

## UNIVERSITY AMERICAN COLLEGE SKOPJE SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (SBEM)
ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

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### **School of Business Economics and Management - Profile**

School of Business Economics and Management (SBEM) was founded in 2005 and offers undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies. Undergraduate studies are with duration of 3 years, during which the student acquires, a minimum of 180 ECTS and a degree title in the specified field.

The Graduate studies offer the possibility of acquiring the title Specialist or Master in the specified academic field. The specialization studies last 1 year and the student obtains 240 ECTS, which is equivalent to U.S. Bachelor. The Master's degree lasts for 2 years, and the student obtains 300 ECTS.

The Doctoral studies are with duration of 3 years, during which the student obtains 180 ECTS.

The programs for undergraduate and graduate levels are designed to be completed in 3+1+1 years, with the full option of transferring credits from other accredited institutions

### Number and types of study programs at undergraduate level (first cycle)

### 1. Table 1.1 - UACS undergraduate, graduate and doctoral school programs

| School                                      | Number   | Study programs  |
|---|----------|---|
|   | of study |   |
|   | programs |   |
| School of Business Economics and Management | 5        | <ul> <li>Management</li> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Finance</li> <li>Audit &amp; Accounting<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Human Resources</li> </ul> |

Number and types of study programs of Graduate studies (second cycle)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Still not accredited by ACBSP

| School                                      | Number<br>of study<br>programs | Study programs   |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| School of Business Economics and Management | 5                              | <ul> <li>Management</li> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Finance</li> <li>Audit &amp; Accounting<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Human Resources <sup>3</sup></li> </ul> |

### Number and types of study programs of Doctoral studies (third cycle)

| School                                      | Number<br>of study<br>programs | Study programs  |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| School of Business Economics and Management | 2                              | <ul> <li>PhD in Economics</li> <li>Doctor of Business Administration<br/>(DBA)</li> </ul> |

### The number of students in each academic unit.

Below in Table 2, you can see a list of the number of students at each academic unit for the academic year 2016/2017

Table 2- Number of students (Academic 2016/2017 year)

| School                                      | Undergraduate<br>Program | Graduate<br>Program | Doctoral<br>Program | Total |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
|   |                          |                     |                     |       |
| School of Business Economics and Management | 219                      | 114                 | 15                  | 348   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> New Programs, still not accredited by ACBSP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> New Programs, still not accredited by ACBSP

Table 3- Faculty engaged for the Academic 2016/2017

|      | <b>Employed Faculty</b> | Adjunct Faculty | Visiting Faculty | Total |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|
| SBEM | 13                      | 22              | 8                | 43    |

### Please specify the accreditations the University has.

The University American College Skopje (UACS) is accredited by the Board of Accreditation for Higher Education and licensed by the Ministry for Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia. It is licensed to offer undergraduate, graduate and doctoral level degrees by the Ministry of Education and Science.

ACBSP (American Council for Business Schools and Programs) is the leading organization for accreditation of business education. It granted accreditation to the business programs at UACS, which confirms that the educational process in the business-related programs at UACS meets the rigorous standards of this organization.

The Turkish Council of Higher Education (Y.O.K.) awarded full recognition of all programs offered by the University. The scope of recognition covers (undergraduate and graduate) academic programs. YOK is a non-governmental body that oversees universities in the Republic of Turkey as well as students who study abroad at schools and universities approved by the agency. The Council for Higher Education YOK regulates universities and aims at improving the quality of higher education.

#### **Decisions for accreditation**

- Decision for the commencement of the delivery of first cycle programs 3 year academic studies at UACS
- <u>Decision for the commencement of the delivery of second cycle study programs one-year Specialization and two-year Master studies at UACS</u>
- Decision for accreditation of first and second cycle study programs at the School of Business Economics and Management

Please state the cooperation agreements the University has signed with other higher educational institutions.

**Table 4. - SBEM Partnership Universities** 

| SBEM Partnership Universities   |     |   |  |  |  |
|---|-----|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Dauphine University, Paris ( <u>www.dauphine.fr</u> )  | 25. | Romanian American University, Bucuresti, Romania  |  |  |  |
| 2. Maastricht School of Management, Maastricht ,Netherlands   |     | http://www.rau.ro/index.php?newlang=english   |  |  |  |
| (http://www.msm.nl/)  | 26. | University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy   |  |  |  |
| 3. International University of Monaco, Monaco ( <u>www.monaco.edu</u> )   |     | ,http://www.uniroma2.it   |  |  |  |
| <b>4.</b> Virginia International University, Fairfax USA ( <u>www.viu.edu</u> )                                     | 27. | Varna University of Management , Bulgaria ,   |  |  |  |
| 5. John Cabot University, Rome ( <u>www.johncabot.edu</u> )   |     | http://vum.bg/  |  |  |  |
| <b>6.</b> Vesalius College Brussels ( <u>www.vesalius.edu</u> )   | 28. | Universidad a distancia de Madrid, Madrid, Spain  |  |  |  |
| 7. Horizons University, Paris ( <u>www.horizonsuniversity.org</u> )   |     | http://www.udima.es/  |  |  |  |
| 8. CMH Academy and IEMI- European Institute of International  | 29. | VSEM College of Economics and Management, Pragu   |  |  |  |
| Management, Paris   |     | ( <u>www.vsem.cz</u> )  |  |  |  |
| <b>9.</b> East Carolina University, USA ( <u>www.ecu.edu</u> )  | 30. | Baku Business University from Baku, Azerbaijan,   |  |  |  |
| <b>10.</b> Institut Supérieur de Gestion (ISG), Paris ( <u>www.isg.fr</u> )   |     | http://bbu.edu.az/en  |  |  |  |
| <b>11.</b> Swiss Management Center, Zurich, Vienna ( <u>www.swissmc.ch</u> )  | 31. | Mehmet Akif Ersoy University , Turkey,  |  |  |  |
| <b>12.</b> European Institut of Education, San Gwan, Malta ( <u>www.eieonline.com/</u> )                            |     | http://mehmetakif.edu.tr/   |  |  |  |
| <b>13.</b> St.Louis Community College, Missouri ( <u>www.stlcc.edu/</u> )   | 32. | Univesidad de Burgos , Spain <a href="http://www.ubu.es/">http://www.ubu.es/</a>        |  |  |  |
| 14. Technical Faculty of Bor, University of Belgrade  | 33. | Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany,  |  |  |  |
| <b>15.</b> Aachen University of Applied Sciences, Aachen , Germany  |     | http://www.uni-jena.de/   |  |  |  |
| http://www.fh-aachen.de/en/   | 34. | Haute Ecole de la Province de Liège , Belgium   |  |  |  |
| <b>16.</b> University of Applied Sciences Baltazar Zaprešić, Croatia ,  |     | http://www.provincedeliege.be/  |  |  |  |
| http://www.vspu.hr  | 35. | Université Catholique de Lille, France ,  |  |  |  |
| <b>17.</b> Caucasus Univeristy from Georgia, Georgia, <a href="http://www.cu.edu.ge/en">http://www.cu.edu.ge/en</a> |     | http://www.fges.fr/   |  |  |  |
| 18. EDEM Escuela de Empresarios, Valencia, Spain  | 36. | UNICUSANO, Italy, <a href="http://www.unicusano.it/en/">http://www.unicusano.it/en/</a> |  |  |  |
| http://www.edem.es/Inicio.aspx  | 37. | University of National and World Economy ,Sofia,  |  |  |  |
| 19. Miguel Hernández University of Elche, Valencia, Spain   |     | Bulgaria <a href="http://www.unwe.bg/en/">http://www.unwe.bg/en/</a>                    |  |  |  |
| http://en.umh.es/   |     | <del></del>   |  |  |  |

| 20. ESIC-Business and Marketing School, Malaga, Spain  | 38. | University of Applied Sciences Worms, Worms,  |
|--|-----|---|
| http://www.esic.edu/malaga/  |     | Germany <a href="http://www.hs-worms.de/">http://www.hs-worms.de/</a>                       |
| <b>21.</b> Gazi University, Ankara, Turkey http://gazi.edu.tr/   | 39. | Universita di Foggia, Foggia, Italy <a href="http://www.unifg.it/">http://www.unifg.it/</a> |
| <b>22.</b> GEA College , Ljubljana, Slovenia <a href="http://www.gea-college.si/">http://www.gea-college.si/</a> | 40. | Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, Mugla,Turkey   |
| 23. Lazarski University, Warszawa, Poland <u>.</u>   |     | http://www.mu.edu.tr/   |
| http://www.lazarski.pl/en/international-exchange/contact/  | 41. | University of Pila, Pila, Poland, <a href="http://www.mu.edu.tr/">http://www.mu.edu.tr/</a> |
| <b>24.</b> Politehnica University of Timisoara, <u>Timisoara, Romania</u>  | 42. |   |
| http://www.upt.ro/english/   |     | https://www.uni-ruse.bg/en/univers  |

### **Student Affairs Office - Records Office**

The Student Affairs Office i.e. Records Office is organized in a way that it meets the needs of prospective and current students in terms of educational development in higher education. For easier coordination, the office is divided in three departments:

- Department for undergraduate studies,
- Department for graduate studies and
- Department for doctoral studies.

### The coordinators within each department are as follows:

| Coordinator  | School of Business Economics and Management  |
|--|--|
| 1. Iva Gjorgjieva and Sandra Klimoska are coordinators of the undergraduate students | <ul> <li>The School of Business Economics and Management, from 1 to 3 year of study (undergraduate level)</li> </ul>   |
| 2. Sonia Filipovska is coordinator for the graduate studies                          | <ul> <li>The School of Business Economics and Management- MBA Program - 4 and 5 year</li> <li>The School of Business Economics and Management-MA program - 4 and 5 year</li> </ul> |
| 3. Elena Popovska is coordinator for the doctoral studies                            | <ul><li>Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)</li><li>PhD in Economics</li></ul>   |

The Records Office provides support to students in terms of:

Complete and written correspondence with prospective students, current students and all stakeholders that would need information about undergraduate graduate and doctoral programs, the method of study, examinations, re-taking, payment, required and elective courses, etc.

### **PART I - Leadership**

### School of Business Economics and Management: Part 1 - Leadership

#### **Criterion 1.1**

The leader of the school unit is to be accountable for the development, execution and continuous improvement of the programs and processes in the school unit, and for their compliance with the ACBSP Standards and Criteria.

The Dean, in such instance, acts as a gateway of communication between the management and the faculty, between the strategic directions set forth by the university as a whole and the programmatic improvements needed for the school, as well as over viewing regular day to day operations.

