

NAQA Advisory Board meeting minutes

Date: 02 February 2026

Present:

Advisory Board Members: Anca Prisacariu, Aqim Emurli, João Manuel Livramento Dias da Silva, Martin G. Erikson, Irine Darchia, Amanda McKenzie, Fadila Bentayeb, Ian Welch, Tricia Bertram Gallant, Zbigniew Marciniak, Tomáš Foltýnek

NAQA representatives: Andrii Butenko, Nataliia Stukalo, Olena Yeremenko, Ivan Nazarov, Artem Artiukhov, Lidiia Fesenko, Tetiana Prikhna, Tetyana Tatarchuk, Oleksandra Osiuk, Maksym Folomieiev, Alina Lepokhina, Oxana Trebenko, Olena Knysh, Iryna Simshah, Anna Shylyna, Tetiana Kovalska, Maryna Nakonecha, Oleksandr Severin.

Agenda:

1. Welcome words – NAQA Head Andrii Butenko;
NAQA Updates – NAQA Vice Head Nataliia Stukalo;
2. Academic integrity issues – Artem Artiukhov, NAQA Board Member, Chairman of NAQA Ethics Committee:
 - Presentation of the Law of Ukraine “On Academic Integrity”
 - Discussion regarding request from the Public Organisation “Agronomy without Corruption. Public Oversight”
3. Trainings for international experts – Ian Welch, NAQA Advisory Board Member
4. Q&A and Open Discussion

Discussed:

1. Welcome words & NAQA updates

Andrii Butenko welcomed the participants and thanked the Advisory Board Members for their constant support and consultations.

Nataliia Stukalo provided NAQA updates and informed participants about the process of NAQA External Review. Nataliia presented the results of the project “Enhancing the Quality of Higher Education in Ukraine”, implemented by the Estonian Quality Agency for Education (HAKA) and NAQA. She noted that two webinars are planned within the project. Nataliia Stukalo also outlined NAQA key activities and results for the period 15.10.2025–02.02.2026, including trainings, activities aimed at overcoming blackout-related challenges, ongoing project activities, and NAQA plans.

2. Academic integrity issues

Artem Artiukhov presented the Law on Academic Integrity as an effective tool for the transition to a higher level of academic culture (Law of Ukraine “On Academic Integrity” No. 10392). He highlighted the structure of the Law and its key innovations. In addition, a request from the Public Organisation “Agronomy without Corruption. Public Oversight” to NAQA Advisory Board to resume consideration of a complaint about academic plagiarism in a dissertation defended before 2014 was presented and discussed.

3. Fadila Bentayeb, Irine Darchia, Zbigniew Marciniak, and Tomáš Foltýnek

contributed to the discussion on the adopted Law on Academic Integrity and the above-mentioned request.

It was recommended that NAQA ensures that the issues raised in the request from the Public Organisation “Agronomy without Corruption. Public Oversight” are resolved in the manner prescribed by the actual Ukrainian legislative framework. All participants supported this recommendation.

4. Trainings for international experts

Ian Welch presented the initiative on trainings for international experts and shared a draft training programme for consideration. **Oxana Trebenko** commented on the trainings, emphasising that this cooperation is very important and that a professional approach to delivering such trainings leads to excellent results. **Anca Prisacariu** supported the organisation of the trainings and noted her willingness to help fill any potential gaps in experts and facilitators needed for delivering certain sessions, as part of the cooperation.

5. Q&A and open discussion

During the discussion, NAQA plans were briefly outlined. **Nataliia Stukalo** emphasised that NAQA is currently awaiting the results and recommendations from the ENQA Expert Panel regarding NAQA External Review. She also mentioned the following priority areas.

The next meeting: TBC.