



State Council of Quality (SCQ)

Agenda SCQ Meeting 134

Date: 06.02.2025

Regular Meeting

Time: 09:00

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

Shkurta Bajgora – Member

Naim Gashi – Member ex officio

Arianit Krasniqi – KAA staff

Fjolle Ajeti – KAA Staff

1. Approval of agenda

SCQ approved the agenda with all votes in favour.

2. Approval of minutes from SCQ 130, 131, 132 and 133

The SCQ members deliberated on the inclusion of names in the minutes. It was noted that the names of program holders are already published in the decisions. Following the discussion, the members reached a consensus that the names of program holders should appear only in the decisions. The minutes of SCQ Meetings 130, 131, 132, and 133 were unanimously approved, with the amendment to remove names of program holders.

3. Revision of expert reports for institutional and program accreditation

The report on Fama International College was postponed at the last meeting due to the absence of participant names. The expert team concluded that out of 11 standards, Fama International College fully meets 7 and substantially meets 4. The report includes 13 recommendations for the institution to address, with the final recommendation being accreditation for three years.



The next report concerns the reaccreditation of the French Language and Literature program at the Faculty of Philology, University of Prishtina. The expert team recommended a three-year accreditation with an enrollment quota of 20 students. The compliance assessment indicates that 1 standard is fully met, while 6 are substantially met. The report was approved with all votes in favor.

4. Revision of application for UP Faculty of Arts

In light of the new criteria for art programs, the board members reviewed the table of program holders for each program.

4.1. Bachelor of Music (BMus) with specializations General Music Pedagogy and Composition.

After reviewing the program holders, the board determined that one specialization was not in alignment with the ESAC code. As a result, one program holder for this specialization was rejected. The application was approved with one specialization, with all votes in favor.

4.2. Master of Music in Performance (MMus) with specializations Piano, Conducting, Solo Singing, String Instruments, Wind Instruments. The application for this program was approved unanimously.

4.3. Master of Music in Composition (MMus). The application for this program was approved unanimously.

4.4. Master of Music in Education (MMus). The application for this program was approved unanimously.

4.5. Visual Arts, BA with specializations Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, Illustration and Drawing, Conceptual Art and New Media, Graphic Design and Multimedia. Two program holders were rejected due to a lack of international artistic experience. As there were not enough qualified program holders for all six specializations, the application was postponed, with all votes in favor.

4.6. Visual Arts, MA with specializations Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, Illustration and Drawing, Conceptual Art and New Media, Graphic Design and Multimedia. One program holder was rejected due to the absence of a diploma upload, and another was rejected for lacking evidence of international artistic experience. Due to an insufficient number of qualified program holders for all specializations, the application was postponed, with all votes in favor.

4.7. Dramatic Arts, BA with specializations Acting, Theatre Directing, Film and TV Directing, Dramaturgy and Film and TV Screenwriting, Stage Design and Costumography, Production, Camera and Editing. The application for this program was approved unanimously.

4.8. Dramatic Arts, MA with specializations Acting, Theatre Directing, Film and TV Directing, Dramaturgy and Film and TV Screenwriting, Stage Design and Costumography, Production, Camera



and Editing. One program holder was rejected due to the absence of a diploma upload, and two others were rejected for lacking evidence of international artistic experience. As there were not enough qualified program holders for all specializations, the application was postponed, with all votes in favor. *Following the lunch break, the board reconvened in the absence of Jaakko Kauko.*

5. Discussion on Nursing Programs

As the SCQ is still in the process of collecting evidence on this matter, as previously decided, the president proposed postponing the discussion to the next meeting. The proposal was approved unanimously.

6. Requests

6.1. UP Faculty of Economics

The request, previously presented to the board, concerns the replacement of a retiring program holder. A decision had been postponed pending verification of whether the proposed replacement was affiliated with another institution. The KAA staff confirmed that the individual is not part of any other institution. With this clarification, the request was approved unanimously.

