

## NAQA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 14, 2022

**Present:**

*Advisory Board members.* Tricia Bertram Gallant, Ian Welch, Irine Darchia, Jean-Hugues Chauchat, Lennart Ståhle, Tomáš Foltýnek, Alison Johns, Zbigniew Marciniak.

*NAQA representatives:* Nataliia Stukalo, Olena Yeremenko, Artem Artiukhov, Liliia Janse, Albina Tsiatkovska, Marharyta Kyselova, Olena Loban.

**Exused:** Olgun Cicek.

**Agenda:**

1. Updates on NAQA activities: a general overview.
2. Accreditation under war.
3. How NAQA “fights” for academic integrity.
4. International cooperation and public relations.
5. Discussion.

**1. Updates on NAQA activities: a general overview**

**Nataliia Stukalo** summarized on the activities of NAQA during war, pointed main efforts to maintain the existing level of work made by NAQA in favor of higher education quality assurance and in favor of Ukraine.

**2. Accreditation under war**

**Olena Yeremenko** made a presentation on problems of accreditation during war. She emphasized the difficulties and NAQA flexibility in current circumstances.

**Lennart Ståhle** asked about influence of war, permanent shelling and being destroyed HEIs buildings on accreditation.

**Alison Johns** asked about NAQA team the greatest concern about conditional accreditation.

### **3. How NAQA “fights” for academic integrity**

**Artem Artiukhov** made a presentation on Academic Integrity current state in Ukraine and legislative initiatives to promote it in larger scale.

**Tricia Bertram Gallant** pointed out, that Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University was commended by the Council of Europe in their AI Best Practices Programme for their academic integrity efforts.

### **4. International cooperation and public relations**

**Albina Tsiatkovska** made a presentation on NAQA PR and International Cooperation Department Activity. She mentioned the main events arranged by NAQA, e.g. International Forum “Higher education quality assurance in wartime”, joint event with QAA “Ukraine – continuous commitment to high quality student learning experience”, participation in multiple conferences and workshops. As a result of powerful persuasive speech on CEENQA General Assembly, russian agencies were excluded from CEENQA. Also, NAQA Appeal-Letters were mentioned. Especially concerning recent massive attacks on Ukraine, NAQA appealed the world education community again, with a call to exclude russia from INQAAHE.

### **5. Discussion**

During the discussion Zbigniew Marciniak told that during the meeting of the Council of Rectors of Poland, he received positive feedback about the NAQA activities. Tomáš Foltýnek suggested strengthening cooperation with Czech agencies as well and informed the audience about the way Czech universities accept students from Ukraine. All Advisory Board members offered assistance in sharing the 4<sup>th</sup> NAQA Appeal and searching for new contacts for spreading the Appeal and expressed support and praise for NAQA activity.

The next meeting: TBC.