

State Council of Quality (SCQ)

Agenda SCQ Meeting 143

Date: 01.12.2025

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

Shkurtë 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 142

The SCQ unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Requests

3.1.UP Faculty of Philology - The University of Prishtina informed the SCQ that the program holder of the Bachelor's program in German Language and Literature has retired upon reaching the statutory retirement age and is no longer a regular member of the academic staff. Consequently, the University requested approval for the appointment of a new program holder and submitted a proposed candidate for consideration. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform becomes fully functional, in order to verify the proposed program holder.

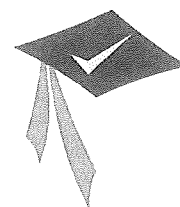
3.2.UP Faculty of Civil Engineering - The Faculty of Civil Engineering of the University of Prishtina requests the SCQ to reconsider and reconfirm the appointment of the program holder for the Master's Program in Integrated Water Resources Management. The faculty explains that the professor's employment contract was valid but its renewal was processed with a short administrative delay. Supporting documentation has been provided. The faculty asks for priority handling due to tight accreditation and SER preparation deadlines. The SCQ reviewed and discussed the request and unanimously approved it.

3.3.UP Faculty of Medicine - The Faculty of Medicine requests the SCQ to reconsider its decision to reject the accreditation application for the Public Health MSc program. The rejection was based on the absence of a renewed employment contract for one of the academic staff members. The faculty informs the SCQ that the updated contract has now been uploaded to the E-accreditation platform and is valid according to relevant regulations. The SCQ reviewed and discussed the request and unanimously approved it.

3.4.UP Faculty of Medicine - The Faculty of Medicine requests the SCQ to approve the replacement of program holders in two reaccredited programs due to retirements.

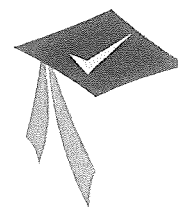
PhD Program in Clinical Medicine: One of the program holders has retired, and the faculty proposes a new academic staff member who fulfills all criteria for this role. The proposed candidate has multiple publications indexed in Web of Science/Scopus as first author within the last five years. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform becomes fully functional, in order to verify the proposed program holder.

General Medicine Program: A program holder in this program has also retired, and the faculty proposes a replacement who meets the required criteria according to the relevant accreditation manual. The proposed individual has recent indexed publications as first author. The Faculty of Medicine asks the SCQ to review and approve the requested changes to ensure compliance with accreditation standards and continuity of the programs. The SCQ unanimously decided



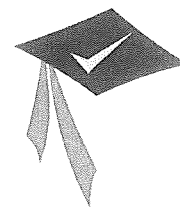
to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform becomes fully functional, in order to verify the proposed program holder.

- 3.5. **UP Economics** - The Faculty of Economics requests from the SCQ to reconsider its decision to reject the reaccreditation applications for the Economics MSc and Economics BSc programs. The rejection was based on the missing documentation for the proposed program heads, which had not been uploaded to the E-accreditation platform by the required deadline. The faculty informs the SCQ that the necessary documents, including proof of the doctoral qualifications of the proposed program heads, have now been submitted to the platform, along with the relevant correspondence confirming these details. They emphasize that the proposed individuals have previously served as program heads in past accreditation cycles and meet all required academic and legal criteria. The SCQ unanimously rejected the request on the grounds that documentation submitted past the established deadlines cannot be considered.
- 3.6. **Uni Gjilan** - The Faculty of Computer Science at the university “Kadri Zeka” requests the SCQ to review its decision regarding the program holder’s residence permit. They clarify that the program holder had a valid residence permit during the July 2025 accreditation period, initiated the renewal process within legal deadlines through e-Kosova, and now holds a renewed permit valid until February 2026. They also note that institutional regulations prevented earlier initiation of reappointment or promotion procedures, but these have since been resolved, and the professor’s employment contract has been extended until October 2026. The faculty submits the renewed residence permit and senate decision as evidence and requests that this updated documentation be considered in finalizing the accreditation process for the Computer Science program. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform becomes fully functional, in order to verify the proposed program holder.
- 3.7. **Uni Mitrovica** -The matter was transferred to the Appeals Committee, given that the request was submitted to that committee.
- 3.8. **Uni Mitrovica** - The University “Isa Boletini” Mitrovica requests the SCQ to reconsider the application for the BSc in Computer Science and Engineering. The institution explains that one of the proposed program holders was undergoing the contract renewal and academic promotion process during the accreditation period, which caused delays in finalizing employment documentation. They note that the university senate has since approved the continuation of employment contracts for all relevant academic staff, including the proposed program holder, and updated documentation has been submitted (including the official decision and payroll confirmation). The SCQ reviewed and discussed the request and unanimously approved it.
- 3.9. **Uni Mitrovica** - The University “Isa Boletini” Mitrovica informs the KAA that one of the program holders for the BSc in Economic Engineering has concluded his employment contract as of 1 October 2025. In line with the methodology requiring institutions to propose a replacement within 90 days, the university proposes a new program holder who meets all academic and publication criteria for the role. The institution provides the academic profile



and publication record of the proposed replacement and requests confirmation to proceed with the required accreditation procedures. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone this request and ask the institution to provide the resignation letter.

