



**State Council of Quality (SCQ)**

**Agenda SCQ Meeting 114**

**Date: 13.07.2023**

**Extraordinary meeting**

**Time: 08:00**

### **Meeting minutes**

Present in the meeting:

Hasnije Ilazi – President

Klemen Miklavic – Vice President

Maja Martinovic - Member

Gezim Tosuni – Member (online)

Jaakko Kauko – Member (online)

Naim Gashi – member ex-officio (online)

Arianit Krasniqi – KAA staff

### **Minutes**

President of SCQ started the meeting by welcoming all participants to the meeting and introducing the new member of the board prof. Kauko.

As per the agenda, the meeting started with revision of evaluation reports on accreditation of study programmes.

#### **University of Prishtina:**

- Faculty of Architecture, studyprogramme Energy Efficiency MSc 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 30 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Education, studyprogramme Educational Sciences PhD double degree, 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 10 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Education, studyprogramme Master of Education for STEAM, MA 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 20 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Economics BSc, 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 150 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Economics MSc, 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 80 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Marketing BSc, 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended not to accredit the programme.



At this point, president informed that the institution has reacted after they received the draft report, they complained that the expert did not take into consideration the comments they gave. Then they met with us and explained that they have many reasons to appeal, and the main one is that the expert is not on the field. This means that the expert is from technical sciences and the programme is from social sciences marketing. She added that since professor Maja is from the field of marketing, we asked her if she could analyse in more details the report and find the institution has grounds for their claims.

After long discussions, SCQ concluded that there are problems with at least three standard areas; 1. Educational Process and Content, 2. Research and 3. Infrastructure and resources.

Regarding the standard area educational Process and Content, the expert has claimed that this is not level 6, and everything he has written on the report is about IT focusing on generative AI and neuromarketing. These are tools that are used for marketing research and neuromarketing means that an equipment is placed in the consumer's head and the data on the screen shows how his/her brain is responding. To interpret those data you need to have a psychologist and a medical doctor. SCQ considered that the fact that the programme does not focus on these specific tools, does not mean that it is not at NQF level 6.

In addition, this year 10 programmes of Faculty of Economics underwent accreditation. 9 expert teams concluded that the faculty has sufficient infrastructural resources, and the experts for marketing programme said that the standard on infrastructure is not met. So there are 9 other reports that claim that the standard area on infrastructure is substantially compliant, only the report on marketing BSc says that it is partially compliant.

SCQ concluded that based on the analyses of the report and other accompanying evidence at least standard area Education process and content and Infrastructure are at the substantially compliant level, and that this evaluation report does not represent an expert opinion on the matter.

In conclusion it was proposed to grant accreditation for the programme for a duration of 3 years with a student quota of 200, and after one year KAA to organize a follow-up procedure. The number of students was taken from the previous accreditation of the same programme. This proposal was approved with all votes in favour.

- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Accounting BSc, 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 250 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Accounting MSc, 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 80 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Banking and Finance BSc, 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 300 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Banking and Finance MSc, 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 100 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Economics, studyprogramme Marketing MSc, 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 1-year accreditation with a student quota of 80 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- FIEK, studyprogramme Doctoral studies in Electrical and Computer Engineering PhD, 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 12 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

At this point president Ilazi recused herself from voting due to potential conflict of interest.

- Faculty of Philosophy, studyprogramme Clinical and Community Psychology MA 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 20 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Philosophy, studyprogramme Anthropology and Cultural Heritage BA 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 70 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- FSHMN, studyprogramme Mathematics with applications MSc 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 20 per academic year. SCQ decreased the duration of accreditation from 5 to 3 years because the programme was being accredited for the first time and approved the quota as recommended by expert's team.
- Law faculty, studyprogramme Human Rights, International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice LLM 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 60 per academic year. SCQ decreased the student quota to 30, as it was initially requested by the faculty and approved the duration as recommended by experts.



- Law faculty, studyprogramme Law LLB 240 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 600 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Law faculty, studyprogramme Contracts and Commercial Law LLM 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 40 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Law faculty, studyprogramme Civil and Property Law LLM 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 40 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Law faculty, studyprogramme International Law LLM 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 35 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Law faculty, studyprogramme European Advanced Studies LLM 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 25 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Law faculty, studyprogramme Financial Law LLM 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 35 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Law faculty, studyprogramme Penal Law LLM 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 40 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Medicine, studyprogramme Nursing BSc 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 100 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Faculty of Civil Engineering, studyprogramme Integrated Water Resource management MSc 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 20 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### University of Prizren

- Study programme, Literature, Culture and Society MA 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended not to accredit the programme. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Business Administration MSc 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 80 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### University of Mitrovica

- Study programme, Early Childhood Education MA 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended not to accredit the programme. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Human Rights and Rule of Law MA 60 ECTS: The expert report rekomended not to accredit the programme. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### University of Peja

- Study programme, Information Technology in Business and Economics BSc 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 120 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### UBT College

- Study programme, Management, Business and Economics BSc 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 250 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Management, Business and Economics MSc 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 200 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Agriculture and Environment MSc 120 ECTS: The expert report rekomended not to accredit the programme. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Law LLB 240 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 70 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Psychology BSc 180 ECTS: The expert report rekomended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 50 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.