Regular activities of the Dean that encompass actions that promote the development, execution and improvement of the processes of the school and academic programs are listed below in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1 Dean's activities

| Activity                 | Description  | Number of activities<br>held in 2016/2017  | Parties included  | Key Activities and<br>Outcomes Reported in  |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Faculty Council Meetings | The Dean assembles Faculty meetings to discuss current and upcoming activities with their faculty, communicate strategic directions and general university goals, proposing and approving internal rules, documents, reports, etc. and other relevant documents. | 2016-13 Meetings<br>2017 – (not completed) | - Dean of the School,<br>- Faculty members,<br>- Administrative staff | Faculty Council Meeting<br>Minutes and made<br>available to all relevant<br>parties |

| Quality circles meetings | Informal meeting with students from each academic year and study concentration, where they meet with up with the Dean and discuss all aspects of their experience with the program and give their viewpoints and suggestions. | - Discussion with faculty about the students major concerns and complaints Students had specific suggestions on: - Quality of: - teaching process - administrative staff - library and books - Cafeteria - IT | 3 <sup>th</sup> session of<br>Quality Circles<br>Meetings | Act upon the student suggestions where possible within the academic year and conduct graduate level quality circles meeting |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|

### Criterion 1.1.a.

Administrators and the faculty must set, communicate, programs values and performance expectations.

Primarily, the program values and expectations are set within the University's Mission, Vision and Value statements. The communication and enforcement of program values and performance expectation is consistent throughout the academic year. It is primarily effectuated through the Faculty Council Meetings for each School, but also through a variety of other activities. Some of them are aimed at internal strengthening of the program values and expectation, and others at communicating the same values and expectations to various stakeholders.

### A summary can be found in table 1.1.a below.

|   |   | Number of                    |  | Key Activities                          | Specific activities  |
|---|---|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Activity  | Description   | activities held in 2015/2016 | Parties included                               | and Outcomes<br>Reported in             | relevant to<br>criterion   |
| Business Cluster Meetings<br>(GAM- Held 22.02.2017) | Providing input for future programs, internships even job opportunities for alumni, consultation for ongoing processes etc.   | 1                            | Deans, Career<br>Center Officer, BC<br>members | Reported by<br>Career Center<br>Officer | - Suggestions on the new programs.   |
| Orientation Day<br>(13.05.2017)                     | Introducing students to the staff,<br>bylaws and procedures and<br>overall experience of the<br>university campus.  | 1                            | Administrative staff, faculty, deans           | /                                       | - Introduction to the premises - Introduction to faculty and general information on the program - Description of student rights and obligations - Information on university code - Introducing the students to campus life and setting expectations for their progress |
| Celebrate with the UACS Family (24.03.2017)         | Inclusion of the secondary stakeholders (students' parents) in discussion their views on the program and their child's progression throughout their academic years and beyond, as | 1                            | Students' Parents<br>, Faculty                 | /                                       | - Displaying the program values and student outcomes to parents and secondary stakeholders   |

|   | well as presenting successful achievements of our students     |    |  |   | - Inclusion of their<br>opinion of the<br>program |
|---|--|----|--|---|---|
| Joint Sessions  | Disseminating best practices among the faculty and the schools | 7+ | All faculty,<br>management, and<br>administrative<br>staff         | / | /   |
| Business Council meeting board of trustees (13.06.2017) | Providing input for future programs etc                        | 1  | Vice Rector ,<br>Rector, Career<br>Center,<br>Networking<br>Oficer | / | /   |

### Criterion 1.1.b.

Programs must have processes in place for evaluating the performance of both administrators and the faculty. Explain how the performances of administrators and the faculty are evaluated.

UACS has adopted a policy for 360 degrees evaluation. This policy has been adopted since 2011, and insofar it has provided a good basis for an unambiguous and realistic evaluation of the performance of faculty, administrative staff and the leadership of the university. Therefore, they are evaluated by the students, the management, the administration and the deans. The deans on the other hand, are evaluated by their faculty members, the management, the students and the administrative staff. The administrative staff is evaluated by the deans, the faculty, the students and the management. So basically, each operational unit of the university is evaluated between each other. Different weights are assigned to each evaluation deflecting the importance of stakeholder most influenced by the party evaluated. This evaluation is administered once each year.

### **Criterion 1.2 Social Responsibility**

<u>Criterion 1.2.b.</u>
Programs should address the impacts on society of its program offerings, services, and operations. Table 1.2.b.

|                               | Description   | Measure/Activity   |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Business Council              | Regular contacts with the business community keep the programs up to date and hence allow contribution to the development of companies (through proving them quality new employees) | Discussions with BC members  |
| Corporate<br>Responsibility   | SBEM regularly organize at least one event per year that addresses some societal/global issue together with the students  | Christmas Charity Sale (14.12.2016)  UACS Charity Event (05.04.2017)  Donation for the victims of the floods in Skopje   |
| Round tables and<br>workshops | We provide research on a topic that is very critical for the country, raise the public awareness on the topic and propose some policy recommendations                               | <ul> <li>September 20, 2016 – Simulation on the topic of: "Leadership, Decision-Making and Team Building – in a Harvard way!" organized by the Concept Institute and UACS. The simulation was delivered on part of Makedonka Dimitrova, MPPM.</li> <li>Workshop – Mapping of PhD Courses (Organized by prof. Marjan Petreski, PhD – 01.02.2017)</li> <li>Research supervision workshop I – (Organized by prof. Marjan Petreski, PhD – 29.03.2017)</li> </ul> |

|  |  | <ul> <li>Research supervision eorkshop II – (Organized by prof. Marjan Petreski, PhD – 23.05.2017)</li> <li>First UACS Doctoral Workshop - (Organized by prof. Marjan Petreski, PhD and Assoc. Prof. Snezhana Hristova, PhD – 21.06.2017)</li> </ul>   |
|--|--|--|
| International<br>Conference                | The annual international conference is held each year                                      | • 12th International Annual Conference on European Integration: "Rethinking Migration, Economic Growth and Solidarity in Europa" (25.06.2017)  |
| Projects and activities with the community | Students and/or faculty preparing projects/seminar papers for companies on various topics. | <ul> <li>April 14, 2016 – UACS SBEM students had the possibility to get involved in a creative workshop with the Creative Team of the marketing agency McCann Skopje</li> <li>April 20, 2016 – UACS SBEM students presented their project titled: "Prospect for issuing ordinary shares from Ohridska Banka AD Skopje" in front of the Bank's representatives. They were hosted by Mr. Mito Gjoreski, member of the Management Board of Ohridska Banka AD Skopje.</li> </ul> |

### **PART II - Annual Planning**

#### Criterion 2.1.

The school unit must have a formal process by which its strategic direction is determined, its action plans are formulated and deployed, and innovation and creativity are encouraged.

#### Criterion 2.1.a.

The faculty and staff members of the school unit should have significant input into the annual planning process.

### Criterion 2.1.b.

The annual plan should identify the business school's or program's key strategic objectives and the timetable for the current planning period.

The Annual Work Plan 2016-2017 is based on the Strategic Plan of the University American College-Skopje (UACS) for the period 2016-2019. The Strategic Plan 2016-2019 sets the following goals:

| I. General long-term goals;   | VI. Human resources;                      |
|-------------------------------|---|
| II. General short-term goals; | VII. Networking with the key stakeholders |
| III. Academic goals           | VIII. Automatization;                     |
| IV. Accreditation;            | IX. Financial goals;                      |
| V. International cooperation; | X. Library-related goals.                 |

The main long-term strategic goal is to maintain the number of student at the present value of 700 students. The Strategic Plan prescribes strategies that should ensure achievement of the goal(s). Those are:

- Integration and development of learning organization;
- Differentiation;

- Innovation;
- Communication with the students and parents;
- Self-evaluation and further improvement of the internal acts;
- Cooperation with the students' organizations;
- Establishment of Delta Mu Delta society;
- Promotion of Participant Centered Learning (PCL);
- Internationalization;
- Networking;
- IT systems;
- Library resources.

Based on the University' goals and strategies, the School of Business Economics and Management (SBE&M) sets the following goals:

- Goal 1 Integration and development of learning organization,
- **Goal 2 Differentiation**;
- Goal 3 International accreditation goals;
- **Goal 4 International cooperation**;
- **Goal 5 Networking and cooperation with the students and parents;**
- **Goal 6 Innovation**;
- **Goal 7 CSR Activities, projects and events.**

Table 3.1- SBEM Goals, Activities and Strategies 2016/2017 (Criterion 2.1,)

| Strategies  | Activities  | Lead Role                                 | Measure KPI  | Outcome |
|---|---|---|--|---------|
| Integration of the activities of the Schools within the University                                    | Joint meetings of the scientific councils of the Schools within the UACS                                  | Rector, Dean,<br>teachers                 | - Number of joint activities of at least two Schools (joint lectures, events, etc.) - Number of master thesis which are jointly supervised by mentors from different Schools | ✓ Done  |
|   | Joint Session of the UACS Faculty<br>and Administration – Collegium<br>(every first Friday of the months) | Rector, Dean,<br>teachers                 | -  | ✓ Done  |
| Goal 2 - Differentiation  |   |   |  |         |
| Strategies  | Activities  | Lead Role                                 | Measure KPI  | Outcome |
| Professional development<br>of teachers - scientific-<br>research work (SRW) of<br>the academic staff | - Further promotion of the SRW - Regular monitoring SRW at SBEM;  | Dean, Pro-<br>Rector for<br>SRW, teachers | - Number of faculty that applied for financing of conference   | ✓ Done  |

|  | - Evaluation of the teachers that includes assessment of SRW             |                               | - Number of staff that applied for financial award for published paper with impact factor  - Regular, annual monitoring of SRW  - At least 1 international paper annually of the full-time teachers employed at SBEM  - At least two additional teachers to acquire master mentorship licence  - At least two additional teachers to acquire doctoral mentorship licence |   |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Encouraging greater<br>cooperation between full-<br>time and part-time<br>teachers for publication<br>purposes | Encouraging co-authoring of papers (Full time with Part time professors) | Dean, Pro -<br>Rector for SRW | - At least 2 papers co<br>authored (Full time<br>with part time<br>professor) in the<br>academic year 2016-<br>2017  | ✓ Done  - Financial support for entry fee and participation in conferences; |

|  |   |   |   | - Rewards for<br>teachers who<br>published<br>international<br>papers  |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Encouraging work on research projects and consultation work in the business sector | Dissemination of information for up-coming projects and support in the preparation of project applications  | Dean, Pro-<br>Rector for<br>SRW, teachers                               | - At least 3 submitted applications for research projects                   | ?  |
| Internationalization of the academic staff   | Exchange of teachers (for teaching purposes)  Participation of teachers in international projects  Long-term stay at foreign universities (preferably top 500 universities) | Dean, Pro –<br>Rector for<br>SRW,<br>Makedonka<br>Dimitrova<br>(Resita) | - Erasmus + action 107 - to arrange research visits for 3 professors (prof. | ✓ Done  Snezhana Hrisrtova, PhD, - visiting professor at University for tourism and management in Opatija, Croatia)  Prof. Ilijana Petrovska, PhD – visiting professor at University Tor Vergata, Roma, Italy) |

|  | Prof. Marjan Bojadjiev, PhD – visiting professor at University Tor Vergata, Roma, Italy)                          |
|--|---|
| - At least two<br>professors exchanged<br>under the CEEPUS<br>program                            | One exchange<br>Prof. Ivana<br>Trajanoska , PhD   |
| - At least two applications per year for international project                                   | Prof. Nikica Mojsoska Blazhevski and Prof. Marjan Petreski, PhD   |
| - At least one teacher per year with long-term stay at foreign university (a minimum of 1 month) | Prof. Nikica Mojsoska Blazhevski, longterm stay at London School of Economics and Political Science' Institute on |