- 3.10. **Uni Prizren** - The University of Prizren requests approval for the replacement of the program coordinator for the Agrobusiness Bachelor program. The previous program holder has resigned and his contract was formally terminated by university senate decision. The faculty proposes a new coordinator who meets all academic and professional requirements. Supporting documents including the termination decision, appointment decision, employment contract, and list of scientific activities are provided. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone this request and ask the institution to provide the resignation letter.
 - 3.11. **IBCM College** – The study program Applied IT, 180 ECTS was previously rejected because one of the proposed program holders did not provide stamped evidence of the required professional experience. The institution now submits additional clarification, explaining that the staff member's past employment contracts were issued under Serbian law, which does not require an official company stamp, and that these documents are legally valid. Nevertheless, if such documentation cannot be accepted for procedural or regulatory reasons, the institution proposes replacing this staff member with another qualified academic whose documentation fully meets KAA requirements. The institution requests guidance on how the SCQ wishes to proceed and expresses readiness to provide any additional clarifications or documentation needed. The SCQ unanimously decided to reject this request, noting that adding a new program holder at this stage is not permitted under the procedural requirements.
 - 3.12. **Dardania College** – The institution submitted a property tax invoice as supporting evidence for institutional accreditation. Following review, the SCQ decided to approve the institution's application, with 7 votes in favour and 1 abstention.
 - 3.13. **Universum College** - The institution informs the SCQ that several program holders for the BA Professional in Dental Technician and BA Professional in Fashion Design programs have resigned for personal reasons and have been replaced with new academic staff. The institution formally requests SCQ approval for the proposed changes in program holders. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone the item and requested that the institution submit the official resignation letters.
4. **Appeals**
- 4.1. **UP Faculty of Civil Engineering** – The SCQ already treated this point as a request.
 - 4.2. **UP Faculty of Philology** - The SCQ unanimously decided to forward this point to the Appeals Committee.
 - 4.3. **UP Faculty of Medicine** - The SCQ already treated this point as a request.
 - 4.4. **UP Faculty of Economics** - The SCQ unanimously decided to forward this point to the Appeals Committee.
 - 4.5. **University of Prizren** - The SCQ unanimously decided to forward this point to the Appeals Committee.



4.6. **University of Applied Sciences Ferizaj** - The SCQ unanimously decided to forward this point to the Appeals Committee.

4.7. **University of Gjilan** - The SCQ unanimously decided to forward this point to the Appeals Committee.

4.8. **University of Mitrovica** - The SCQ already treated this point as a request.

4.9. **UBT College** - The SCQ unanimously decided to forward this point to the Appeals Committee.

5. **Decisions of Appeals Committee**

5.1. **IBCM College** – Validation of International Accreditation - The Appeals Commission reviewed the complaint filed by the institution regarding the SCQ's decision to refuse validation of the international accreditation of the Psychology, BA, 180 ECTS program. After examining the documents and holding a hearing with the institution, the Commission determined that the SCQ decision lacked sufficient legal reasoning as required by Article 48 of the Law on General Administrative Procedure. The Appeals Commission concluded that the SCQ did not clearly explain the factual basis, legal grounds, or reasons for rejecting the validation request and noted that the provisions applied by the SCQ relate to accreditation/reaccreditation procedures, not validation of international accreditation. The Commission therefore approved the institution's complaint and returned the case to the SCQ for reconsideration and final decision-making, in line with Article 22 of the Law on the Kosovo Accreditation Agency. Following consideration of the Appeals Committee's decision, the SCQ unanimously determined not to accept it, concluding that the original decision was supported by sufficient reasoning and aligned with the applicable legal and procedural framework.

6. **KAA Strategy** –A comprehensive update on the development of the KAA Strategy document was presented. It was explained that the drafting process involved internal consultations, a series of workshops with SCQ members, KAA staff, and stakeholders, as well as the engagement of an international expert to ensure alignment with European quality assurance practices and to refine the strategic priorities. External comments from third-party stakeholders were reviewed and incorporated where appropriate.

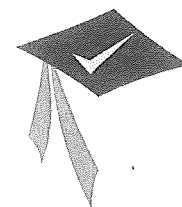
Further on, it was proposed to include within the Strategy the external review of the Annual Conference conducted by an international expert, as this evaluation provides valuable insights for improving stakeholder engagement and strengthening KAA's visibility and impact. Further details were discussed and the SCQ unanimously decided to vote the final draft of KAA Strategy.

