

# Quality Assurance at UNIC

Prof Panayiotis Angelides, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs

Dr Melpo Iacovidou, Head, Compliance Office

Nov 2020



UNIVERSITY *of*  
NICOSIA

# Quality Assurance Policy

---

**Purpose:** The development of a genuine culture of continuous quality improvement  
The policy sets out the undertaking of formal quality management procedures by which the university aims to satisfy any conditions set by the following:

- ▼ Regulations as set by external professional, statutory and regulatory bodies;
- ▼ International standards, for example the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education's Standards and Guidelines;
- ▼ Reporting obligations to the Ministry of Education, Culture Sport and Youth, or other governmental department;
- ▼ Franchise and partnership agreements, to include their conditions and recommendations.

# Quality Assurance Policy

---

The policy aims to:

- ▼ Improve outcomes for students through enhancing the quality of services delivered
- ▼ Improve outcomes for staff through enhanced professional practice and through linking the policy to staff development plans
- ▼ Ensure that findings from monitoring and review are dealt with appropriately;
- ▼ Communicate effectively to all staff all outcomes from reviews.

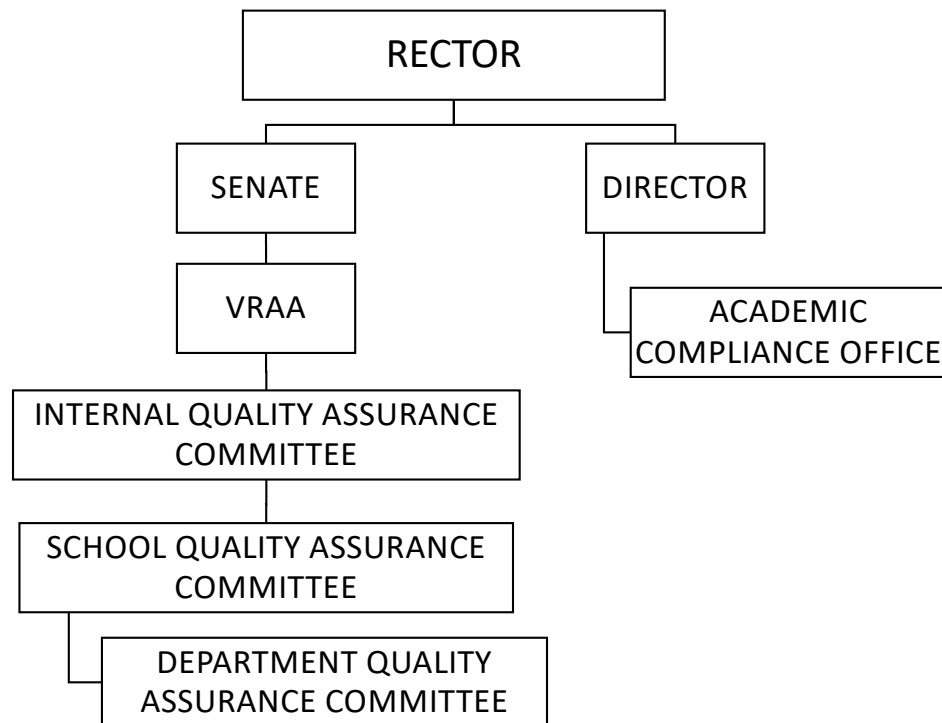
## Management of Quality Assurance

---

- ▼ Overall responsibility for the Quality Assurance of the institution rests with the Rector and is delegated to the Vice Rectors.
- ▼ They are supported by the Deans of Schools and Heads of Department in achieving all obligations.
- ▼ Operational responsibility for implementing the Quality Policy has been delegated to the University Internal Quality Assurance Committee (UIQAC).
- ▼ The Vice Rector for Academic Affairs is the Chair of UIQAC.

# Governance and Responsibility

---



# Governance and Responsibility

---

- ▼ UIQAC's role is to ensure that academic standards are in line with those set out by the national agency, the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CyQAA) and the prevailing laws in the Republic of Cyprus pertaining to the operation of Private Universities.
- ▼ The ACO's role is to monitor the implementation of quality assurance activities by the university's relevant bodies and units, in line with university requirements and those of national, and other external, requirements (laws and regulations).
- ▼ School Internal Quality Assurance Committee with reporting responsibilities to the UIQAC.
- ▼ Within each of the Schools, each department is required to have a Quality Assurance Committee with reporting responsibilities to the School's Quality Assurance Committee.

# University Internal Quality Assurance Committee

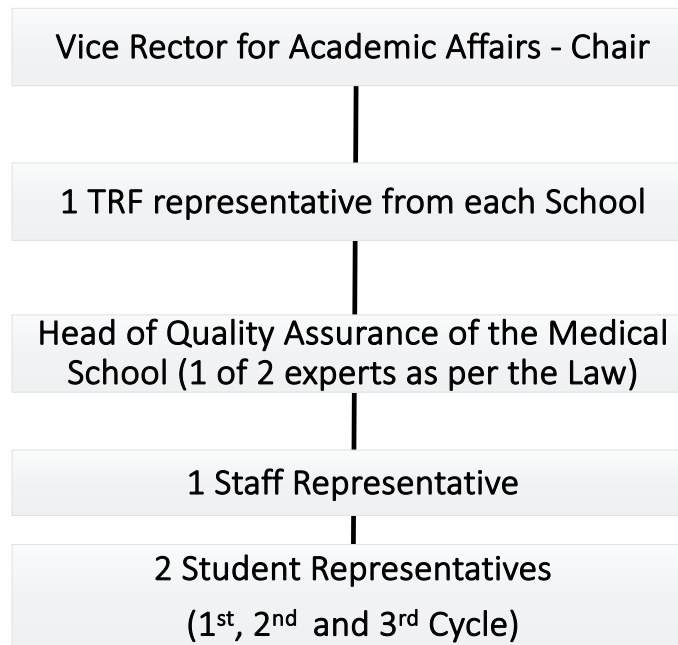
---

Internal quality assurance at the University of Nicosia is carried out by the University Internal Quality Assurance Committee (UIQAC).

The composition, processes and responsibilities of the UIQAC are based on:

- ▼ The Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Law of 2015
- ▼ The European Standards and Guidelines of 2015 (ESG 2015)

## Structure UIQAC





## Aims

---

- ▼ To continuously improve the quality of teaching, research and other activities within the institution
- ▼ To ensure internal quality assurance following established standards and guidelines for Quality Assurance in the Higher Education Area

## Responsibilities - UIQAC

---

- ▼ Reports to the Senate
- ▼ In charge of academic quality assurance at the Institution level
- ▼ Develops, implements, monitors, audits and evaluates a QA framework that comprises of the strategy, standards, policies, processes and mechanisms.
- ▼ Provides support in all academic/professional internal and external accreditation activities and prepares documents, reports for external quality assurance requirements and requests.
- ▼ Oversees the QA of Schools, Departments and Programmes
- ▼ Oversees QA pertaining to distance learning operations of the University

## Responsibilities - UIQAC

---

- ▼ Suggests improvements to the university, its processes, its structure, resources, programmes, teaching /learning methods, etc.
- ▼ Ensures quality of teaching/learning and research
- ▼ Establishes effective channels of communication to ensure the dissemination of good QA practices within the university
- ▼ Prepares reports for QA audits
- ▼ Deals with all QA issues pertaining to academic issues

---

▼ Thank you!

[Angelides.p@unic.ac.cy](mailto:Angelides.p@unic.ac.cy)