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ON ACCREDITATION OF INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OF YEREVAN STATE INSTITUTE OF THEATRE AND CINEMATOGRAPHY

General Information about the Institution

Full name of the Institution: Yerevan State Institute of Theatre and
Cinematography SNCO

Official Address: 26 Amiryan Str., Yerevan, RA

Previous Accreditation **Institutional accreditation, for a period of 4 years:**
decision and date: **16.11.2016-16.11.2020**

Guided by the Statute on the State Accreditation of RA Education Institutions and their Academic Programs approved by the RA Government Decree N 978-N as of 30 June 2011, the RA Government Decree N 959-N as of 30 June 2011 on the Approval of Accreditation Criteria for Tertiary Education of RA, the Procedure on the Formation and Operation of the Accreditation Committee of the National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance foundation (hereinafter referred to as ANQA)” as well as by the Regulation on the Formation of ANQA Expert Panel, ANQA’s Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) discussed the issue on accreditation of institutional capacities of the Ararat Regional State College (hereinafter referred to as “YSITC”, “TLI”) in the session of the Accreditation Committee held on February 10, 2023.

The main phases of the accreditation process were carried out within the following periods:

Submission of application: June 11, 2020

Submission of the self-evaluation: June 8, 2022

Site visit by the expert panel: September 26-29, 2022

Submission of expert panel report: December 15, 2022

Submission of the preliminary follow-up plan January 9, 2023

The external review of the YSITC's institutional capacities was carried out by an independent expert panel formed in compliance with the requirements set by the Regulation on the Formation of the Expert Panel. The evaluation was carried out according to the 10 criteria of institutional accreditation approved by the RA Government Decree N 959 as of 30 June 2011.

Among 10 criteria of the institutional accreditation "**Internal Quality Assurance**" was evaluated as unsatisfactory.

Having examined the TLI's self-evaluation of institutional capacities, remarks and suggestions on the preliminary version of the expert panel report, the expert panel report, the follow-up plan; having heard the conclusions on the expert panel evaluation, which were made by the three members selected by the Chair of the Accreditation Committee and were formed as a result of the meetings with the expert panel members and the TLI's representatives; as well the comments and suggestions made by the Accreditation Committee members, the Committee stated the following:

1. The YSITC generally ensures the credible award of qualifications.

The YSITC has carried out consistent works in the direction of academic programmes' (APs) structural and content reforms. The process of modernization of teaching and learning methods is one of the important tasks of the TLI's strategic planning. The methods are formulated in the APs, according to separate outcomes, while in the teaching process they are applied with an emphasis on the courses' peculiarities. The TLI has a multi-factored evaluation system, but clear rubrics and scales have not been developed to maintain objectivity.

The YSITC has a teaching staff with appropriate qualifications and professional skills. The TLI also invites honored workers of art and outstanding specialists in the field to teach and lead workshops.

The YSITC provides the necessary material-technical resources with the purpose to improve the educational environment for the ensurance of the credible award of qualifications.

2. Governance and quality assurance systems generally support the enhancement of the credible award of qualifications.

The YSTIC's mission reflects the main areas of its activity and is understandable by the stakeholders. The TLI carries out its activities in accordance with the approved strategic plan (SP). Meanwhile, the subdivisions' annual plans, the defined KPIs and reports sometimes do not reflect the SP's action plan and do not contribute to the analysis of its results.

The YSTIC's decision-making takes place on the principle of collegiality. The TLI has mechanisms and tools for data collection. However, detailed analysis of completed surveys, discussions' results, submitted reports is not carried out to ensure data-driven and outcome-based management through the comprehensive implementation of mechanisms for the evaluation of the TLI's activities.

3. Internationalization and research/creative activities have development trends and support the credible award of qualifications.

The YSTIC has made progress in two strategic directions: research and internationalization. The TLI's participation in international mobility programmes and international festivals has increased. The range of cooperation has expanded. The TLI also has the potential to attract international students.

The YSTIC considers the research and creative components in one unity, attaching importance to the creativeness. Meanwhile, the TLI has not yet clearly defined the research component as a constituent part of the evaluation scale in some courses of the programmes, practical assignments, graduation papers and master's theses to ensure this unity envisioned by the SP.

4. The shortcomings mentioned in the expert panel report do not have a crucial impact in terms of the credible award of qualifications. Grounds are laid for enhancement.

5. The follow-up plan is generally realistic and in case of implementation, will lead to qualitative enhancements. However, some of the defined mid-term results and their evaluation dates need specification.

Taking into consideration the above-mentioned, as a result of an open voting, the Accreditation Committee:

DECIDED

1. **To award institutional accreditation to the Yerevan State Institute of Theatre and Cinematography SNCO for 4 /four/ years.**
2. After the publication of the decision on accreditation award, to submit a revised follow-up plan based on the expert panel report and respective time schedule to ANQA within two months, taking into account the need to give urgent solution to the problems existing in the field of **“Internal Quality Assurance”**.
3. To pay special attention to:
 - a) the redevelopment of templates for annual plans and reports, aligning them with the SP’s action plan and evaluating them according to the KPIs;
 - b) the enhancement of data collection mechanisms with the purpose to make managerial decision-making data-driven;
 - c) the implementation of the PDCA cycle for the betterment of all the governance processes;
 - d) the practicality of the actions defined in the SP and the interconnection of budget and strategic plan;
 - e) the diversification of the syllabus content according to workshops as well as teaching peculiarities and methods;
 - f) the consistent implementation of mechanisms for the APs’ monitoring;
 - g) the defining of the chairs’ research directions, based on the TLI's strategic priorities and resources;
 - h) the involvement of appropriate material and human resources to increase the effectiveness of the quality assurance system.
4. To organize an internal audit of the TLI’s Aps with the involvement of external experts.

5. In accordance with the requirements set by point 12 of the Statute on the State Accreditation of RA Education Institutions and their Academic Programs, every 2 /two/ years to submit a written report to the ANQA on the results of carried out activities by ensuring the evaluation of enhancement of the TLI's activity, innovations and achievements.
6. To assign the ANQA to carry out mandatory monitoring of the effectiveness of the activities of the TLI in accordance with the KPIs.
7. The decision enters into force from the moment of registration in the State Accreditation Register.

Chair of the Accreditation Committee:

A. Saghyan

March 14, 2023

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