- Study programme, Biochemistry MSc 120 ECTS: The expert report recommended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 25 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Software Development and IT, Professional Diploma 120 ECTS offered in Peja Branch: The expert report recommended not to accredit the programme. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### **AAB College**

- Study programme, Management MA 120 ECTS: The expert report recommended 5-year accreditation with a student quota of 200 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Graphic Design, Bachelor professional 180 ECTS: The expert report recommended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 70 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.
- Study programme, Programming, Bachelor professional 180 ECTS: The expert report recommended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 70 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### **Biznesi College**

- Study programme, Computer Sciences, BSc 180 ECTS: The expert report recommended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 80 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### **ESLG College**

- Study programme, Management of Real Estate and Infrastructure MA 120 ECTS: The expert report recommended not to accredit the programme. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### **Rezonanca College**

- Study programme, Community Pharmacy, BSc 180 ECTS: The expert report recommended 3-year accreditation with a student quota of 120 per academic year. SCQ approved the report with all votes in favour.

#### **Heimerer College**

Heimerer college has undergone evaluation with the German QA Agency Evalag, and has submitted the accreditation certification for validation by SCQ.

- Study programme, Health Sciences for Diagnostic Profile-Laboratory Technician, BSc 180 ECTS: The accreditation certificate for this programme was for 6-year accreditation and there is no indication for student quota. Due to the fact that in Kosovo legislation there is no 6-year accreditation, SCQ decided to validate the accreditation of this programme for a duration of 5 years and the student quota was taken from the last accreditation decision which was 40 students per academic year.
- Study programme, Digital Healthcare, BSc 180 ECTS: The accreditation certificate for this programme was for 6-year accreditation and there is no indication for student quota. Due to the fact that in Kosovo legislation there is no 6-year accreditation, SCQ decided to validate the accreditation of this programme for a duration of 5 years and the student quota was taken from the application which was 40 students per academic year.
- Study programme, Psychology, BSc 180 ECTS: The accreditation certificate for this programme was for 6-year accreditation and there is no indication for student quota. Due to the fact that in Kosovo legislation there is no 6-year accreditation, SCQ decided to validate the accreditation of this programme for a duration of 5 years and the student quota was taken from the application which was 80 students per academic year.



- Study programme, Clinical Psychology, MSc 120 ECTS: The accreditation certificate for this programme was for 6-year accreditation and there is no indication for student quota. Due to the fact that in Kosovo legislation there is no 6-year accreditation, SCQ decided to validate the accreditation of this programme for a duration of 5 years and the student quota was taken from the application which was 50 students per academic year.

## Requests

**AAB College:** The request was to readdress the application for the study programme English Language MA 120 ECS. The programme was postponed because one of the programme holders was missing some documents. Institution has provided the documents with the request. After discussion, SCQ decided to approve the application with all votes in favour.

**AAB College:** The request was to readdress the application for the study programme Management BA 180 ECTS. The programme was postponed because one of the programme holders did not upload the diploma in e-Akreditim. Institution has provided the document with the request. After discussion, SCQ decided to approve the application with all votes in favour.

**Dukagini College:** Request for revision of decision 505/13 dated 08.07.2013. The decision only shows accreditation of programmes but not the institution, and this is causing problems to students who enrolled in that year to have their diplomas recognised. This request was rejected because there is no evidence that the institutional accreditation took place.

**University of Mitrovica:** The request is due to the fact that an appeal they have submitted could not be treated because there is no quorum in the Appeals Committee. SCQ considered that this is a matter to be treated by the Appeals Committee, therefore no decision needs to be taken.

**Universum College:** Request was for approval of application for study programme Management MA. The institution has submitted evidence that the programme holders have sufficient papers published to meet the accreditation criteria. After discussion, SCQ decided to approve the application with all votes in favour.

**University of Prishtina, Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary:** The faculty has submitted information explaining why it happened that in a transcript of grades of a student there were courses with 0.5 ECTS while in the Self-evaluation report for the programme there were no courses under 5 ECTS. SCQ concluded that this constitutes degradation of accreditation standards therefore a follow-up procedure needs to be organized for this programme.

**University of Prishtina, Faculty of Education:** Request to amend a technical mistake regarding the ECTS in the 6<sup>th</sup> semester of the programme General Pedagogy BA (it should be 30 ECTS while mistakenly it was written 35 ECTS). SCQ approved the request with all votes in favour.

**University of Prishtina, Faculty of Medicine:** Faculty has submitted request for replacement of programme holder due to retirement. Mr. Cen Bytyqi who is a programme holder in the study programme Clinical Medicine PhD is retired now, and the faculty proposes to replace him with Prof. Asoc. Aurora Bakalli. Ms. Bakalli was a programme holder in General Medicine. They propose Mr. Agon Mekaj to replace her. SCQ approved the request with all votes in favour.

## Nusing programmes:

Application for accreditation of Nursing BSc programmes.

Nursing programmes were postponed pending a legal opinion from MESTI. After this legal opinion was provided, SCQ reviewed applications of AAB and UBT college.

It was highlighted in the meeting that since the present composition of SCQ does not have any member with medical background who could cover programmes from the field, the SCQ will approve the applications in principle and leave to the expert team to evaluate the quality of the programme.

AAB college main campus: Nursing BSc 180 ECTS application approved with all votes in favor.

UBT College main campus: Nursing BSc 180 ECTS application approved with all votes in favor.

UBT College branch in Ferzan: Nursing BSc 180 ECTS application rejected because only two of the 5 programme holders belong to the field.

UBT College branch in Priene: Nursing BSc 180 ECTS application rejected because one of the programme holders had two primary salaries as presented in the Tax Administration data.


**Appeals:**

SCQ decided that the 4 appeals are sent to the appeals committee.

Minute keeper  
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