

NAQA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2021

Present:

Advisory Board members. Tricia Bertram Gallant, Ian Welch, Irine Darchia, Jean-Hugues Chauchat, Olgun Cicek, Zbigniew Marciniak.

NAQA representatives: Nataliia Stukalo, Iryna Zolotaryova, Liliya Janse, Mychailo Wynnyckyj, Albina Tsiatkovska.

Exused: Alison Johns, Lennart Ståhle, Tomáš Foltýnek.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Declaration of any business interests and conflicts of interest pertinent to the agenda
3. Any urgent matters to be considered for inclusion under any other business
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Comments from pre reading of NAQA Self Assessment report –
Suggested focus:
 - i. accreditation,
 - ii. recruitment and training of experts,
 - iii. appeals process
 - iv. the autonomy/independence of NAQA
6. Report from NAQA - PHD reforms
7. Report back from sub-groups:
 - i. Law on academic integrity
 - ii. Institutional accreditation
 - iii. Independent evaluation of agencies
8. Clarification of agreed actions
9. Any other business

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Alison Johns, Lennart Ståhle, Tomáš Foltýnek have informed in advance about the impossibility to participate in the meeting.

2. Declaration of any business interests and conflicts of interest pertinent to the agenda

No declarations.

3. Any urgent matters to be considered for inclusion under any other business

Albina Tsiatkovska proposed to discuss the schedule of the next meetings.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

No comments

5. Comments from pre reading of NAQA Self Assessment report –

Suggested focus:

i. accreditation,

ii. recruitment and training of experts,

iii. appeals process

iv. the autonomy/independence of NAQA

The participants went through the comments of Olgun Cicek, discussed them. Other AB members expressed their comments and suggestions on NAQA SAR. It was decided that NAQA will summarise and consider all AB members' comments and either display them in the updated SAR or include them in the 3-year report in the end of summer.

6. Report from NAQA - PhD reforms

Head of NAQA Secretariat Mychailo Wynnykyj made a presentation on PhD

reform in Ukraine. Following the presentation a lot of issues mentioned were discussed.

7. Report back from sub-groups:

- i. Law on academic integrity** – will meet this week
- ii. Institutional accreditation** – the date of the meeting TBC
- iii. Independent evaluation of agencies** – the date of the meeting TBC

9. Clarification of agreed actions

The next meeting will be held on June 1, 2021 at 2 pm GMT (needs to be agreed with those AB members who weren't able to participate today).

The subgroups will meet asap.

10. Any other business

Decided to arrange meetings less often (approximately twice in three months) so AB members will have more time to get ready for the meetings.

The meeting after next will be held in the beginning of September (as it's a period of vacations in summer).