



State Council of Quality (SCQ)
Agenda SCQ Meeting 138
Date: 16.06.2025
University “Ukshin Hoti” Prizren
Regular Meeting
Time: 10:00

SCQ Board 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
Shkurte Bajgora – Member
Naim Gashi – Member ex officio
Arianit Krasniqi – KAA staff
Fjolle Ajeti – KAA Staff
Liridona Ademaj – ORCA Monitoring



1. Approval of agenda

The SCQ unanimously approved the agenda. It was noted that Agenda Item 7 was moved up in the order of discussion.

2. Approval of minutes from SCQ 137

The SCQ unanimously approved the minutes.

Ms. Shkurte Bajgora left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

3. Letter of concern – Faculty of Education UP

The Faculty of Education at the University of Prishtina raised concerns regarding the implementation of standards for initial teacher education programs. They emphasized that newly emerging 60 ECTS master's programs for subject teachers contradict the current legal and regulatory framework, which mandates a 300 ECTS structure (with 120 ECTS dedicated to pedagogical, psychological, and practical components). The Faculty called for adherence to existing standards during accreditation and urged MESTI to provide clearer guidance to ensure consistency and quality across institutions. A comparative analysis of national programs has been conducted, and the Faculty expressed readiness to lead inter-institutional discussions to address these challenges.

Following deliberation, the State Council for Quality decided that a 60 ECTS master's program may only be accredited if it is built upon a corresponding 240 ECTS bachelor's program. The decision was adopted with five (5) votes in favor and two (2) abstentions.

Ms. Shkurte Bajgora rejoined the meeting.

4. Revision of expert reports for institutional and program accreditation

Mr. Klemen Miklavic left the meeting.

4.1. University of Prishtina Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, BSc – The expert report was unanimously approved. The program was accredited for three (3) years with a student quota of 32, as recommended by the expert team. A post-accreditation procedure is to be conducted after one year, in line with the expert recommendation.

4.2. UBT College Civil Engineering and Infrastructure, MSc - The expert report was unanimously approved, as recommended by the expert team. The program was accredited for five (5) years with a student quota of 150.

During the discussion of Item 4.3, Mr. Gezim Tosuni joined the meeting. It was noted that he had encountered issues with his email and was therefore unable to access the materials previously sent.

Mr. Klemen Miklavic rejoined the meeting.

4.3. AAB College General Law, LLB (specialization Criminalistics) – As previously requested by the SCQ, an additional expert was engaged in the evaluation of this program. The expert reviewed the original report and submitted a written statement endorsing the findings of the initial expert team. The report was put to a vote, resulting in 2 votes in favor, 2 against, and 5 abstentions.

Ms. Shkurte Bajgora left the meeting.



4.4. UKZ Gjilan General Law, LLB - As previously requested by the SCQ, an additional expert was engaged in the evaluation of this program. The expert reviewed the original report and submitted a written statement endorsing the findings of the initial expert team. The report was put to a vote, resulting in 2 votes in favor, 2 against, and 4 abstentions.

Shkurte Bajgora rejoined the meeting.

4.5. UKZ Gjilan Criminal Law, LLM - As previously requested by the SCQ, an additional expert was engaged in the evaluation of this program. The expert reviewed the original report and submitted a written statement endorsing the findings of the initial expert team. The report was put to a vote, resulting in 2 votes in favor, 2 against, and 5 abstentions.

4.6. AAB College Programming and Artificial Intelligence, BP – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 125. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.7. Rezonanca College Pharmacy, MSc – The expert report was approved for a period of five (5) years with a student quota of 100. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.8. AAB College Physical Culture and Sports, MA – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 40. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.9. AAB College Physical Culture and Sports, BA – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 100. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.10. Fama College General Psychology, BA – The expert report recommending non-accreditation of the program was approved with 8 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