| Maintain the participation<br>the academic staff Resita'<br>organized events and<br>exchanges | Exchange of teachers for teaching purposes  Training of teachers within the network  Joint application for projects | Teaching Ass. Makedonka Dimitrova (Resita), Dean, Pro – Rector for SRW | - At least two teachers exchanged for teaching purposes - At least 2 teachers participate in some training organized by Resita - At least one joint application | South-Eastern Europe (LSEE)  ✓ Done                  |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Training of the faculty   | Internal training of teachers   | CAO, Dean, Pro<br>– Rector for<br>SRW                                  | - At least one internal<br>training per semester  | ✓ Done  Seminar for Socialization held on 30.09.2016 |

| Establishment of honour society at the UACS      | Establishment of Delta Mu Delta organization  | CAO, Dean,<br>Prof. Elena<br>Bundaleska   | <ul><li>Established organization</li><li>Number of activities held of the Delta Mu Delta</li></ul>  | ✓ Done Induction of new DMD members held on 03.05.2017 |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Further enhance the support services to students | Continuation of the work and function of UACS services offered to the students such us: Quality cycle, Tutoring Club, Student's Council and Alumni network  More pro-active engagement of the UACS alumni members.  Further promotion of the Tutoring Assistance Student Club (TASC)  Introduction of an award Alumni of the month with a goal to motivate students for higher achievements | Dean, Teachers, Students (Graduate and Post graduate, as well as past successful UACS Students) | - Offering new service to the UACS students called "Business Support Laboratory" which will help and teach students to develop entrepreneurial skills and to make a successful business plans as well as to share experiences with past successful UACS students. At least 5 students to be interested for this laboratory. |  |

| Regular meetings of the Commission for Quality Cycle, at least 2 times in the year 2016/2017. | ✓ Done  |
|---|---|
| - Increased number of members, activities and events of the alumni network                    | ✓ Done  One UACS Alumni Pre-New Year's Eve Party event held on 14.12.2016 at TCC Grand Plaza – Winery |

| - Awarding certificates for the best tutors (students), at the UACS public events or ceremonies.  | ✓ Done |
|---|--------|
| Through launching TASC newsletters, preparation of students for student's competitions, for writing academic publications, projects, essays etc.  - The alumni of the month (preferably an entrepreneur) to deliver a speech in front of the students | ✓ Done |

| Implementation of the European Charter of Researchers  Further implementation of ECR  Goal 3 - International accreditation goals | Pro-Rector for<br>SRW, Ana<br>Tomovska, | - Progression with the implementation as per the judgment of the European Commission | ? |
|--|---|--|---|

| Strategies  | Activities  | Lead Role   | Measure KPI   | Outcomes   |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| Maintaining the ACBSP accreditation   | Preparation of Self-evaluation report for 2016  Preparation of report on the achievement of learning outcomes   | Dean, Vice<br>Dean  | <ul><li>Re-accreditation of the programs</li><li>Report on achievement of learning outcomes</li></ul> | ✓ Done  Developed a  new decision  for Master  ILO |
| Further improvements in<br>the establishment and<br>measurement of the<br>learning outcomes | Re-assessment of the learning outcomes (LO) of the current programs  Re-assessment of the internal decisions on the measurement of the LO (with a focus on summative and external measurements) | Dean, Vice<br>Dean, Heads of<br>departments                                     | Developed new LO for undergraduate programs     Developed new matrixes for measuring LOs              | ✓ Done   |
| Goal 4 - International coope  | eration (part of this goal is covered   | with the activitie  | s under the Goal 2 - Diffe  | rentiation)  |
| Strategies  | Activities  | Lead Role   | Measure KPI   | Resources<br>Needed                                |
| Strengthen the involvement of students into mobility programs                               | Increase the number of agreements for mobility of students (mainly through Erasmus program)   | - International<br>Relations<br>Officer (IRO),<br>Dean, Heads of<br>departments | - Number of students<br>that were exchanged<br>within the Erasmus+<br>program                         | 2016 – 7<br>students<br>2017 – 12<br>students      |

| Intensify the participation in the CEEPUS program                                     | Develop further the participation in the CEEPUS program                      | - International<br>Relations<br>Officer (IRO),<br>Dean, Heads of<br>departments | - Number of students<br>that were exchanged<br>within the CEEPUS       | ?   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Re-focus the international staff (visiting professors) towards undergraduate programs | Increase the number of visiting professors that teach on undergraduate level | - Rector, Dean  | - Number of visiting professors that lectured on undergraduate courses | - prof. Luka Gnan<br>- from<br>University Tor<br>Vergata Roma,<br>Italy |
| Goal 5 - Networking and coo   | pperation with the students and par  | rents   |  |   |
| Strategies  | Activities   | Lead Role   | Measure KPI  | Resources<br>Needed   |
|   |  |   |  |   |
| Maintaining good relations with parents   | Organizing Parents' day  | Rector, UACS administration   | - Organized Parent's<br>day  | ✓ Done  Held on 30.03.2017 at City Hall Center                          |
|   | Organizing Parents' day  Several events organized by the alumni              | · ·   |  | Held on 30.03.2017 at   |

|  | Meetings of the Quality Cycle committee  |  | - At least two meetings<br>of the Quality Cycle<br>committee   |                     |
|--|--|--|--|---------------------|
| Maintaining good<br>relations with the<br>Business Council | Further dialogue with the business community related to the programs  Engage staff from the Business Council' members into delivering guest lectures | Rector, Dean,<br>Officer for<br>communication<br>with the<br>business sector | - At least two meetings with the Business Council - Having Business Council representatives or the companies represented in the Council as guest lecturers, or as experts for panel discussions and important lectures | ?                   |
| Goal 6 - Innovation  |  |  |  |                     |
| Strategies   | Activities   | Lead Role  | КРІ  | Resources<br>needed |
| Introduction of the third cycle of studies                 | Start of doctoral programs   | Vice-rector for<br>SRW, Dean   | - Started programs - Number of enrolled doctoral candidates  | ✓ Done              |
| Introduction of new study program(s)                       | Accreditation of a new double-<br>degree program with University<br>Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy   | Dean, teachers   | - Accredited program<br>for Economics and<br>Business  | ✓ Done              |

| Cool 7 CCD Activities avoi     | Start of the new program in Accounting and Audit (graduate level) Consider introduction of new study programs |           | - Signed agreements<br>with the University Tor<br>Vergata |           |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Goal 7 - CSR Activities, proje | ects and events   |           |   |           |
| Strategies                     | Activities  | Lead Role | KPI   | Resources |
|                                |   |           |   | needed    |

Table 2.2. SBEM Report on Annual Plan / Time Table 2016/2017

|         | Planned Activity (2016)                           | Check    |          | Planned Activity (2017)            | Check    |
|---------|---|----------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 2016/09 | Opening Ceremony of Academic<br>Year 2016/2017    | <b>√</b> | 2017/02  | Workshop Mapping of PhD courses    | <b>√</b> |
| 2016/09 | Graduation Ceremony of Academic<br>Year 2016/2017 | <b>✓</b> | 2017 /03 | Simulation – Institute "Koncept"   | <b>√</b> |
| 2016/10 | Seminar for socialization                         | <b>✓</b> | 2017/03  | UACS Start-up-week                 | <b>*</b> |
| 2016/10 | Opening day (Master studies)                      | <b>✓</b> | 2017/03  | Research supervision workshop      | <b>✓</b> |
| 2016/12 | Christmas sales                                   | <b>√</b> | 2017/03  | PTA (City Hall Center)             | <b>✓</b> |
| 2016/12 | UACS Alumni party (TCC Grand<br>Plaza- Winery)    | <b>✓</b> | 2017/04  | UACS Charity Event                 | <b>✓</b> |
|         |   | <b>√</b> | 2017/04  | International students day at UACS | <b>✓</b> |
|         |   | <b>√</b> | 2017/04  | UACS Open Day (UACS Ground floor)  | <b>✓</b> |
|         |   | <b>✓</b> | 2017/05  | UACS Annual Conference             | <b>✓</b> |
|         |   | <b>√</b> | 2017/06  | First Doctoral Workshop            | ✓        |

### PART III - Student and Stakeholder Focus

### **1. Criterion 3.1:**

Business programs must determine (or target) the student segments its educational programs will address. State targeted and served student segments.

**Table 3.1. Student targeted segments** 

| Educational program              | Student Segment targeted                                 | Rationale  |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Undergraduate Full -Time program | Domestic high school graduates                           | The typical target for this program are the typical age high school graduates that are inclined to pursue higher education |
| Undergraduate Full -Time program | International students                                   | The programs at the SBEM, has been made available in English for foreign & domestic students                               |
| Undergraduate Part -Time program | Domestic students  | Working professionals wishing to complete their education  |
| Graduate Full – Time program     | Graduate students that pursue furthering their education | The typical age college graduate, that seeks to pursue a master degree   |

#### **2.** Criterion **3.2**:

The business unit will have identified its major stakeholders, and found methods to listen and to learn from its stakeholders in order to determine both student and stakeholder requirements and expectations.

# List your business unit's major stakeholders other than your students. Briefly describe how you gather and use relevant information from students and stakeholders.

- The university has identified two main groups of stakeholders; primary and secondary.
- Primary stakeholders refer to the segment that the school has a direct impact on (or from) i.e. that immediate needs of stakeholders have been addressed and there is sufficient data to provide plausible outcomes.
- Secondary stakeholders are not directly impacted by the operations of the school and their needs will be addressed in future planning of the ways to introduce such focus groups and their specific outcomes. Short and long term requirements are determined in a variety of ways. The following table shows the stakeholders that have been addressed, and the manner of obtaining relevant information.
- The Business School addresses the same stakeholders and their needs as identified at university level.

| Primary stakeholders   | Secondary stakeholders  |
|--|---|
| <ul> <li>Students</li> <li>Faculty</li> <li>Control and Regulatory bodies: ( MON, BoA, ACBSP)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Board of Directors of the University</li> <li>Business Council</li> <li>Student's parents</li> <li>Alumni</li> </ul> |

#### **3. Criterion 3.3:**

The business unit will periodically review listening and learning methods to keep them current with educational service needs and directions. Describe your periodic review processes pertinent to this criterion.

UACS has established a process for reviewing the methods for gathering data.

Namely, the Self-Evaluation Committee or the CAO together with the Stakeholder Relations Officer reviews:

- 1. The data collected from the surveys Once every year as the surveys are completed
- 2. The response rates and method of administering the surveys Once every year as the surveys are completed
- 3. The questionnaire themselves Once before the beginning of the academic year

Some of the data is also gathered through meeting minutes and face-to-face communication with the stakeholders, and is also taken into consideration.