7. **Experts applications**

Out of 35 experts, 15 were unanimously approved. Two experts were approved with seven votes in favor and one abstention, one expert was approved with six votes in favor and two abstentions, and one expert's review was postponed.

Mr. Jetmir Haxhibeqiri left the meeting.

8. **Revision of applications for Program Accreditation**



- 7.1. "Evolution Academy", Interior Design- Professional Bachelor, 180 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously rejected this application as the proposed holders did not provide the necessary documentation and had no professional experience.
- 7.2. Fama International Computer Science MSc, 120 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously rejected this application, as one of the proposed program holders did not hold a PhD degree.
- 7.3. Fama International - General Psychology BA, 180 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously rejected this application, as one of the proposed program holder is employed full time abroad.
- 7.4. Fama International - Media and Communication Sciences BA, 180 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously rejected the application, as one of the proposed program holders failed to provide a list of publications, while another did not submit proof of diploma nostrification.
- 7.5. Fama International - General Psychology MA, 120 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously rejected the application, as one of the proposed program holders is full time engaged in a different institution and another program holder failed to provide proof of diploma nostrification.
- 7.6. Fama International - General Economy MSc, 120 ECTS** - The SCQ unanimously rejected the application due to the absence of required documentation, namely a residence permit, identification document, work permit, and diploma nostrification.
- 7.7. Business College - Computer Science, BSc, 180 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.
- 7.8. Heimerer College - Therapeutic Health Sciences, MSc** – The SCQ unanimously decided to reject this program as the proposed program holder failed to provide nostrification of diploma and did not have an academic title.
- 7.9. Riinvest College - Interior Design- Professional Bachelor, 180 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously decided to reject this application as the proposed program holders failed to provide professional experience and one of the proposed program holders was not registered in E-Akreditimi platform.
- 7.10. Riinvest College - Branding and Fashion Communication, BA, 180 ECTS** - The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.
- 7.11. Riinvest College - Digital Business, Professional Bachelor, 180 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously decided to reject this application as the proposed program holders failed to provide list of publications.
- 7.12. Riinvest College - Applied Information Technology, Professional Bachelor, 180 ECTS** – The SCQ unanimously decided to reject this application as the proposed program holders failed to provide professional experience.
- 7.13. RIT College, Electrical Engineering Technology, BSc, 254 ECTS** - The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.



7.14. RIT College, Individualized Program, BSc, 240 ECTS - The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.15. RIT College, Computing and Information Technologies, BSc, 252 ECTS - The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.16. RIT College, Professional Studies, MSc, 66 ECTS - The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.17. AAB College - Management, BA, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to approve this application.

7.18. AAB College - Marketing and Business, BA, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to approve this application.

7.19. AAB College - Nursing, BSc, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to approve this application.

Mr. Gezim Tosuni left the meeting.

7.20. AAB College - Fashion Design, BA, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.21. AAB College - Graphic Design, BA professional, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.22. AAB College - Laboratory Technician, BSc, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

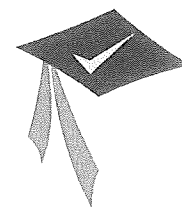
7.23. AAB College - Dental Technician, BSc, 180 ECTS - The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

Mr. Gezim Tosuni rejoined the meeting.

7.24. AAB College - Logopedics, BA Profesional, 180 ECTS - The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.25. AAB College - Digital Marketing and Artificial Intelligence, BA Profesional, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.26. AAB College - Computer Science and FinTech, BSc (Specializations: 1. Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain 2. Digital Banking and Insurance) 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.



7.27. AAB College - Music Production and Performance, BA, 180 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this matter until the E-Akreditimi platform is fully operational, in order to verify the submitted documentation.

7.28. AAB College - Architecture, MA, 120 ECTS – The SCQ unanimously approved this application.

7. Notifications

8.1. UP Faculty of Medicine - The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Prishtina notified the KAA that several program holders for the PhD in Public Health, the PhD in Clinical Medicine, and the General Medicine program have retired and are no longer part of the academic staff. The faculty is in the process of selecting new program holders and will submit the replacement proposals in accordance with accreditation standards and requirements.

8.2. UP Faculty of Arts – The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone this request as they did not have enough time to treat it.

8.3. UP Faculty of Arts – To be presented at the upcoming meeting under the agenda item concerning the revision of the application.

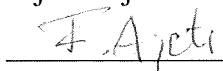
8.4. UP FSHMN – The SCQ was informed of the resignation of one program holder for the MSc in Computer Science (120 ECTS) and was requested to provide its opinion on whether the appointment of a new program holder is necessary, given that four other program holders are already appointed. The SCQ unanimously decided to postpone the matter and request the formal resignation letter from the higher education institution.

10. Other

Meeting adjourned. The following meeting will be held on the 15th of January 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by:

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