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Dear Professor Koutselini

Re: European University Cyprus Response to the External Evaluation Committee Report

The External Evaluation Committee (EEC) has reviewed the detailed responses from the European University Cyprus (EUC). Although the EUC has not fully addressed all the concerns raised by the EEC, the School has indicated that it either has solutions or will take into consideration, all the areas identified '*for improvement*'.

The EUC suggests that there is plenty of space for all the required teaching, even when the School is admitting 120 students annually. The EEC casts some doubt on that and refers you to the attached document entitled *220627 Teaching Space Capacity Analysis*. There is a need to specifically identify space for PBL and TBL group-work sessions, especially as the cohorts grow. There should be enough space until the 4th year of implementing the programme and there might be enough space until the end of the 5th year of implementation, if interactive learning space is identified. If the School cannot identify the latter, contingency plans such as reducing the planned cohort sizes should be considered. In the 6th year of implementation the size of the lecture theatres may also become a limiting factor, especially without large screens and technology within the lecture theatres to engage remote online learners within the class.

Furthermore there are a number of areas within *curriculum and assessment* including *contact hours, tracking achieved/assessed learning outcomes, standard setting and running integrated assessments* that need further attention and review. However, we understand the School is working on all of these.

The EEC therefore stands by its recommendation on p45 of its Report, that "*We are of the opinion that with continuing preparations, EUC (Frankfurt) can be ready to accept students in September. We would therefore recommend that the EUC (Frankfurt) is reviewed again approximately 18 months after the start of the medical programme in EUC (Frankfurt)*"

With kind regards

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