The CAO and Stakeholder relations officer makes suggestions for improvement of the methods of gathering the information and presents it at Faculty Meetings and the University Senate. Each Schools reviews the data and the results and make suggestions for improvement.

#### **4.** Criterion **3.4**:

The business unit will have a process to use the information obtained from students and stakeholders for purposes of planning educational programs, offerings, and services; marketing; process improvements; and the development of other services. Describe your processes pertinent to this criterion.

- The School uses relevant data to assess whether there is a need for improvement in the educational program offerings. These considerations are discussed initially internally on the Faculty Council Meetings.
- Any suggestion for improvement is then referred to in the Annual Action Plan for the School.
- The improvement suggestions are also conveyed to the University Senate and Rectors Board so that any major changes and/or addendums are revised to be in line with the strategic goals of the University. If there is a fit between the current availability of resources and the improvement measure, then it is implemented and addressed.

The following table shows some of improvements that have been made during the course of the academic year

Table 3.4. Involving stakeholder information for planning purposes

| Stakeholder         | Information/Requirement  | Information<br>Obtained via | Reviewed by   | Educational Program addressing requirement   |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Students            | Need for an improved library<br>and reading room<br>(dissatisfaction shown from<br>survey and at QC meeting)       | Quality Circles<br>Meetings | SEC, Faculty<br>Council                               | New Librarian,<br>Expanded Library<br>with reading room,   |
| Students            | More international experience and exposure   | Quality Circles<br>Meetings | SEC, Faculty<br>Council                               | Reviewing current Erasmus + partner universities and exploring new options Introducing the AIESEC Internship program |
| Business<br>Council | Introduction of more specialized programs that address specific job requirements, such as accounting, auditing etc | Business Council<br>Meeting | SEC,<br>Stakeholder<br>Officer,<br>Faculty<br>Council | Development of new UG and G program for Account and Auditing   |

### **5.** Criterion **3.5**:

The business unit should have processes to attract and retain students, and to build relationships with desired stakeholders. Define and describe your processes pertinent to this criterion.

- The School actively keeps up with attracting new students to its programs via clear communication with the Networking and Marketing Department.
- All activities undertaken by the School are aimed at attracting, retaining or engaging both students and relevant stakeholders. They are also communicated to the relevant stakeholders through the Networking and Marketing Department via print or electronic media.

**Table 3.5.1. Student attraction processes** 

| Target audience                      | Activity  | Purpose   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| High School Students                 | Road show in high schools in and outside of Skopje                                    | Getting high school students acquainted with the academic programs                          |
| High School Students                 | Offering state – matriculation preparatory courses                                    | Aid potential high school graduates with better knowledge for passing the state examination |
| High School Students                 | Scholarship contests  | Attracting the best pool of candidates for the scholarships available at the School         |
| High School Students Parents         | Active radio, TV, print and social media  | Communicate new offerings, attracting new students and reinforcing good practices           |
| (Broad audience –<br>General Public) | advertising   | among current students and other stakeholders, image building                               |
| High School Students                 | Lectures by UACS Faculty  | Demonstrating a UACS class  |
| High School Teachers                 | Trainings for High School Professors<br>(via the Association for better<br>Education) | Image building for UACS   |

| High School Students Working professional Graduated Students | Open Day                | Introducing the University and its programs to interested parties |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| Working<br>Professionals                                     | B2B meetings            | Promotion of the UG & G programs and Executive Ed courses         |
| Potential UG & G<br>students                                 | Educational Fairs       | Attracting new students and promotion of the programs             |
| Working professionals  | Promo Day – Promo Class | Demonstrating a UACS MBA class                                    |

Regarding student retention, UACS has established several policies to foster the retention process. Some of those processes are also aimed at engaging other stakeholders to support student retention:

**Table 3.5.2. Student retention processes** 

| Target audience  | Activity        | Purpose  |
|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Current Students | Student Metrics | Discussed at least once a year, including the indicators on student's retention and progression                                  |
| Current Students | Quality Circles | Includes selected students meeting the dean at least twice a semester and discussing options for improvement.                    |
| Current Students | Focus groups    | Selected student group meeting the Rector at least once a semester to discuss QC remarks for every school and other broad topics |

| Current Students | Tutoring Club  | Help students with potential difficulties in covering a certain area or course   |  |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| Current Students | Provide Erasmus and AIESEC<br>Internships                      | International Exposure   |  |
| Current Students | Provide Summer Schools and workshops                           | International Exposure   |  |
| Current Students | Business council members as guest lecturers                    | Involving the BC members into the academic program and exposing students to expertise from a specific company/industry |  |
| Current Students | Career Counseling  | To prepare the students for future employment  |  |
| Current Students | Graduate program benefits presentation for UACS Undergraduates | Retention and progression of UG's into the graduate programs   |  |

 $Table\ 3.5.3.\ Relationship\ strengthening\ with\ other\ stakeholders$ 

| Target audience             | Activity                               | Purpose  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Faculty                     | Professional development opportunities | To enhance teaching quality, motivate faculty, and strengthen bond with the school                       |
| Business Council<br>Members | Executive Education Courses            | To give back to the Business Council members   |
| Alumni                      | Annual Alumni Meeting                  | Strengthening alumni bonds and networking  |
| Parents                     | Parent teacher meetings                | To give parents a better understanding of what our students do in class and listen to their expectations |

#### 6. Criterion 3.6:

The business unit should have a process to seek information, pursue common purposes, and receive complaints from students and stakeholders. Describe processes pertinent to this criterion.

In terms of addressing the student needs, the School has established a Grievances procedure that formalizes the process of receiving complaints. The Grievance officer is the intermediary throughout the whole process, and seeks an amicable solution to each issue. Another form of addressing student concerns is through the regular Quality Circles Meetings, where they are able to express their opinions on any issue freely.

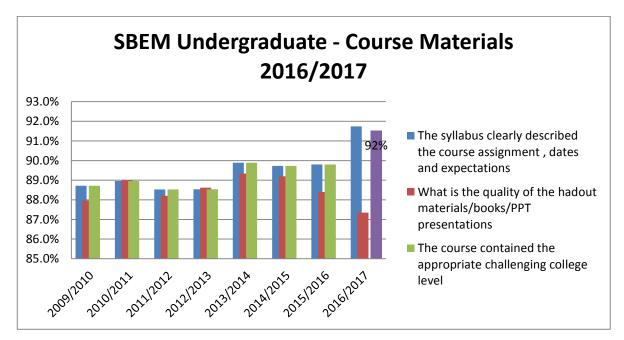
In terms of other stakeholders their expectations and complaints are addressed either through the organized meetings between the stakeholders or by analyzing the data gathered through systematic surveys.

#### **7. Criterion 3.7:**

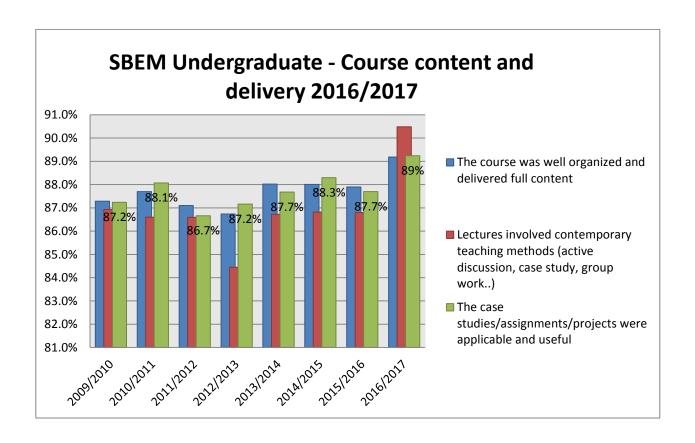
The business unit should present graphs or tables of assessment results pertinent to this standard.

In order to address this criterion the following tables and graphs has been provided:

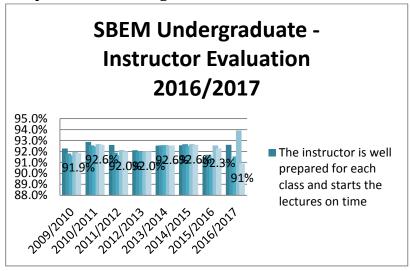
## 1. Graph 3.8.1.a. - Undergraduate Student Satisfaction from Course



Comment: Student satisfaction from the courses at SBEM has been higher than the allotted KPI (90%) for more than 7 consecutive years. Suggested improvements are to either raise the KPI, and/or review the process.



2. Graph 3.8.1.b. - Undergraduate Student Satisfaction from Instructor



3. Graph 3.8.1.d. - Undergraduate Student Satisfaction from Services & Facilities

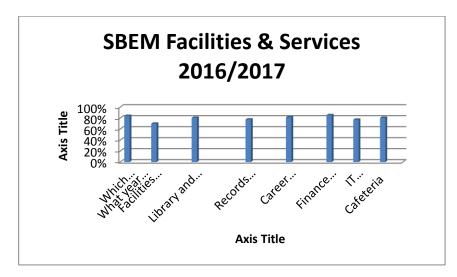


Table 3.8.1.e. - Undergraduate Student Placement (Employment and Educational Status of Graduates)

| Academic<br>year      |                    | Number of respondents |                | Full-Time<br>Employment  | Part-Time<br>Employment | Pursuing<br>Further         | Still Seeking<br>Employment |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                       |                    |                       |                |                          |                         | Education                   |                             |
| Cohorts<br>by Major   | Number<br>in Class | Number                | %              | Number (%)               | %                       | Number<br>(%)               | %                           |
| SBEM<br>2012-<br>2013 | 102                | 76                    | 74.5%          | 48 (63.1%)               | /                       | 39<br>(51.3%)               | 8 (10.5%)                   |
| SBEM 2013 - 2014      | 110                | 89                    | 80.1%          | 53 (59.5%)               | /                       | 54<br>(60.6%)               | 7 (7.9%)                    |
| SBEM 2014 - 2015      | 125                | 71                    | 56.8%          | 35(49.2%)                | /                       | 42(59.1%)                   | 6(8.5%)                     |
| SBEM 2015 - 2016      | 66                 | 46                    | 69.7%          | 33(71.7%)                | /                       | 28(60.9%)                   | 7(15.2)                     |
| KPI                   | /                  |                       | Not to<br>fall | Not to fall<br>below 50% |                         | Not to fall<br>below<br>50% | Not to go<br>above 15%      |

|  | below |  |  |
|--|-------|--|--|
|  | 60%   |  |  |
|  |       |  |  |

Comment: The last data point shows that the response rate has fallen below 60%, and pulling at all data gathered for that academic year. Due to the lower response rate, employment and pursuing education rates are also below 60% and this year's KPI's are not met. Improvements for the upcoming academic year is either a change in the method for gathering such data, or better tracking of students contacts and plans, perhaps via the Alumni Association.