4.11. AAB College Media Production, BP – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 50. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.12. AAB Painting and Visual Arts, BA – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 25. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.13. UBT Design, BP – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 50. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.14. UBT Fashion Design, BP – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 25. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.15. UP Mjekësi Dentistry, Dr. Dent – The expert report was approved for a period of five (5) years with a student quota of 80. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.16. Universum Ferizaj Dental Technician, BP – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 25. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.17. UHZ Peja Tourism, Marketing Management (in Albanian language and Bosnian Language), MSc – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student



quota of 45 (25 albanian students and 20 bosnian). The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.18. **AAB College English Language, BA** – The expert report was approved for a period of five (5) years with a student quota of 250. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.19. **UP Faculty of Arts, Dramatic Arts, MA (with 7 specializations)** – The expert report was approved for a period of five (5) years with a student quota of 85. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.20. **UP Faculty of Arts, Dramatic Arts, BA (with 7 specializations)** – The expert report was approved for a period of five (5) years with a student quota of 85. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.21. **UKZ Gjilan English Language Teaching, MA** – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 40. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.22. **UHH Prizren Business Administration, BSc** – The expert report was approved for a period of five (5) years with a student quota of 150. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.23. **UHH Prizren International Management, BSc** – The expert report was approved for a period of five (5) years with a student quota of 85 as requested by the institution. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.24. **FSI Islamic Theology, MA** – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 30. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.25. **UIB Mitrovicë Mining Engineering, BSc** – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 20. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.26. **UIB Mitrovicë Sustainable Mining Development, MSc** – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 10. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.27. **UP FIM Manufacturing and Industrial Engineering, BSc** – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 50. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

Mr. Naim Gashi left the meeting.

4.28. **UIB Mitrovicë Mineral Deposits, MSc** – The SCQ decided to return the report to the expert team and request clarifications regarding their final recommendations, noting that experts may only propose accreditation for a period of three (3) or five (5) years. The decision was approved with 8 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

4.29. **UFA Gjakovë Albanian Language and Literature, BA** – The SCQ decided to return the report to the expert team and inform them that conditional accreditation cannot be proposed. The decision was approved with 8 votes in favor and 1 abstention.



4.30. **UBT Political Science, MA** – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 50. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

4.31. **UBT Security Studies, MA** – The expert report was approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 50. The SCQ approved the report by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention.

Mr. Jetmir Haxhibeqiri left the meeting.

Mr. Klemen Miklavic left the meeting.

Requests

5.1. IBCM College - IBCM submitted a formal request for validation of Evalag accreditation decisions, including the following:

5.1.1. A new six-year institutional accreditation (valid until 30 September 2031).

The SCQ reviewed the request for institutional accreditation and approved it with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

Mr. Gezim Tosuni left the meeting.

5.1.2. Four newly accredited programs:

Public Administration (BA) – The SCQ approved the report for three (3) years with a quota of 60 students, in alignment with the KAA Law, as this is a first-time accreditation. The decision was approved with six (6) votes in favor.

Mr. Gezim Tosuni rejoined the meeting.

- Business Management (BA) – The SCQ approved the report for five (5) years with a quota of 100 students, with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.
- Environmental Management and Technology (BSc) – The SCQ approved the report for five (5) years with a quota of 60 students, with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.
- International Management and Sustainability (MSc) – The SCQ approved the report for five (5) years with a quota of 90 students, with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

5.1.3. An extension of KAA validation for the Applied Information Technology (Professional Bachelor) program through 2026, to align with Evalag's six-year accreditation (initially validated through 2025 by KAA). The SCQ reviewed and approved the extension with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

5.2. University "Ukshin Hoti", Prizren Faculty of Law - The Faculty of Law at Ukshin Hoti University submitted a request to withdraw one academic staff member from the list of course holders for the accredited Bachelor-level General Law Program (valid until 2027), in order to assign them to the development and delivery of a proposed new Master's program in European Law (LL.M.). The Bachelor program will retain six qualified academic staff, exceeding the minimum staffing requirements.

This request is in line with the Faculty's strategic objective to expand Master's-level offerings, responding to increased student demand and limited availability of such programs. The SCQ reviewed the request and, based on the Manual for Accreditation Procedures—which allows such changes when aligned with institutional strategic planning and without affecting program quality—approved it with five (5) votes in favor and two (2) abstentions.



