Jacobs University Bremen reorganizes its Executive Board

With the appointment of Professor Thomas Auf der Heyde and Andrea Herzig-Erler to the Executive Board, Jacobs University Bremen is reorganizing the leadership of the university. Professor Antonio Loprieno, as President and Chairman of the Executive Board, continues to be responsible for the management of the non-profit, private university in northern Bremen. At the same time as the new appointments, the university bid farewell to Dr. Michael Dubbert, former member of the Executive Board. He retired at the end of August.

The internationally renowned scientist and science manager Professor Thomas Auf der Heyde, PhD, has headed the academic operations department of Jacobs University as Provost since November 2019. He was appointed to the Executive Board in July 2020. Auf der Heyde has extensive experience in science and university administration. Before taking up his position in northern Bremen, he was Deputy Director General of the South African Department of Science and Technology.

Andrea Herzig-Erler, Executive MBA, has headed the university’s finance-related departments as member of the Management Board and authorized signatory since the beginning of 2018. The business economist, founder and start-up mentor has broad financial expertise from companies of various sizes. She will be responsible for all commercial matters within the Executive Board.

"With the new Executive Board team, Jacobs University is in an excellent position to tackle current and future challenges facing the university with financial solidity, academic foresight, but also with a spirit of innovation and a focus on diversity,” says Antonio Loprieno.

Now retired, Dr. Michael Dubbert worked for Jacobs University since 2017, first as Head of Human Resources and since August 2018 as Managing Director. “With passion and conviction, Dr. Dubbert has championed the interests of our university,” says President Loprieno: “On behalf of all our employees, I would like to thank Dr. Dubbert for his sustained commitment. The entire Jacobs Community wishes him all the best for his future.”

About Jacobs University Bremen:

Studying in an international community. Obtaining a qualification to work on responsible tasks in a digitized and globalized society. Learning, researching and teaching across academic disciplines and countries. Strengthening people and markets with innovative solutions and advanced training programs. This is what Jacobs University Bremen stands for. Established as a private, English-medium campus university in Germany in 2001, it is continuously achieving top results in national and international university rankings. Its more than 1,500 students come from more than 120 countries with around 80% having relocated to Germany for their studies. Jacobs University’s research projects are funded by the German Research Foundation or the EU Research and Innovation program as well as by globally leading companies.

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The new Executive Board of Jacobs University (from left to right): Thomas Auf der Heyde, Andrea Herzig-Erler and Antonio Loprieno.