## 4. Table 3.8.1.f. - Undergraduate Student Advising (Career counseling, Academic counseling, Tutoring and Probation.

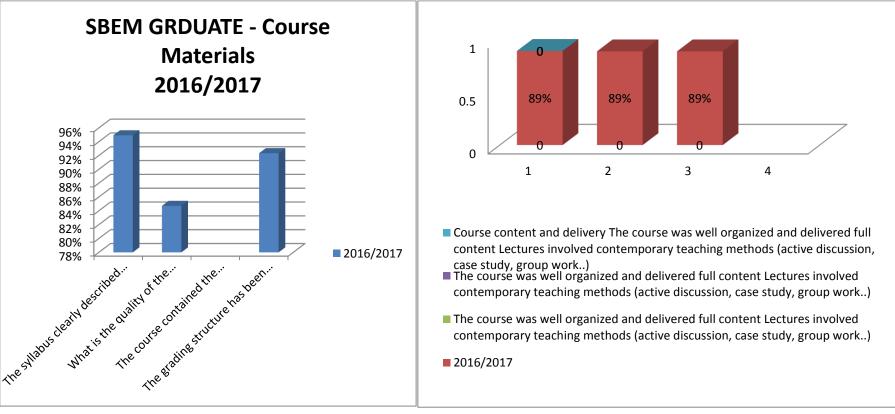
|       | CV and       | Measurement | Interview  | Measured   | Probation | Measured  | Academic      | Measured  | Tutoring  |
|-------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
|       | Cover        | By timely   | and Job    | by         |           | by out of | counseling    | by        |           |
|       | Letter       | internships | searching  | employed   |           | probation | students      | continued |           |
|       | % of         |             | strategies | after      |           |           | received      | to        |           |
|       | students     |             |            | graduation |           |           | interpersonal | graduate  |           |
|       | participated |             |            |            |           |           | advising      | studies   |           |
| 2012- | 33.7%        | 93%         | 67%        | 50.2%      | 92        | 46 (50%)  | 80% of        | 60.2%     | Creation  |
| 2013  |              |             |            |            |           |           |               |           | of        |
|       |              |             |            |            |           |           |               |           | Tutoring  |
|       |              |             |            |            |           |           |               |           | club      |
| 2013- | 44.6%        | 90.6%       | 69.3%      | 54.7%      | 77        | 60        | 90% of        | 61.1%     | 6 tutors, |
| 2014  |              |             |            |            |           | (77.9%)   |               |           | 69 hours  |
|       |              |             |            |            |           |           |               |           | of        |
|       |              |             |            |            |           |           |               |           | tutoring  |
|       |              |             |            |            |           |           |               |           | provided  |
| 2014- | 43%          | 95%         | 67.3%      | 44.8%      | 77        | 60        | 88%           | 51%       | 5 tutors  |
| 2015  |              |             |            |            |           | (77.9%)   |               |           | provided  |

|       |           |             |       |        |           |           |           |       | (60      |
|-------|-----------|-------------|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------|
|       |           |             |       |        |           |           |           |       | hours)   |
| 2015- | ?         | 96%         | ?     | 47.5 % |           |           |           |       |          |
| 2016  |           |             |       |        |           |           |           |       |          |
| KPI   | Above 50% | Above 90%   | Above | Above  | Decrease  | Increase  | Above 80% | Above | Increase |
|       |           | on time     | 70%   | 50%    | no. of    | student   |           | 50%   | tutors   |
|       |           | internships |       |        | probation | out of    |           |       | and      |
|       |           |             |       |        |           | probation |           |       | hours by |
|       |           |             |       |        |           |           |           |       | 50%      |

# Comment: Suggestions for improvement

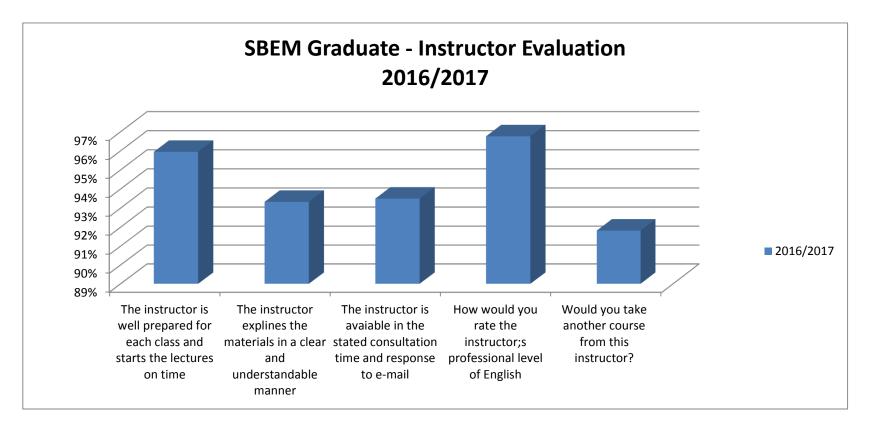
- Collecting job ads by the Career center and regular weekly sending to graduates and students near completion, Career Fairs
- Reduction of academic load for students who continuously are on academic probation for two consecutive semesters,
- Promote best students to the companies (recommendations)
- Mini-trainings for employment skills by the Alumni association

## 5. Graph 3.8.2.a. - Graduate Student Satisfaction from Course



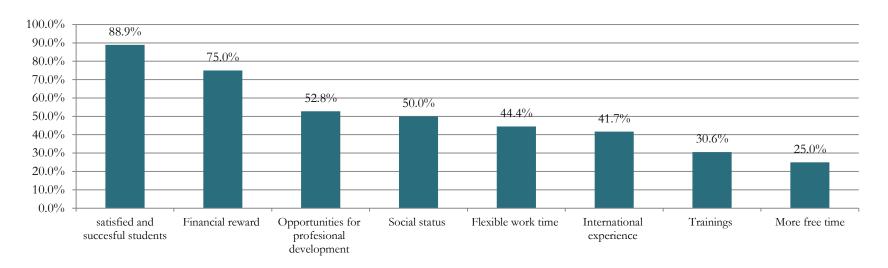
Comment: Student satisfaction from the courses at SBEM has been higher than the allotted KPI (89%) for more than 6 consecutive years. Suggested improvements are to either raise the KPI, and/or review the process.

## 6. Graph 3.8.1.b. - Graduate Student Satisfaction from Instructor



Comment: Student satisfaction from the instructors at SBEM has been higher than the allotted KPI (70%) for more than 6 consecutive years. Suggested improvements are to either raise the KPI, and/or review the process.

## 7. Graph 3.8.3.b. - Faculty members motivation & satisfaction



Comment: Discovering motivation factors in faculty are essential in order to determine their drive and their fit into the organizational culture. This survey was administered for the first time in 2015, and will be also administered in 2016 in order to review the consistency in the results. Certain amendments will be made upon suggestion from management and faculty.

# 1. Table 3.8.3.d. – Faculty research

| School of Business Economics and Management |    |  |  |  |  |
|---|----|--|--|--|--|
| Teachers                                    | 11 |  |  |  |  |
| Papers                                      | 66 |  |  |  |  |
| WoS papers                                  | 12 |  |  |  |  |
| Research books                              | 4  |  |  |  |  |
| Research books per teacher                  | 2  |  |  |  |  |
| PhD Mentors                                 | 5  |  |  |  |  |

# PART IV - Measurement and Analysis of Student Learning and Performance

#### Criterion 4.1.

The business unit shall have a learning outcomes assessment program.

a. State the learning objectives for each program (MBA, Ph.D., BBA, AA, etc.) to be accredited. A program is defined as follows: a plan of study is considered a program when it requires a minimum of 12 credit hours of coursework beyond the CPC and/or is recorded on a student's transcript

The learning objectives assessment program is defined within the following Decisions of SBEM:

- 1. SBEM Decision for assessment of Learning objectives first cycle of studies
- 2. SBEM Decision for assessment of Learning objectives second cycle of studies
- a. Describe your learning outcomes assessment process for each program;

The learning outcomes assessment program is defined within the following Decisions of SBEM:

- 1. Decision for assessment of Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) on undergraduate study programs of SBEM No. 14- 1465/6 from 1.09.2014
- 2. Decision for assessment of intended learning outcomes for second cycle of studies at the SBEM
- 3. Decision for assessment of ILO for master programs of SBEM are developed and are currently in procedure for acceptance from the School Council and the University Senate.

The process for assessment of the learning outcomes of SBEM undergraduate program is performed in accordance with the Decision for Assessment of Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) for the MBA Program from January 2015.

The decision for undergraduate covers combination of methods, including formative and summative, internal and external. The internal formative is including pre-test and post-test assessment at the beginning and end of the academic year.

- **Internal summative** are including capstone project assessment including various items from different departments.
- External summative are including external test approved by the Business community and external assessment on students' internships.

The decision for MBA ILO assessment covers Internal Formative through assignments of different courses. Internal Summative is the evaluation of the Master thesis and External Summative is involving external member as professor of management practice for evaluation of the Master thesis.

### b. Identify external learning outcomes assessment information and data you gather and analyze; and

External learning outcomes assessment is performed on several levels. Summative assessment for undergraduate is performed through implementation of Exit tests, approved from the business council members at the last year of studies. Also at the undergraduate level performed is internship evaluation.

On MBA level external assessment of the MBA ILO is performed through external members in the master thesis' committee or just external member – professor of management practice written opinion.

### c. Identify formative and summative learning outcome assessment information and data you gather and analyze.

Formative learning outcomes assessment information are the pretest and posttest examination in specific courses, but also formative assessment could be taken the external assessment of the students internships as presented in figure 4.1. Summative learning outcome assessment information are the capstone project assessment for each program concentration as an internal way of assessment. Another summative form is the exit test at the end of the program.

Assessment tools/data for Undergraduate programs

| SBEM Undergraduate program |                       |                       |                          |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                            | Internal Data         | and Information       |                          |  |
| Concentration              | <b>SUMMATIVE</b> Data | FORMATIVE Data and    | External Data and        |  |
|                            | and Information       | Information           | Information              |  |
| Marketing                  | - Capstone project    | Pre-Post test results | - Exit test              |  |
| concentration              | for concentration     | (courses)             | - External assessment on |  |
|                            | LO                    | - Microeconomics      | students internship      |  |
|                            | - Capstone project    | - Business            |                          |  |
|                            | for general LO and    | mathematics           |                          |  |
|                            | soft skills           | - Contract Law        |                          |  |

| Management            | - Capstone project                       | - Introduction to   | - Exit test                  |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| concentration         | for concentration                        | Marketing           | - External assessment on     |
|                       | LO                                       | - Financial markets | students internship          |
|                       | - Capstone project                       | and institutions    |                              |
|                       | for general LO and                       | - International     |                              |
|                       | soft skills                              | management          |                              |
| Finance concentration | Finance concentration - Capstone project |                     | - Exit test                  |
|                       | for concentration                        |                     | - External assessment on     |
|                       | LO                                       |                     | students internship          |
|                       | - Capstone project                       |                     | External evaluation on final |
|                       | for general LO and                       |                     | course project               |
|                       | soft skills                              |                     |                              |

# Assessment tools/data for Graduate programs

|                          | SBEM G          | raduate program        |                                |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                          | Internal Data   | and Information        |                                |
| Concentration            | SUMMATIVE Data  | FORMATIVE Data and     | External Data and              |
|                          | and Information | Information            | Information                    |
| Marketing                | -Master thesis  | Portfolio of major     | Participation of industry      |
| concentration            | -Master thesis  | assignments within the | professionals, or Professor of |
|                          | seminar         | MSc/MBA courses        | Management Practice to serve   |
|                          |                 |                        | as a member of the Thesis      |
|                          |                 |                        | Review Committee.              |
|                          |                 |                        |                                |
|                          |                 |                        | Participation of industry      |
|                          |                 |                        | professionals to serve as a    |
|                          |                 |                        | member of the course final     |
|                          |                 |                        | project Committee.             |
|                          |                 |                        |                                |
|                          |                 |                        |                                |
| Managament               | -Master thesis  |                        | Participation of industry      |
| Management concentration | -Master tilesis |                        | •                              |
| concentration            |                 |                        | professionals, or Professor of |

|                       | -Master thesis<br>seminar                   | Management Practice to serve as a member of the Thesis Review Committee.  |
|-----------------------|---|---|
|                       |   | Participation of industry professionals to serve as a member of the course final project Committee.   |
| Finance concentration | -Master thesis<br>-Master thesis<br>seminar | Participation of industry<br>professionals, or Professor of<br>Management Practice to serve<br>as a member of the Thesis<br>Review Committee, |

Criterion 4.2.