6.2. UP Faculty of Medicine

This request, postponed from the previous meeting, pertains to the review of the decision to reject the PhD program in Preclinical Medicine. The program was initially rejected due to one program holder being unqualified, resulting in an insufficient number of eligible program holders. In response, the institution submitted a list of staff members as potential replacements for the disqualified program holder. The board decided to request that the institution nominate one specific individual as a replacement and provide a formal justification regarding the previously rejected program holder.

6.3. IBCM

IBCM has adjusted the number of credits as required by the board. The SCQ reviewed all program holders.

6.3.1. Public Service Management, BA – The program was unanimously rejected due to the institution lacking a required program holder in the field of Management.

6.3.2. Psychology, BA – The program was unanimously approved.

6.3.3. International Management and Sustainability, MA with 3 specializations (Business Management; Environmental Management; Management of Social Services) – The program was unanimously approved.

6.3.4. Business Management, BA – The program was unanimously approved.



6.3.5. Environmental Management and Technology, BA – The program was unanimously approved.

6.4. University of Gjilan

The institution requested reconsideration of the accreditation application for the Mathematics – STEM, BSc program. They proposed two program holders in the field of Technology and Informatics. The SCQ rejected the request, as the proposed program holders did not meet the required field qualifications.

6.5. University of Gjilan - Additional Documents

This request pertains to the General Law and Criminal Law programs.

For the General Law program, one program holder was initially not approved due to a missing contract. The institution submitted the required document, and the SCQ approved the request unanimously.

For the Criminal Law program, a program holder was initially not approved because he was set to retire before the academic year began. However, the institution provided a contract confirming the program holder's employment until 2028. The request was approved unanimously.

6.6. University of Ferizaj - Additional Documents

The program was previously postponed due to a missing contract for one of the program holders. The institution has now provided the contract; however, it is valid for only one year. As a result, the request was unanimously rejected.

6.7. Tempulli College

The institution requested an update/correction of its name in two SCQ decisions currently in effect for 2024. The SCQ unanimously rejected the request, as the dates of the decisions do not align with the date of the institution's license.

6.8. Uni Peja – Faculty of Arts

The institution requested the SCQ to reconsider the accreditation applications for three study programs after modifying their titles and removing the education component to align with the ESAC Code under which they applied. The request was unanimously approved.

The board reviewed the applications for the following study programs:

6.8.1. Music Art, BA - One program holder was rejected due to a lack of international experience. As a result, the program was unanimously rejected due to an insufficient number of qualified program holders.

6.8.2. Performing Arts, BA - The program was unanimously approved.

6.8.3. Performing Arts, MA - The program was unanimously approved.



6.9. Evolution Academy

In the previous meeting, the application for one of the programs was postponed due to the SCQ's lack of access to its learning outcomes and concerns regarding the qualifications of some program holders. Specifically, two program holders lacked international experience, one did not provide a declaration under oath, and another was not from the relevant field. As a result, the program application was unanimously rejected.

7. Conference 2025 – Finalizing the Title

The SCQ discussed that the conference will focus on internationalization and mobility. During this discussion, potential panel topics were explored, and it was proposed to engage with the European Higher Education working group on internationalization and mobility. Additionally, it was suggested to incorporate student perspectives more actively. Three SCQ representatives will draft a list of topics and suggestions, which will then be reviewed and supplemented by the rest of the SCQ members.

8. KAA Strategy

The President of the SCQ provided an update, stating that the organization is awaiting a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding financial support. The final decision on whether external funding will be available or if the organization will need to self-finance is expected soon.

9. Annual Meeting with HEIs

The SCQ holds an annual meeting with representatives from Higher Education Institutions. This year, the meeting is scheduled for February 24th. The purpose of the meeting is to reflect on the accreditation process, discuss challenges faced by institutions, and address any requests or concerns they may have.

10. Appeals

10.1. Uni Gjakova – Unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Appeals Committee.

10.2. Uni Mitrovice - Unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Appeals Committee.

11. Other

12. Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned. The next SCQ meeting is scheduled for 10.03.2025

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