



State Council of Quality (SCQ)
Agenda SCQ Meeting 140
Date: 24.07.2025
Regular Meeting
Time: 09:00

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.

2. Approval of minutes from SCQ 139

The SCQ unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Revision of expert reports for program accreditation

3.1. University of Mitrovica Mineral Deposits, MSc – The expert report was unanimously approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 10 students.

3.2. UP Medicine Dentistry, PhD - The expert report was unanimously approved for a period of three (3) years with a student quota of 5.

4. Requests

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

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

The meeting was led by the vice president Mr. Klemen Miklavic.

4.1. UP Philosophy - The Faculty of Philosophy submitted a request seeking approval for the replacement of one of the program holders for the MA in Political Philosophy. According to the request, the current program holder no longer meets the eligibility criteria due to the revocation of their academic title by the University Senate, resulting in a downgrade to the title of Assistant. The Faculty proposed a replacement with a qualified academic staff member who holds a relevant background and is deemed suitable for the program. SCQ reviewed the documentation of the proposed program holder and unanimously approved the request.

Ms. Hasnija Ilazi rejoined the meeting.

Ms. Shkurte Bajgora rejoined the meeting.

4.2. UP Physiotherapy - The Faculty of Medicine submitted a formal request to modify the accredited program title from Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation, BSc to Physiotherapy, BSc. This change aligns with the experts' mandatory recommendation to use the title "Physiotherapy" only, in accordance with international standards and academic practices. The Faculty requested that the modification be reviewed with priority to ensure implementation before the start of the 2025/26 academic year. The SCQ reviewed the request and unanimously rejected it, advising the institution to follow the established procedure for implementing recommendations as well as changing a program title. According to the procedures, making changes in the program name is permitted only when applying or reapplying with the new name. It was further noted that it is not within the experts' responsibilities to recommend changes to program titles, as this authority rests solely with the institution. The SCQ also suggested informing the experts that their



recommendations are appreciated; however, a program title can only be changed during the application or reapplication process for accreditation.

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

4.3. UP FSHMN - Faculty of Mathematical and Natural Sciences (FMNS), University of Prishtina, submitted a formal request to make changes related to the following accredited study programs:

- BSc in Ecology and Environmental Protection – Replacement of the retired program holder.
- MSc in Analytical and Environmental Chemistry – Also a replacement following the retirement of the same program holder.
- BSc in Food Chemistry – Replacement due to the departure of the current holder at the end of the academic year.

The Faculty has nominated qualified academic staff already engaged with the respective programs to take over as program holders. The request is supported with justification for each proposed change and aims to ensure continuity and compliance with accreditation requirements. The request was reviewed by the SCQ and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Avni Berisha rejoined the meeting.

4.4. UP Public Health – This matter is addressed under point 5, under the appeals section.

4.5. UP Philology - Faculty of Philology submitted a request regarding the replacement of the program holder for the accredited master's program in Oriental Cultural Studies, MA, 60 ECTS. The request was submitted in line with a prior SCQ decision which obligated the Faculty to appoint a new program holder within a defined timeframe. Following this obligation, the Faculty of Philology proposed the replacement of the current program holder with a new academic staff member to ensure compliance with accreditation requirements. The request was submitted through the Office for Academic Development and was accompanied by the necessary documentation and justification for the change. The SCQ decided to postpone this request and ask the institution to bring the request in English as well.

4.6. Uni Prizren Education - The Faculty of Education at the University of Prizren submitted a request to withdraw two staff members from the list of program holders for the accredited bachelor program in Primary Education, valid through September 30, 2028. The request is in line with the Faculty's Strategic Plan 2024–2028 and aims to reallocate academic staff toward the development of new Master's programs. Despite the withdrawal, the program continues to meet the minimum requirement of four regular holders. The Faculty emphasizes that this change supports broader institutional goals related to program development and quality enhancement,



and requests the SCQ's approval. The request was unanimously rejected, with reference to the manual, as it was not in line with its requirements.

4.7. Uni Prizren Philology - The Faculty of Philology submitted a request to withdraw one academic staff member from the list of program holders for the accredited bachelor program in English Language and Literature, valid until September 30, 2026. The Faculty proposed a replacement to ensure continued compliance with accreditation requirements. The request aligns with institutional plans to reallocate academic resources in preparation for a new Master's program in Albanian Language, for which a feasibility study has been completed. The application for accreditation of the new program is expected in July. The request was unanimously rejected, with reference to the manual, as it was not in line with its requirements.

