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Re: Accreditation Decision

Dear Stefanos and Danae,

The ECTE Accreditation Commission (AC) in its session on March 14, 2022, granted institutional re-accreditation with requirements to Greek Bible College. The wording of the following **requirements** has been aligned by the AC with the relevant ECTE Standard.

Requirement #1 with reference to Standards A.2.1, A.2.2, A.2.3.

Organizational Structure needs clarity and stringency, especially avoiding circular reporting structures documented in the organizational chart.

Documentation of fulfilment of this requirement can be achieved by submitting to the AC a new organizational chart with roles and names.

Requirement #2 (Repeated from 2016) with reference to Standard A.2.4

An initial draft for a substantial and comprehensive Strategic Plan must be developed (including all elements requested below, but not all details) to initially fulfil this requirement. Ongoing reporting via Annual Progress Reports on further development of the Strategic Plan is expected.

- How and when the goals may be attained,
- What resources are required,
- Who will be responsible for each element and to whom they are accountable,
- What group will monitor the process
- As well as the role of the board in the development and approval of the Plan.

Documentation of fulfilment of this requirement can be achieved by submitting an initial draft of the Strategic Plan to the AC as described above.

This institutional re-accreditation decision was made based on the report submitted by the Review Secretary in February 2022 after the on-site visit in December 2021.

Documentation of fulfilment of these requirements may be submitted to the AC at any time, but no later than **June 30, 2022**, for the Commission to evaluate compliance in its next session.

This is also to officially confirm the withdrawal of the Certificate programmes from ECTE accreditation. Thus, Greek Bible College has one programme remaining under ECTE accreditation.

Re-accreditation of the three-year program leading to certification which is equivalent to a research-oriented bachelor's in theology has been deferred by the Accreditation Commission. Due to the change in orientation from practice-orientation (formerly referred to as "vocational") to research-orientation (formerly referred to as "academic") in the review process, the AC requests

1. confirmation that in line with [guidelines for research-oriented programmes](#) a research paper will be required from all students in the future and if GBC considers to potentially allocate more ECTS-points to this final paper than previously.
2. Information relating to the Mission Statement: is GBC considering alignment of the mission statement with the research-orientation of the programme?

Please let me know if any questions arise from those two requests for information – I am available for a conversation via Zoom. Send your response to both items to me at your earliest convenience for submission to the AC in the next monthly meeting.

Apart from these requests for information the following programme level recommendation was upgraded by the Commission to a requirement:

Requirement #3 relating to Standard B.4.3.

Establish a policy related to recognition of transfer credits and publish appropriately. This policy needs to be clear, fit-for-purpose, public and applied consistently.

Documentation of fulfilment of this requirement can be achieved by submitting to the AC the approved and published policy.

Documentation of fulfilment of this requirement may be submitted to the AC at any time, but no later than June 30, 2022, for the Commission to evaluate compliance in its next session.

Please see the Review Report for recommendations issued by the Visiting Evaluation Team and confirmed by the Accreditation Commission. The Accreditation Commission requests that responses to these be included in the Annual Progress Reports (APR's).

The institution and the programmes will be listed as "under review" on the ECTE website until compliance has been ascertained by the Accreditation Commission.

The next cyclical review will be due in 2026 – please contact me in 2025 to start the process.

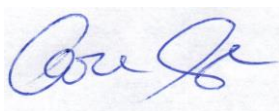
As always, the accreditation reviews are strenuous and at times tedious - congratulations to you and your team for a job well done in a challenging time of transition for GBC!

The ECTE Accreditation Commissions warmly commends the school as generally excellent in achieving its intentions in theological education and we encourage you to share the commendations of the experts listed in the review report (final attached) with the entire team at GBC.

Thank you for your warm welcome of the VET and the spirit of cooperation and transparency which has pervaded the entire visit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me as questions arise. I look forward to hearing from you.

Serving Him with you



Carmen Crouse
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