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Dear President Treusch,

The reaccreditation of Jacobs University Bremen, that was initiated by the state of Bremen, has now been completed by the German Council of Science and Humanities. Unsurprisingly, the Council has come to the conclusion that Jacobs University meets the scientific standards of a university. Therefore, the Council has decided in favor of the petition to prolong the accreditation of Jacobs University. Three copies of the official statement are attached to this document.

The accreditation comes into effect without conditions and for a period of 10 years. The German Council of Science and Humanities has formulated recommendations which are considered central for Jacobs University's future development. It is recommended that the obligation to uphold the academic freedom should be incorporated into the University's statute (memorandum of association). Accordingly, the responsibility of all university organs to ensure the academic freedom should be added to the *Academic Constitution*. Moreover, the Council recommends that the University should immediately introduce structural and developmental strategies with clearly-defined priorities.

During the on-site visit to the campus, the University's aim to further expand the Graduate Programs (Master and PhD), has been thoroughly discussed. Even though this expansion and the aim to become an internationally visible research university are principally supported, it is recommended to frame the extension very carefully in order to not impair the successful continuation of undergraduate education. In this context, the German Council of Science and Humanities recommends to maintain a ratio of 1:2 between the number of graduate students and undergraduate students. Further considerations, e.g. regarding the equipment of the humanities' and social sciences' library section, can be found in the attached statement.

I wish you and your colleagues all the best for Jacobs University's further development which the German Council of Science and Humanities will continue to follow with great interest.

Sincerely yours,  
v. Heyden