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לכבוד
 פרופ' אשר כהן, רקטור
 פרופ' ברק מדינה, ממונה הערכת איכות
האוניברסיטה העברית ירושלים

שלום רב,

הנדון: דוח הוועדה להערכת איכות הלימודים בכלכלה

אני מתכבדת להעביר אליכם את דו"ח הוועדה להערכת איכות הלימודים בכלכלה הנוגע למחלקה במוסדכם. הדו"ח הכללי בנוגע למצב לימודי התחום בישראל יועבר בהמשך, לאחר הדיון במל"ג.

הנכם מתבקשים להעביר את תגובתכם לדוח, **בשפה האנגלית**, הכוללת התייחסות פרטנית לכל ההמלצות המופיעות בו.

אנא התייחסו להמלצות המופיעות בדו"ח הוועדה, לפי סדר הופעתן בדו"ח, ולפי תתי הפרקים הרלוונטיים.

אנא הגישו את הדיווח בפורמט של טבלה, כלהלן:

Committee Recommendation	<u>Steps toward implementation (including time table)</u>
<p>Essential Recommendations 1 and 2: We completely agree with the Committee's essential recommendations. Members of the Committee were surprised to learn that our hiring decisions were not made as part of a long term strategic plan that allows us to take future needs into account. Knowing that there is a steady state number of slots allocated to the Department will allow the Department to be more flexible and adventurous in its future planning and recruiting, as recommended by the Committee.</p>	<p>We raised with the Dean the serious challenges the Department faces given the current system of hiring new faculty members. That said, during the last three years, the Department showed more flexibility in its recruiting and, with the Dean's and Rector support, we were able to hire three faculty members five to ten years after the completion of their PhDs. Importantly, the hiring of these faculty members occurred during the spring semester, after the junior market for economists ended.</p>
<p>Important recommendation 1: The department currently has two main tracks for its MA programs: research oriented (joint with TAU) and applied. The only "cost" of the applied track is the need to provide first year courses in Micro, Macro and Econometrics for these</p>	

<p>students. (Students in the applied track join students in the Research track during their second year and they all choose from the same pool of elective field courses).</p> <p>Note, however, that we need to provide Micro, Macro and Econometrics at a different level than the research track anyway for the students in the Financial Economics Program. Therefore, eliminating the applied track will not create any savings in terms of our teaching load and may lead students not interested in a research career in economics to pursue their MA studies in another university.</p>	
<p>Important Recommendation 2: We support this recommendation and are taking steps in that direction. For next academic year we have added three courses to the list of those already taught in English (Labor Economics, Development Economics and Advanced Microeconomics).</p>	
<p>Important Recommendation 3: We also support this recommendation. Last year we created The Bogen Program for Advanced Studies in Economics with the aim of attracting PhD students from all over the world to study at Hebrew University. So far we were able to recruit two PhD students from South America. That said, the department lacks resources and the know-how to properly promote this program abroad. Therefore, we hope that the University will take the lead in marketing this program abroad, as is customary in other prominent universities.</p>	
<p>Important Recommendation 4: We agree that the current division of the</p>	

Department into two campuses is not optimal and creates a lot of challenges. We hope that, in the long term, the University will unite the Department in one campus, as recommended by the Committee.

In the meantime, the teaching and seminar schedules are built in such a way as to ensure that faculty members who are also members of the Federmann Center for the Study of Rationality spend every Monday and Wednesday on Mount Scopus with the rest of our faculty members.

נבקש לקבל את התייחסותכם (באנגלית) לא יאוחר מיום 01.08.2017.

אבקש להביא לתשומת ליבכם כי התייחסות המוסדות לדוחות תועבר לידיעת הוועדה הבינלאומית להערכת התחום, ותפורסם באתר המלי"ג לצד דוחות הוועדה. אם אינכם מעוניינים בפרסום תגובתכם לדוח, אנא ציינו זאת במפורש.

בברכה,

מריה לוינסון-אור


מרכזת הוועדה

האגף להערכת איכות והבטחתה