4.8. RIT College - RIT Kosovo (A.U.K.) submitted a request seeking to extend the validation of the MSc in Professional Studies program validity until October 31, 2026. The request is based on the program's current international accreditation by ATMAE, which remains valid through the same date. The institution provided supporting documentation as previously required by the board, including the accreditation certificate, expert report, program structure, course list, and admissions decision. The request aligns with the existing international recognition of the program, and the institution seeks acknowledgment of this extended validity by the Kosovo Accreditation Agency. SCQ unanimously decided to accept their request and extend the validation for 1 additional year.

4.9. IBCM College - The Public International Business College Mitrovica (IBCM) submitted a request for the validation of an external accreditation decision issued by Evalag (Evaluation Agency Baden-Württemberg) for the Bachelor of Science program in Psychology. The program has been granted a six-year accreditation, valid until 30 September 2031. The request includes the accreditation certificate, expert evaluation report, and a recommendation to set the student enrolment quota at 60 candidates per academic year. IBCM seeks formal validation of this accreditation in accordance with previously approved applications by the SCQ. This request was postponed by the SCQ. Due to procedural violations, the SCQ unanimously decided not to treat it.

4.10. Heimerer College - Heimerer College submitted a request to the State Council of Quality (SCQ) for the approval of a new program holder for the Bachelor Program Health Sciences of Diagnostic Profiles – Laboratory Technician, due to the upcoming retirement of the current holder in June 2025. The SCQ unanimously rejected this request due to the limited duration of the proposed program holder's contract, noting that the program holder should have a contract of longer duration.



4.11. Regarding Physiotherapy - Request from the Chamber of Physiotherapists of Kosovo (OFTK) – The Chamber of Physiotherapists of Kosovo submitted a formal request to the State Council of Quality, seeking the urgent annulment and suspension of a recent accreditation decision concerning a bachelor program in Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation at the University of Prishtina, Faculty of Medicine, for the period 2025–2028. The request raises several concerns, including:

- That the academic staff associated with the program do not meet the required qualifications for the field;
- That the program title does not correspond to any officially recognized health profession;
- That graduates of the program may not be eligible for professional licensing, potentially affecting their future employment opportunities;
- That the decision may have been taken under standards not yet applicable at the time of submission;
- And that implementing the decision could cause harm to students, affect public trust, and undermine the integrity of the education and health systems.

OFTK requested suspension of the decision until the matter is reviewed and resolved in accordance with legal procedures. The SCQ decided to postpone consideration of this request and to contact the lawyer of the Chamber of Physiotherapists of Kosovo, instructing them to resubmit the request in English, as required by procedural rules.

4.12. UP FIEK - The Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Prishtina submitted a request seeking approval for the replacement of the program holder for the Bachelor's program in Computer and Software Engineering. The request is made due to the retirement of the current holder. The institution has proposed a new candidate whose documents were reviewed by the SCQ. The request was unanimously approved.

4.13. UP Arts - The Faculty of Arts at the University of Prishtina submitted a request for the transfer of the program holder for the Bachelor of Arts in Music study program. The request proposes that the current holder of the Master of Music in Performance program, who also serves as a reserve holder in the Master's program accredited until 2028, be assigned as the new holder of the Bachelor's program. The request was unanimously rejected, with reference to the manual, as it was not in line with its requirements.

4.14. FSI Request - The Faculty of Islamic Studies has submitted a request to the Kosovo Accreditation Agency and the State Council of Quality to extend the accreditation of the Bachelor's program in Islamic Theology (240 ECTS) for one additional year. The request is based on the program's failure to meet the publication requirements set by accreditation standards within the designated timeframe. However, the faculty emphasizes the national strategic importance of the program, as it is the only higher education provider of Islamic theology in



Kosovo, and supports the implementation of the National Strategy for Prevention and Fight Against Terrorism in the Republic of Kosova 2023–2028. The request is made in line with SCQ decision which allows a one-year accreditation extension for programs considered of national interest, even if not all accreditation standards are met. The request was unanimously postponed by the SCQ and requested by the institution to submit a supporting letter.

5. Appeals

5.1. UFAGJ Education Mathematics – SCQ unanimously passed this appeal to the appeals committee.

5.2. UFAGJ English Language Teaching - SCQ unanimously passed this appeal to the appeals committee.

5.3. UP Public Health - SCQ unanimously passed this appeal to the appeals committee.

6. Decisions of Appeals Committee

6.1. UBT College – The SCQ unanimously decided that it cannot make a decision retroactively.

7. Regarding Iliria College – The SCQ decided to reject this appeal, as no comments were submitted within the designated deadline.

8. Discussion on the Conference – An update was provided on the conference being organized, including discussions on panel members, guest lists, social media posts, and other related details.

9. Other

The SCQ unanimously agreed to conduct an online vote for the two upcoming evaluations reports.

Meeting adjourned. The following meeting will be held on the 21st of August 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by:

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President State Council of Quality

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