To identify trends, the business programs should report, at a minimum, three successive sets of periodic assessment results.

| Performance        | What is your   | Current      | What have       | Action taken  |  |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
| measure            | measuremen     | results      | you learn?      | or            |  |
|                    | t?             |              |                 | improvemen    |  |
|                    |                | _            | _               | ts            |  |
| Undergraduate      | Formative,     | A goal met,  | Weaknesses:     | The tests     | Percentage of Achievement of the Learning Outcomes of the course |
| , all              | direct,        | but not for  | No              | have been     | The average score will be 70%                                    |
| concentrations.    | internal;      | all courses. | consistency in  | customized    |  |
| To measure the     | Success will   | Data scores  | data            | according to  |  |
| added value of     | be measured    | demonstrat   | collection for  | areas of      | Introduction to Marketing (MK)                                   |
| specific courses   | using a Pre    | e a positive | all courses     | LO.The        | Introduction to Microeconomics (MK)                              |
| to students        | test/Post test | trend,       | due to staffing | faculty       | Introduction to Marketing (ENG)                                  |
| knowledge.         | in specific    | results      | issues and      | analyzed each | Introduction to Microeconomics (ENG)                             |
|                    | courses to     | improved     | lack of         | question in   | 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%                      |
| Students must      | determine      | over the     | established     | which a       |  |
| score an average   | improvement    | base year.   | common tools    | significant   | ■ 2016/2017 Change   |
| of 70% or more     | during the     |              | and             | students      |  |
| on the             | semester and   | Lack of data | templates.      | failed and    | Introduction to Microeconomics (ENG)                             |
| comprehensive      | knowledge at   | collection   |                 | learned which | introduction to Microeconomics (ENG)                             |
| post-test to       | the end of the | for three    | Strengths:      | LO within the |  |
| demonstrate        | semester.      | data points  | Faculty         | course need   |  |
| mastery of         | The test was   | for some of  | indicated that  | specific      | 36%  |
| learning           | designed to    | the courses. | implementing    | attention in  | 66.90%   |
| outcomes set for   | evaluate all   |              | practices of    | the future.   |  |
| the specific       | learning       |              | interactive     | Next step:    | 46.32%   |
| courses. At least  | objectives for |              | learning and    | To develop    |  |
| 50%                | the specific   |              | quizzes as a    | common        |  |
| improvement        | course.        |              | tool of         | methodology   |  |
| (change) is        |                |              | measuring       | for a         | * 2014/2015 Change * 2015/2016 Change * 2016/2017 Change         |
| expected to be     |                |              | comprehensio    | meaningful    |  |
| achieved as a      |                |              | n of the        | and           |  |
| difference         |                |              | covered         | consistent    |  |
| between pre/       |                |              | topics have     | data          |  |
| post test results. |                |              | influenced on   | collection.   |  |

| the students  | To monitor     |  |
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| to perform    | results for    |  |
| better on the | those courses  |  |
| post- test.   | which are      |  |
|               | underperform   |  |
| Tutorial help | ed and on      |  |
| has           | margin. To     |  |
| supported     | determine      |  |
| improved      | which areas    |  |
| student       | need more      |  |
| learning in   | coverage in    |  |
| the course of | class and to   |  |
| Introduction  | improve        |  |
| to            | specific       |  |
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| ics, in       | of delivery.   |  |
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| change of     | continue to    |  |
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| evident as an | test questions |  |
| significant   | for improved   |  |
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|               | courses with   |  |
|               | tutorial help. |  |

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nal, comparative. Success will be measured using a rubric for the final project in Financial Accounting, evaluated by the external evaluators from the industry that served as a members of the project review committee. The final course project was developed in a partnership with faculty and industry. The pilot external testing was done in fall, 2017. The students

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The new measurement tool is intended to assist in gaining an external measurement of the LO's. The practice to be continued and the results will continue to be monitored during the next measurement year.

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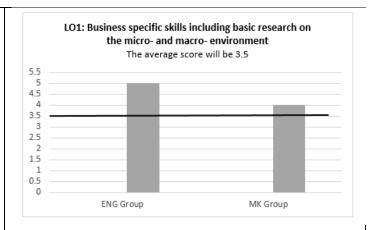
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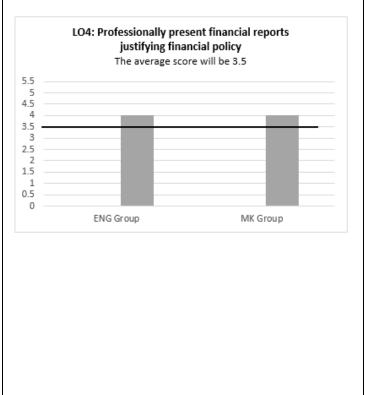
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|  | project will assess their ability to analyze and report financial statements and present to a panel of industry. Working teams were comprised of students from both, MK and EN classes, who were pitted against each other in a project assignment |  |  | implement<br>external<br>assessment   |  |
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| Undergraduate, all concentrations. To measure the achievement of the program's LO.  3rd year of business students, all concentrations, must score an average of 70% or higher on the | Summative, external, direct, comparative. Success will be measured using a rubric for the summative exit test examination for student s. The exit test has been approved by  | Some data scores are positive, but overall there is an apparent fluctuation in the score over years. | The test is of voluntary nature and most students do not take it seriously and were not accountable for the results. Students majoring MNGT and MARK have low scores for | New course curriculum "Intro to finance" is developed for MNGT and MARK, for more coverage of relevant LOs, course delivery will start in 2018.  Next step: | Exit test results from 3rd year students,marketing concentration  The average score will be 70%  100  80  40  LO1 LO2 LO3 LO4 LO5 LO6 LO7 LO8 LO9 LO11 LO12 LO13  2014-2015MK 2014-2015ENG 2015-2016MK 2015-2016ENG 2016-2017ENG |

| summative exit test, to demonstrate a mastery of program's LO (MNGT, MARK, FINC). | the business community. | demonstratin g financial knowledge of business plan artifacts ( LO1, LO12 MARK) and (LO2, LO7 MNGT). | The test will be administered in different content, structure and timing An incentive will be given to students to motivate them to do well on the test, or to consider exit test for all concentration s to be administered as part of the student grade. The test questions will be revised and redefined. A one- to- one pilot testing with a student to be conducted on a pre-final draft. Revision of | LO1:Develop a complex marketing plan, including development and implementation of situational analyses, implementing a market research and concluding a market summary  The average score will be 70%  100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 2014-2015MK 2014-2015ENG 2015-2016MK 2015-2016ENG 2016-2017ENG |
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|   |                         |  | program LO is  |  |

| Undergraduate  | Direct,  | The results   | Strenghts:   | needed in<br>terms of their<br>number and<br>terminology,<br>the number of<br>LO per<br>program to be<br>decreased.  |  |
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| , all concentrations. To measure the program's LO through the average score of the capstone project within a core course. Business                   | internal, summative, comparative. Success will be measured using a rubric for the final capstone project in the core business courses, | were positive for MNGT and MARK. A goal was met in this reporting period with an upward trend and improveme                       | Enforcing lab-<br>based<br>learning<br>environments<br>has<br>influenced on<br>the<br>improvement<br>s in student<br>learning.       | Business Planning and Strategy. Faculty used a lot of experiential activities and assignments. Course  | Learning outcomes assessment based on the capstone project within the core course  The average score will be 70%  100 90 80 70 60 40 30 201 2014-15ENG 2014-15MK 2015-16ENG 2015-16MK 2016-17ENG 2016-17MK |
| students will have an average score on final capstone project 70% or higher for each of the concentration, to demonstrate a mastery of program LO's. | MNGT Business Planning and Strategy; MARK, Marketing Management and FINC, Corporate Finance course. The capstone project is directly   | nts in student learning.  For FINC, no "success", the results were inconclusive due to inappropriat e capstone project within the | It is notable that the difference in the assessment scores between the EN and the MK group is growing smaller, can be regarded as an | It is notable that the difference in the assessment scores between the EN and the MK group is growing smaller, can be regarded as an delivery was through lab seminars where students have worked on practical cases and scenarios.  Next steps: | LO4:Analysis of the profit potential of strategic segments of the company The average score will be 70%  100 90 80 70 40 30 20 10 0 2014-15ENG 2014-15MK 2015-16ENG 2015-16MK 2016-17ENG 2016-17MK         |

|   | linked to<br>program's LO.  | and staffing issues.  | because the difference in the score is driven by a larger number of low performing students in the MK group.  Weaknesses: Lack of data and measurement for FINC | finance faculty began to look and change the curriculum for Corporate Finance curriculum. Those changes are ongoing.  Enforcing more excel- based learning activities for Finance |   |
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| Undergraduate, all concentrations. To measure the quality of the students internship related to general learning outcomes. (Team work, Communication skills, Academic | Indirect, formative, external.  Derived from employer evaluation of students. | The goal was met. The average rating was slightly increased over the years. | It is currently working well, indicating that students are demonstratin g mastery of the general learning outcomes and their soft skills.                       | The good practice of internship to be continuously practiced and followed. The survey questions to be revised and grouped into a key performance areas, to                        | Internship Evalution  Respect and capability to work in Presentation skills  Capability for generating creative and Communication skills  Proffessional and interesed in the  Demonstrates skills for designing,  Recognizes, analyses and reacts on ethical  Reacts on feedback in regard with the  Comes to training regularly and on time  3 3.5 4 4.5 5 |

