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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND
ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

IN GREEK: Ολυμπιακές Σπουδές: Πολιτισμός, Αθλητισμός και Εκπαίδευση (1,5 ακαδημαϊκά έτη / 90 ECTS, Μάστερ, Εξ Αποστάσεως, Διαπανεπιστημιακό Πρόγραμμα Σπουδών με το Πανεπιστήμιο Πατρών)

IN ENGLISH: Olympic Studies: Culture, Sports and Education (1,5 years / 90 ECTS, Master of Arts, E-Learning, Joint Programme with the University of Patras)

OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

University of Nicosia / University of Patras

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

THE PROCEDURE:

On 12/09/2023, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution University of Nicosia, submitted an application (Doc. 200.1), based on Article (17) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021, for the evaluation-accreditation of the programme of study:

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In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC), which after initially examining the institution's application for programme evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on 12/03/2024.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the programme's coordinator, members of the academic staff, members of the administrative staff, students and/or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities (library, computer labs, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/Faculty's structure and the programme's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 110th Summit on 09/09/2024, according to the Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report and the feedback report of the External Evaluation Committee, decided that **the programme is rejected** based on the following remarks:

The institution did not adequately address the concerns raised by the External Evaluation Committee (EEC) and lacked concrete evidence of compliance.

These areas of concern include:

- 1. The structure of the core curriculum is not compatible to the scientific discipline of the Olympic Studies and this determines the overall quality of the programme of study.***
- 2. The proposed bibliography is deficient to the research/academic domain in Olympic Studies.***
- 3. The teaching staff are missing the necessary expertise and are not aligned with the field of Olympic Studies: there is no prior research/publications or teaching experience, participation in conferences or training programs of the instructors related to the core area of the Olympic Studies.***
- 4. The multidisciplinary of the programme lacks a holistic, interrelated and a comprehensive vision: the themes do not appear linked, there is no continuity between the contents which appear isolated and the topics and courses are not related to each other and not directly related to the area of the Olympic Studies.***
- 5. The synchronous sessions do not show any significant strategy for implementing interactive pedagogical tools that facilitate collaborative learning and active student engagement.***
- 6. The programme does not specify the job opportunities and employability possibilities of future students.***



On the basis of Article 20(2)(g)(i) The institution may, within one (1) month from the receipt of the final Report of the Agency, raise an objection requesting its review by the Evaluation Agency, stating the grounds which, in its opinion, justify the withdrawal and the review of the Evaluation Report.

(Professor Mary Ioannidou-Koutselini)
President of the Board of the
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

Date: 19/09/2024