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Dear Members of the University,

Ever since the pandemic forced us into a virtual university phase in April, we have all been ruminating on how the situation might develop in the winter semester. The honest answer is, of course, that no one can say with absolute certainty what conditions we will be facing by then. Today I would nevertheless like to express my wish to join you all in planning a semester taught face to face in Passau. Naturally, we will have to comply with the legal provisions in force and observe the necessary hygiene rules; so we will have to decide for each course individually which format we will use, whether this is appropriate and reasonable, and whether we will be able to organise the courses in the way we wish. The information we need to make these decisions is currently being collated and evaluated. It goes without saying that we should also offer the option of carrying on with the teaching formats that have proved effective in the current semester if so desired. We have now gathered many varied experiences with these, which will help us to determine the best solutions.

I therefore ask all of you to work together in designing and preparing for a winter semester that balances the necessary caution against the opportunities for personal face-to-face encounters in Passau and on campus. I very much hope that further developments will help us in this regard.

Nevertheless, I am confident that, if things should turn out differently, we will also get through this together. It is with great gratitude that I look back on what we have already achieved together.

Stay healthy!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ulrich Bartosch".

Professor Ulrich Bartosch
President of the University of Passau