| writing, Technical skills).  Employer evaluations of SBEM interns will be at least 4 or better in a scale of 1(poor), to 5(excellent), to demonstrate a mastery of general LO's.  |   |   |   | better align general student LO and intern engagement. Results will continue to be monitored during the next measurement period.  | Communication skills  4.5 4 3.5 3 2.5 2 1.5 1 0.5 0 2014-2015 Average grades 2015-2016 Average grades 2016-2017 Average grades   |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| Undergraduate, all concentrations. To measure the general LO(Team work, and Communication skills, Academic writing, Technical skills), through the average score of the capstone project within a core course in each concentration.  Business students will have an average score on final | Direct, summative, internal, comparative.  Success will be measured using a rubric for the final capstone project in the core business courses, MNGT Business Planning and Strategy; MARK, Marketing Management and FINC, Corporate Finance | The 70% benchmark was met for MNGT and MARK concentration.  The standard was not achieved in FINC concentration. Lack of data collection and consistency.  Students in EN group still perform | Experiencing lab-based learning environments and new ways of course delivery, through "reallife" business cases and assignments, role plays and scenarios, simulations has influenced on the improvement s in student learning. Introduction of the so-called EBSCO | The general LO and soft skills to be continuously emphasized in all courses projects and assignments, especially within the capstone project. Faculty to continue to monitor the progress and to enforce lab-based and experiential learning. | General Learning Outcomes Assessment based on Capstone Project, MNGT concentration  The average score will be 70%  The avera |

| capstone project 70% or higher for each of the concentration, to demonstrate a mastery of general LO (Team work, and Communication skills, Academic writing, Technical skills).                              | course. The capstone project is directly linked general LO's. (Team work, and Communicati on skills, Academic writing, Technical skills)  | better than MK groups, although in MK group, the results revealed a slight upward trend from 2016 to 2017, especially in their team work and presentatio n skills.                           | courses where part of the grade come from the use of EBSCO database has influenced academic writing to be improved.   |  |  |
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| Graduate, MSc. To measure the achievement level of program LO's.  The average score of MSc students will be 80% or higher for each of the concentrations, to demonstrate a mastery of the learning outcomes. | Direct, formative, internal, comparative.  Success will be measured using the portfolio of major assessments (tests, course projects and assignments) from each of the core courses within the program. | The goals are met for LO3, LO4 and LO5. FINC concentration shows larger variability of the achievement s of LOs, from year to year and from group to group. The difference in the performanc | Students are performing at an acceptable level. For most concentration s, the lowest achievement stands for the LO1"knowled ge and understandin g" whereas it appears that students are better placed" to apply their | Monitoring to continue. To change some of the major assessments, to improve the portfolio of projects in terms of giving a more specific content evaluation and thus allowing a greater focus on the desired LO. | Assessment of graduate learning outcomes, MS in FINC concentration  The average score will be 80%  100 90 80 70 60 40 30 200 100 101 102 103 104 105 105 106 107 108 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109 |

|   |  | e of the EN and MK groups which is consistent at the undergradu ate level, again appears at the graduate level, although with some exceptions. | skills in<br>practical<br>settings".<br>(LO5).  | More written assignments to support courses fo "knowledge and understandin g" areas.  | LO1:Knowledge and Understanding :Demonstrate coherent and advanced knowledge of finance and banking concepts in diverse contexts and applications  The average score will be 80%  100 90 80 70 60 40 30 20 10 0 2014/2015ENG 2015/2015MK 2015/2016ENG 2015/2016MK 2016/2017ENG 2016/2017MK |
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| Graduate MA program, concentration MNGT and MARK. To measure the achievement level of program relevant LO.  MNGT and MARK MA students average rating score by the industry will be at least 4 or better, on a scale of 1(poor) to 5(excellent) to | Formative, direct, internal/exter nal. Success will be measured using a rubric for the final project in Cases in management/ Cases in Marketing courses, evaluated by the external evaluator from the industry, that served as a | Initial assessment is that student achievement has met the goal. All scores are above the target.  | This is a new measurement tool and therefore there is one data point at this time. Results meet expectations. | Due to pilot testing and single cycled of assessment data, graph or chart as not significant at this time. This was a positive experience and indicated that at least, we have to consider the change of measurement tool to reflect an external assessment of the learning |  |

| mastery of "practical skills", LO 2.   | the project review committee. The final course project was developed in a partnership with faculty and industry. The pilot external testing was done in fall, 2017.                            |   |  |   |   |
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| Graduate, MBA To measure the Achievement level of program LO's.  The average score of MBA students will be 80% or higher for each of the concentrations,i n a variety of courses and portfolio of projects, to demonstrate a mastery of the learning outcomes. | Direct, formative, internal.  Success will be measured using the portfolio of major assessments (tests, course projects and assignments) from each of the core courses within the MBA program. | A goal is met. Data scores demonstrat e a positive trend. | Results met expectations, indicating the students are demonstratin g mastery of the most learning outcomes.  MBA students are doing best in terms of the "Intellectual and Cognitive skills and Practical Skills" (LO3), whereas worst for the "Knowledge" | Monitoring to continue.  To change some of the major assessments for LO1, in terms of giving a more specific content evaluation and thus allowing a greater focus | Assessment of graduate learning outcomes, MBA programs The average score will be 80%  100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 L01 L02 L03 L04 L05  2014/2015 2015/2016 2016/2017 |

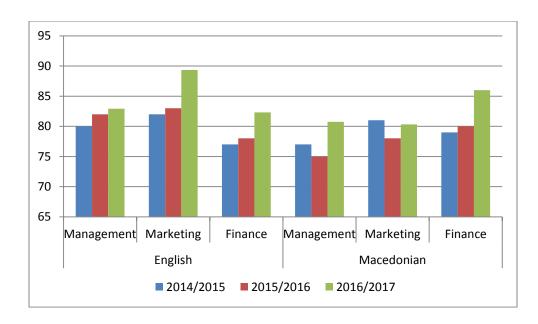
| program. To measure the Achievement level of MBA program LO's.  MBA students will have an average score of 80% or higher on their MBA final thesis to demonstrate a mastery of the program's learning  Summative, internal/exter nal.  Success will new and internal.  This is a new expectations.  The summative and internal.  This is a new expectations.  The subsequent only been in place for one year and it is a relatively new measure, faculty will continue to monitor the results in the subsequent years to establish any trends on mastery of the program's faculty and learning  Success will new expectations.  We will need to continue to monitor the results in the subsequent years to establish any trends on monitor the results.  No action is required at this time for action. | Graduate, MBA  | Direct,  | A goal is met  | and Understandin g"(LO1).   | on the desired LO.  More written assignments to support courses for "knowledge and understandin g" areas.  Though it has   |   |
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| from the external students have industry. evaluation, improved assessment. If   | program. To measure the Achievement level of MBA program LO's.  MBA students will have an average score of 80% or higher on their MBA final thesis to demonstrate a mastery of the program's | summative, internal/exter nal.  Success will be measured using the Marking Sheet evaluation form and its standardized rubric, evaluated by faculty and one external evaluator from the | for direct, summative and internal. This is a new measureme nt tool, developed in 2016; therefore is only one data point at this time. The standard was not met for the external | assessment indicates that the results met the expectations. We will need to continue to monitor the results in the subsequent years to establish any trends on which to take a further action. With that, students have | only been in place for one year and it is a relatively new measure, faculty will continue to monitor the results.  No action is required at this time for the internal | 100.00<br>90.00<br>80.00<br>70.00<br>60.00<br>50.00<br>40.00<br>30.00<br>20.00<br>10.00 |

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Criterion 4.3.
Assessment plans should be designed to yield comparative information and data both over time and with respect to benchmarks and intended outcomes.

At the SBEM we have developed formative and summative measures of the Indented Learning Outcomes. We use the measures across all programs and both languages of instruction.

On a Master level we have instruction on Macedonian and English language for the following concentrations: Management, Finance and Marketing. The comparison is made on yearly basis between cohorts using the two languages of instruction. The measures are recently developed, the Decision for Measuring Learning Outcomes on MA/MSc programs was accepted by the Academic Council on 7 July 2017 and we still have not developed benchmarks for the programs.



The increase over years is evident in both MK and EN groups. However, the increase is more robust in the EN groups. Results are strongest among the EN groups in the EN Marketing group, which is also quite higher than its MK counterpart. EN Finance perfoms best in the MK groups, as well performs better than its MK counterpart.

Criterion 4.4. The business unit shall make use of the learning outcomes assessment results analyzed in criterion 4.2 to improve its educational processes in the interest of continuously improving student learning outcomes. The business unit must describe specific improvements it has made to its programs, based on information obtained from its learning outcomes assessment results, for a minimum of three improvement cycles.

- The summative assessment of results through external testing displays a poor understanding of financial indicators and analyses, especially within the Management and Marketing concentrations. These low scores need targeted improvement. Hence, the SBE&M decided to introduce a new course (Principles of Finance) for year 2 of the Management concentration that will enable them to acquire broader financial knowledge and tools that the management students will need for working in the real economy. Also, assigning tutors continues to be an issue, especially for the finance concentration.
- The assessment of the achievement of the ILO for both undergraduate and graduate level shows a need for some improvements of the programs, curricula, delivery methods, etc. The change of the program curricula is generally constrained by the national accreditation process which requires that the universities/schools apply for new accreditation for every change in the curricula. Hence, the SBE&M always seeks alternative ways to improve the achievement of ILOs, mainly through changes in course curricula, in methods of teaching, cases and applications of the knowledge, etc. However, in 2017/2018 we foresee a new national accreditation (re-accreditation) due to some legislative requirements and that will be used to also make some changes to the programs.
- The the last two years the University accredited and started to deliver two new programs, one double degree with the University Tor Vergata (Rome) on undergraduate level, and one for Accounting and Audit, on undergraduate and graduate level.
- Introduction of so-called EBSCO courses The Rectors' Board of the UACS discussed the topic of the use of the library resources for student learning. It was concluded that students (especially those on undergraduate studies) make very low use of the library resources, both for their general studying as well as for the projects. Hence, a decision was made to denote such called "EBSCO courses" where part of the grade will come from the use of EBSCO database. This has also led to improvement in the essays writing, referencing skills of the students, etc.

#### Action taken.

- We have defined benchmarks for the first time associated with our learning outcomes and at this time the majority of benchmarks are met or exceeded.
- Graduate programs assessment was reviewed and to some extent improved, in terms of full deployment of all assessment methods. At SBEM we have a Decision for Measuring the Learning outcomes on the MBA program since 22 December 2015. After that date we gather the data regularly for the internal formative measurement and we undertook data mining in 2016/2017 for the previous two academic years. Summative data collection has started in the Fall of 2017, afterwards the new Marking evaluation form as a measurement tool was introduced for the first time and therefore, there is one data point at this time. The Decision for Measuring the Intended Learning Outcomes for the MA/MSc programs was adopted on 7 July 2017. After that we endeavoured in data mining for the previous two academic years as well as inputting the results of the 2016/2017. We have concluded that: 1)In concentrations Management and Finance the EN group outperforms the MK group of students on most of the Learning Outcomes; 2)In concentration Marketing the Macedonian group outperforms the EN one on some Learning outcomes and the MK group outperforms the EN one on some Learning of 2018 to discuss the results and propose actions for change.
- For the part of external assessment, there were also new, piloted measurements deployed in Fall of 2017, therefore, there is only one data point at this time. The initial assessment is very positive.
- Regarding the Program Curriculum, substantial changes are not made, but in Fall of 2017, minor changes were conducted in both, undergraduate and graduate programs, including the development and implementation of new courses curriculum to fill the gaps and/or shortcomings and better align with program learning outcomes. Furthermore, what we expect is the changes will create more challenging learning environment that will give more innovative oriented mind –set, tools and techniques for students engagement and learning.
- Curriculum Changes and Introduction of New Courses <a href="Undergraduate students/">Undergraduate students/</a> Intro to Finance-This new course was included in the undergraduate curriculum of Marketing and Management concentration in response to the low scores in the assessment.

