning time). EEAA requires all institutions to present the course lists of their programs in ECTS.

Therefore, JETS must submit transparent and consistent course lists of all its programs using ECTS calculation. This needs to be done with the next APR (due summer 2016).

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

With regard to the accreditation I confirm that the EEAA re-accredits the following programs of JETS:

- Certificate in Biblical Studies (1 Year) [CBS]
- Diploma in Biblical Studies (2 years) [DBS]
- Bachelor of Theology in Biblical Studies (4 years) [B.Th]
- Master of Arts Biblical Studies (2 years) [MABS]
- Master of Divinity (3 Years) [M.Div]
- Master of Theology (4 years) [Th.M]

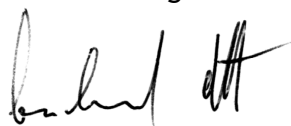
Please be aware of the fact that schools are expected to work continually in the areas in which the Evaluation Team has spelled out recommendations. All recommendations are summarised in the Follow-up Form attached to this letter. This form helps to monitor the developments after the visit.

According to the EEAA Manual 2012 **3.1.3**, maintaining accreditation is based on the following conditions:

1. Every year schools are required to **prepare** an *Annual Progress Report* (see **5.3** or download the digital form from the EEAA website) and send it to the EEAA Accreditation Director. Failure to do so can jeopardize accreditation status. The EEAA Accreditation Director and Council will read and discuss these reports and send an evaluation letter that will include commendations, recommendations and requirements. Whereas recommendations represent advice in good practice, requirements must be met for continued accreditation.
2. Every year schools must **pay** the annual accreditation fees (see www.eeaa.eu/fees).
3. Schools must **also host** a *Review Visit* every 5 years. The school will be contacted by the EEAA Coordinator to schedule a Review visit by an EEAA Visiting Evaluation Team (VET). The Coordinator will send the school specific instructions to prepare for this visit and the school will contribute a visitation fee.

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)