



State Council of Quality (SCQ)

Agenda SCQ Meeting 122

Date: 22.04.2024

Regular Meeting

Time: 10:00

Meeting minutes

Present in the meeting:

Hasnije Ilazi – President
Klemen Miklavic – Vice President
Maja Martinovic - Member
Gezim Tosuni – Member
Jaakko Kauko – Member
Mirlinda Batalli – Member
Avni Berisha – Member
Jetmir Haxhibeqiri – Member
Naim Gashi – member ex-officio
Arianit Krasniqi – KAA staff

1. Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved with all votes in favour.

2. Approval of minutes of KSHC meeting 120 and 121

3. Minutes of SCQ meeting 120 were approved with 5 votes in favour and 3 abstentions. The abstentions were by the three board members who were appointed after SCQ meeting 120. Minutes for SCQ 121 were to be prepared for the next meeting.

4. Revision of expert reports on re/accreditation

24 expert reports for institutional and program accreditation were reviewed by the SCQ. 23 were approved based on the experts' recommendations and one report was postponed for the next SCQ meeting. The report for institutional accreditation of the University of Gjakova was postponed because SCQ wanted to review it together with a request that was sent by the institution. *(Annex 1 is the table representing the decisions of SCQ for each evaluation report)*

5. Requests postponed from SCQ 121

5.1. Kolegji Biznesi – Emergency Management BSc

This program was rejected in a previous SCQ meeting because program holders were not in line with learning outcomes. Institution sent a request to revisit the application and with the request they sent publications of program holders. SCQ decided to ask the institution to provide information regarding the comparison of the



program with a similar program offered in any other university in Europe, and also a description of relation between learning outcomes of the program and program holders.

5.2. IBCM – Validation of accreditation

This request is to validate the extension of accreditation granted by Evalag until 30 September 2025. This extension was done to cover the period of transition from private to public institution. After reviewing all the documentation including the accreditation certificate by Evalag, SCQ decided with all votes in favour to approve the request.

5.3. Riinvest college – Request to amend decision

This request is to amend the decision of 2019 for accreditation of two programs by adding specialisations based on the application. After reviewing the request SCQ rejected the request with all votes in favour on the grounds that this request has been made beyond the legal deadline.

5.4. University of Peja – Request to amend decision

This request is to amend the decision of 2019 for accreditation of two programs by adding specialisations based on the application. After reviewing the request SCQ rejected the request with all votes in favour on the grounds that this request has been made beyond the legal deadline.

5.5. UP FSHMN – New program holder

Mr. Berisha left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest

This request is to add a new program holder to the program Environmental Sciences, Planning and Territorial Regulation MSc, 120 ECTS. After reviewing the request and analysing the new program holder based on the set criteria on the Administrative Instruction and Accreditation manual, SCQ approved the request with all votes in favour.

5.6. RIT – request to change name of program

This request was to change the name of the study program from BSc in Arts and Applied Sciences to BSc in Individualized Program. SCQ decided to ask the institution to provide more information as to what is the purpose for changing the name of the program.

6. New requests

6.1. UP FSHMN – Study programs Biology BSc and Financial Mathematics BSc

Mr. Berisha left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest

This request was to replace two program holders in two study programs 1. Biology BSc – request is to replace program holder Kasum Letaj with Idriz Vehapi, and 2. Financial Mathematics in Banking and Insurance BSc – request is to add one program holder to the program mr. Ujkan Bajra.



After reviewing the request and analysing the new program holder based on the set criteria on the Administrative Instruction and Accreditation manual, SCQ approved the request with all votes in favour.

6.2. Uni Peje – Study program Informatics in Business MSc

This request was to revisit the application for study program Informatics in Business MSc. The application was rejected because SCQ considered that one program holder does not meet criteria on publications. Institution claims that the program holder Gentiana Gega has two articles published in Scopus and has provided links. After reviewing the request and the evidence provided, SCQ decided to approve the application with 5 votes in favour and one abstention.

6.3. Uni Mitrovica – Study program Food Engineering MSc

Study program Food Engineering and Technology MSc was rejected because SCQ considered that one program holder is not in the field (Biology) and has no publications. Institution claims that Biology is a very important field of the program and has sent links as evidence of publications. After reviewing the request and the evidence provided, SCQ approved the request with all votes in favour.

6.4. UP Philology – Study program Orientalistics BA

Request is to replace program holder Sadete Ternava Osmani with Atdhe Hykolli. After reviewing the request and analysing the new program holder based on the set criteria on the Administrative Instruction and Accreditation manual, SCQ approved the request with all votes in favour.

6.5. UBT College – 16 study programs

This request addressed applications for 16 study programs. After it was discussed in details and all evidence was taken into consideration, SCQ decided to approve applications for two study programs, and the rest were rejected. *(For more details see annex 2).*

6.6. Tempulli Academy – Study program Insurance, Management and innovation BA professional

This request was to reconsider application for the study program Insurance, Management and Innovation BA Professional. Program was rejected because some program holders were considered not to be in the field and one lacked evidence on experience. Institution has submitted evidence for each rejected program holder. After reviewing the request in light of the new evidence, SCQ approved the request with all votes in favour.

6.7. Uni Prizren – Faculty of Education

University of Prizren submitted two requests for the same case. The request which was to revisit the program holders for two programs was rejected, whereas the request which proposed to move program holders from the study program Early Childhood Education to the program Primary Education was postponed in order to ask the institution to provide clearer information on the merger of the two programmes and on the language of instruction.



6.8. Universum – Study program Dental Hygiene BA Professional

This request was to revisit the application for three study programs 1. Graphic Design BA professional, 2. Dental Hygiene BA professional, and 3. Psychology. Institution has provided new evidence for each program. After reviewing all evidence SCQ decided to reject the application for the program Graphic Design BA professional and approve the application for the two other programs.

6.9. UP Faculty of Medicine – Study program Dentistry Dr. Dent.

This request for replacement of a program holder was sent in the previous meeting. It was postponed because the new program holder (Zana Agani) had uploaded the old contract in e-akreditimi. Now the institution has submitted the new contract. After reviewing the contract, SCQ approved the replacement of the program holder for the program Dentistry Dr. Dent.

6.10. UP Faculty of Philosophy

President left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest

Request was regarding to application for the program International Relations and Diplomacy which was postponed pending the residence permit for mr. Anton Vukpalaj. Institution has provided evidence. After reviewing the evidence, SCQ approved the application with all votes in favour.

7. Approval of new experts

8. Appeals

8.1. UP Faculty of Civil Engineering

8.2. Dardania College

8.3. Dardania College

8.4. Uni Mitrovice

8.5. Uni Gjakove

8.6. UP Philology

8.7. Uni Gjilan

8.8. Uni Gjilan

8.9. AAB college

SCQ decided that all appeals 8.1 – 8.9 to be sent to the Appeals committee.

9. Other

Director Gashi presented a concern regarding the legal deadlines for addressing appeals. He explained that the legal deadline to respond to an appeal is 30 days after receipt, however since the appeals first have to be presented to the SCQ meeting and then to be sent to Appeals Committee, very often the AC is left with very little time to review the appeals. Therefore, he suggested that when we have appeals that risk not meeting the deadline, SCQ could consider



voting online for sending them to the appeals committee. SCQ agreed that KAA staff coordinates with the president and decides case by case on this issue.

Minute keeper,
Arianit Krasniqi

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President State Council of Quality