5.3. University “Ukshin Hoti”, Prizren Faculty of Education - The Faculty of Education submitted a formal notification and request for acknowledgment regarding the withdrawal of two academic staff members from the list of program holders for the accredited Primary Education (Bachelor level) program (valid until September 2028). The justification provided was that the program would retain the minimum required number of staff members and that the withdrawal aligns with the institution’s Strategic Plan 2024–2028 and the Accreditation Manual, as the staff are needed for the development and delivery of other priority programs.

The SCQ reviewed the submission and decided to postpone the decision to the next meeting. The KAA administration was instructed to verify the background and roles of the two program holders to assess their impact on the accredited program. Furthermore, the institution will be informed that it must wait for an official SCQ decision before proceeding with such changes. The Council emphasized that unilateral withdrawal of program holders without prior SCQ approval may result in the loss of accreditation, especially since the institution indicated that the changes had already been implemented.

The decision to postpone and proceed with verification was approved with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

5.4. University “Ukshin Hoti”, Prizren Faculty of Philology - The Faculty of Philology submitted a request to replace one academic staff member from the list of holders of the accredited English Language and Literature (Bachelor level) program (valid until 2026) with another qualified academic. The change is intended to allow the outgoing member to contribute to the development of a proposed one-year Master’s program in Albanian Language, for which a feasibility study has been completed. The program is planned for accreditation submission in July, in line with the faculty’s objective to expand Master-level offerings.

The SCQ postponed the decision and instructed the KAA administration to verify the academic background and roles of the program holders. The institution will be informed that it must await an SCQ decision before implementing such changes. Proceeding without approval may result in loss of accreditation, as the institution indicated that the replacement has already occurred.

The decision to postpone was approved with six (6) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

5.6. Faculty of Islamic Studies – The Faculty of Islamic Studies requested an extension of accreditation for the BA program in Islamic Theology until September 30, 2026. The request addresses the issue of insufficient SCOPUS-indexed publications by program holders, largely due to recent and upcoming retirements. While newly appointed staff have published academic work, their publications are not yet indexed. The faculty has taken steps to support academic publishing, including training, financial support, and efforts to index its own journal. The institution emphasized its unique cultural and educational mission as the only provider of Islamic studies in the native language, and requested consideration of its strategic role and improvements underway. SCQ reviewed the request and decided to reject it as it not in accordance with the standards and the manual.

5.7. “Evolucion” Academy – Academy “Evolucion” submitted a formal request for reconsideration of the decision to reduce the number of accredited students in the Fashion Design Bachelor program from 120 to 60. The institution argued that the program has maintained high academic quality and stable enrolment since 2009, and the expert report contained no critical findings on staffing or infrastructure. Additional points emphasized program legacy, full compliance with standards, demonstrated student



demand, and concerns that the quota reduction could undermine institutional development and financial sustainability. The academy requested that the decision be reassessed in light of these considerations. The SCQ reviewed the request and decided to reject it.

5.8. MESTI Inspectorate regarding Riinvest College – This item was postponed from the previous meeting. The SCQ had instructed the KAA administration to gather all relevant documentation to verify whether the issue in question was a technical error. After reviewing the submitted documents, the SCQ unanimously approved the request.

Ms. Hasnija Ilazi left the room due to potential conflict of interest.

Ms. Shkurte Bajgora left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

As the vice president is not present, the person with the most experience from the board members Mr. Gezim Tosuni will lead the meeting.

5.9. UP Faculty of Philosophy – This point was postponed from the previous meeting to receive a formal request and the final decision from the Senate. The institution has submitted the decision but not the formal request. SCQ unanimously voted to postpone this point for the next meeting until they submit a formal request.

Ms. Hasnija Ilazi rejoined the meeting.

Ms. Shkurte Bajgora rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Klemen Miklavic rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Jetmir Haxhibeqiri rejoined the meeting.

5.2. RIT College - RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) submitted a request for the revalidation of the MSc in Professional Studies program offered by Rochester Institute of Technology. The submission includes documentation on program barriers approved by KAA, course list and learning outcomes, accreditation and expert reports issued by ATMAE, and the program's organizational structure. The institution requests consideration for continued accreditation. SCQ reviewed the request and decided to postpone this point and go back to the institution to reclarify their request as they mentioned accreditation and revalidation. This decision was approved with eight (8) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

6. Appeals

Mr. Gezim Tosuni left the meeting.

6.1 The University "Fehmi Agani" Gjakova (Faculty of Education) submitted an appeal against SCQ Decision Ref. 449/25 dated 23.04.2025, which had rejected the accreditation request for the Master's program in Teaching Literature for Children (60 ECTS).

The appeal cited several procedural and legal concerns, including:

- Violation of procedural provisions;
- Incorrect or incomplete assessment of the factual situation;
- Improper evaluation of submitted materials;
- Violation of relevant laws on higher education and the Administrative Instruction (MASHTI) No. 15/2018 on Accreditation.



The SCQ reviewed the appeal and unanimously decided to appoint a new expert who will conduct an on-site evaluation of the program. This expert will work in coordination with the original expert team to prepare a joint report and recommendation.

In addition, SCQ voted unanimously to publish the list of experts with the Erasmus area codes next to each expert.

Mr. Gezim Tosuni rejoined the meeting.

6.2. The University “Fehmi Agani” Gjakova (Faculty of Applied Sciences) – Engineering Informatics Program submitted an appeal against SCQ Decision Ref. 585/25 dated 27.05.2025, which rejected the accreditation of the Bachelor’s program in Informatics Engineering (180 ECTS).

The appeal cited the following issues:

- Procedural irregularities;
- Incomplete or inaccurate assessment of facts;
- Misinterpretation of submitted materials;
- Violations of the Law on Higher Education and Administrative Instruction (MASHTI) No. 15/2018;
- Inconsistencies with the Accreditation Manual and the Regulation on Validity of Programs at Bachelor and Master levels.

The university argued that the program corresponds to ESAC codes 11.3 (Informatics, Computer Science), 06.2 (Electrical Engineering), and 06.5 (Electronic Engineering, Telecommunications).

The SCQ reviewed the appeal and decided to invite the expert who was not present during the previous evaluation to conduct an on-site assessment of the infrastructure. The decision was approved with eight (8) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

6.3. University of Gjakova – Teaching Children’s Literature – SCQ decided to pass this appeal to the Appeals committee. The decision was approved with eight (8) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

6.4. UBT College - SCQ decided to pass this appeal to the Appeals committee. The decision was approved with eight (8) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

7. Decisions of Appeals Committee

7.1. Iliria College - SCQ decided to approve the decision of the Appeals committee. The decision was approved with eight (8) votes in favor and one (1) abstention.

7.2. The SCQ decided to formally regulate that the Appeals Committee shall not receive new documentation directly from the institution. The Committee will only receive the appeal submitted by the institution, while all relevant documentation will be provided exclusively by the Accreditation Agency.

7.3. UBT College – The SCQ voted to reject the decision of the Appeals Committee and to uphold its original decision regarding the Professional Bachelor Program in Nursing (180 ECTS).

Ms. Mirlinda Batalli left due to potential conflict of interest.



8. **Information UP Law regarding resignation of program holder** – the SCQ acknowledged the information.

Ms. Mirlinda Batalli rejoined the meeting.

9. **Discussion on draft regulation for Monitoring and Post-Accreditation procedures** – the SCQ unanimously decided to postpone this point for the upcoming meeting.
10. **Discussion on Conference** – The committee responsible for organizing the conference provided an update to the SCQ members on the progress and planning of the event.

11. **Other**

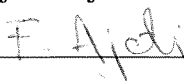
Mr. Klemen Miklavic left the meeting.

11.1. It was proposed that the Accreditation Agency should open the e-accreditation platform twice per year, possibly at the beginning of the second semester, subject to specific criteria. The proposal was unanimously approved by the SCQ, and the list of criteria will be defined and provided at a later stage.

Meeting adjourned. The following meeting will be held on the 30th of June 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by:

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