<u>Graduate MSc students /</u>Innovation Management and Creativity, Managing Family Businesses, Social Entrepreneurship, Digital Marketing, Event Marketing, Customer Relation Management and Investment Management

## Next step, closing the loop.

- In December of 2017, the new Dean leadership has carefully reviewed the whole assessment process and has determined that an improvement is needed in the processes of data collection, especially in the flow of data and proactive involvement of all stakeholders. Therefore, SBEM is tasked to work on the development and publishing an assessment process template or guide that will be assisting all stakeholders to understand and actively participate in the flow of data for the assessment. The process improvement has already started; please see the attached pre-draft Assessment and Organizational Plan that was recently developed and is going to be implemented in the Spring of 2018. The milestones included in the attached documents will fill the gaps in the current processes and ensure more meaningful and consistent data collection and assessment prior to the SBEM's reaccreditation in 2020.
- During the review, few shortcomings have been also recognized in the undergraduate learning outcomes and SBEM leadership has proposed their revision and restructuring in terms of their number, length and standardization.
- Furthermore, SBEM is also tasked to introduce the Peregrine exam for the undergraduate and graduate business programs as a comparative summative assessment tool and currently we are in the process of drafting and preparation.

# **PART V- Faculty and Staff Focus**

# Criterion 5.1 Human Resource Planning

The business unit will have a human resource plan that supports its strategic plan. In a brief statement here, explain your HR plan's relationship to your strategic goals.

**Table 5.1 UACS sessions 2016/2017** 

|                   | Date   | Advantage   | Total number of sessions/meetings |
|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| Joint<br>Sessions | 09/02/2016<br>07/10/2016<br>04/11/2016<br>03/02/2017<br>03/03/2017<br>07/04/2017<br>01/06/2017 | Creating a Learning organization  Overcoming Silo Vision  Establishment of cross Functional teams | 7+                                |

# **Criterion 5.2 Employment Practices**

# **Criterion 5.2.1**

The business programs must show how the composition of the full-time and part-time faculty (in terms of their practical experience and academic credentials) matches program objectives.

a. how the composition of your faculty provides for intellectual leadership relative to each program's objectives;

At UACS, courses and programs are designed to offer theoretical and practical knowledge that provides quality in the educational process.

Table 5.2 There is a balance between FT Faculty with a degree earned abroad and at home:

| 2016 15                             |                              |                   |                        |        |   |                         |                           |          |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 2016-17                             |                              |                   |                        |        |   |                         |                           |          |
| FULL-<br>TIME<br>FACULTY<br>MEMBERS | Year of initial appointm ent | Highest<br>Degree |                        | Earned | Assigned Teaching Discipline/s  | Prof.<br>Cert.          | Level of<br>Qualification | Tenure/  |
|                                     |                              | Type              | Discipline             |        |   |                         |                           | Contract |
| Marjan<br>Petreski                  | 2009                         | PhD               | Economics              | UK     | Monetary<br>Economics,<br>Statistics,<br>Internationa<br>I Money and<br>Finance |                         | AQ                        | С        |
| Ilijana<br>Petrovska                | 2009                         | PhD               | Economics              | MK     | Marketing   |                         | AQ                        | С        |
| Marjan<br>Bojadjiev                 | 2005                         | PhD               | Economics              | MK     | Leadership<br>and<br>Organizatio<br>nal Behavior                                | CMC,<br>Bank<br>License | AQ                        | T        |
| Venera<br>Krliu-<br>Handziski       | 2014                         | PhD               | Economics<br>Sociology | MK     | Sociology<br>and  |                         | AQ                        | Т        |

| Nikica<br>Mojsoska-<br>Blazhevsk<br>i | 2006 | PhD | Economics       | UK                   | Organizatio nal Behavior  Macro- and Microecono mics                  |                 | AQ | Т |
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| Tome<br>Nenovski                      | 2010 | PhD | Economics       | MK                   | Public<br>Finance,<br>Macroecono<br>mics,<br>Banking                  | Bank<br>License | AQ | T |
| Marija<br>Nacova<br>Andonova          | 2013 | MBA | Mathemati<br>cs | MK                   | Business<br>Mathematic<br>s,<br>Introduction<br>to Statistics         |                 | PQ | С |
| Dimitar<br>Kovachev<br>ski            | 2012 | PhD | Economics       | Montene<br>gro       |   |                 | AQ | С |
| Snezhana<br>Hristova                  | 2013 | PhD | Economics       | Netherla<br>nds / MK | Managemen<br>t,<br>Accounting,<br>Internationa<br>l<br>Managemen<br>t |                 | AQ | С |

| Ninko<br>Kostovski                           | 2005 | PhD | Economics                                     | Mk       | Managemen<br>t, MIS and<br>Accounting                            | AQ    | С |
|--|------|-----|---|----------|--|-------|---|
| Ana<br>Tomovska<br>-Misoska                  | 2009 | PhD | Psycholog<br>y                                | UK       | HRM,<br>Psychology,<br>Consumer<br>Behavior                      | AQ    | С |
| Elena<br>Bundales<br>ka                      | 2012 | PhD | Economics                                     | U.S. /MK | Contract<br>Law,<br>Business<br>Ethics                           | AQ    | С |
| Dusica<br>Stevchevs<br>ka-<br>Srbinovsk<br>a | 2017 | PhD | Finance<br>and<br>Financial<br>Manageme<br>nt | MK       | Accounting and Corporate Finance                                 | PQ/AQ | С |
| Miodraga<br>Stefanovs<br>ka-<br>Petkovska    | 2010 | PhD | Social<br>Sciences                            | MK       | Sociology,<br>Organizatio<br>nal Behavior<br>and EU<br>Economics | AQ    | С |
| Edi<br>Smokvars<br>ki                        | 2007 | MBA | Finance                                       | MK       | Corporate<br>Finance   | PQ    | С |

b. how the composition of your faculty provides for required depth and breadth of theory and practical knowledge to meet your student learning outcomes.

Considering the above, the composition of the faculty members is selected carefully in accordance with the UACS bylaws and HR Policy and foremost in accordance with each program learning outcomes. Theoretical and practical knowledge is transferred by providing sufficient number of professor in theory, and experts in the field for the practical knowledge transferred to the students.. Guest lecturers as well as field studies is encouraged in each course and practices at least once during the entirety of the course.

#### Criterion 5.2.2

In your institution's use of multiple delivery systems and/or your program's use of part-time (adjunct) faculty, your human resource management process must include policies for recruiting, training, observing, evaluating, and developing faculty for these delivery systems Explain or describe:

a. how you develop qualified full-time and part-time faculty members;

After the recruitment of a new Faculty at UACS, he/she is undergoing the process of learning and training.

- Induction: Socialization and training: There are *Socialization Seminars* organized, which also represents one of the preconditions for start the teaching process.
- Mentorship program at UACS: Each new teacher is assigned a mentor- teacher, who is working on the design of the syllabus, examination, grading structure, etc. UACS has several programs for training and orientation: (Explained in Table...)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table 5.3 Programs for training and DEVELOPMENT} \\ \end{tabular}$ 

| Socialization and Training Seminar          | At the beginning of each semester UACS organizes a seminar for induction of the new faculty. In addition to the new members of the UACS family, this seminar is available for all existing members of UACS who consider it useful. |
|---|--|
| Master and Doctoral Degrees for faculty and | UACS offers to all of its members a first, second  |
| administration                              | and third cycle education.   |
| Research Seminar Series – RSS               | Seminars designed to facilitate the process of research experience and the exchange of practical advices among faculty and to enable higher level of involvement of the faculty in research-related activities.                    |
| Other external trainings –                  | UACS supports external trainings related to the necessity for professional advancement of its members (in particular of administration)  |
| External Collaboration Events               | UACS supports participation in the events created by various partner universities, including but not limited to: RESITA NETWORK  |
| International Teaching Experiences          | Makedonka Dimitrova, MPPM delivered lectures at the Faculty of Bor, University of Belgrade, Serbia   |
|   | Makedonka Dimitrova, MPPM - Visiting professor<br>(Erasmus+ progamme) at GEA College of<br>Entrepreneurship, Slovenia  |

|   | Assoc. Prof.Ilijana Petrovska, PhD- Visiting professor at University Tor Vergata, Italy.  Assoc. Prof.Iijana Petrovska, PhD delivered lectures at Technical Faculty of Bor, University of Belgrade in Serbia.  Prof. Marjan Bojadjiev, PhD delivered lectures at University Tor Vergata, Italy.  Assoc. prof. Snezhana Hristova, PhD delivered lectures at University for tourism and management in Opatija, Croatia |
|---|--|
| Peer-to-Peer Feedback; Be a host" Program | Are a policies that faded away   |

# b. how you orient new faculty members to the program;

Socialization and Training Seminar – at the beginning of each semester UACS organizes a seminar for induction of the new faculty. In addition to the new members of the UACS family, this seminar is available for all existing members of UACS who consider it useful to renew or expand their own knowledge on bylaws, course content and conduct etc.

Active participation on the Faculty council meetings

- c. how you orient new faculty members to assigned course(s);
- d. how you provide opportunity for part-time and/or full-time faculty members to meet with others teaching the same courses;
- e. how you provide guidance and assistance for new faculty members in text selection, testing, grading, and teaching methods;

The points c, d and e and resolved in a similar manner

**Table 5.4 (c, d and e)** 

| The Role of             | Orientation, Counseling  |
|-------------------------|--|
| the Dean /<br>Vice Dean |  |
| Faculty                 | At the Faculty Councils all Faculty members are invited.   |
| Council and             | At the Faculty Councils all Faculty members are mivited.   |
| Department meetings     | The same is even more for department meetings (Marketing; Management, Finance)                   |
| Mentor                  | The Dean will assign formally or informally Mentors  |
| Protégé<br>Relations    | M-r Makedonka Dimitrova – her mentors were Marjan Bojadjiev,PhD and Krum Efremov,PhD.            |
|                         | M-r Vesna Kuzmanovik – her mentor was Ilijana Petrovska,PhD.                                     |
|                         | M-r Kristijan Petkovski – his mentors were Ilijana Petrovska,PhD and<br>Dimitar Kovachevski,MBA. |
|                         | M-r Dancho Gjorgjievski – his mentor was Ilijana Petrovska,PhD                                   |
| Shared                  | Marjan Petreski shared his experience as an international scholar at                             |
| Experiences             | University of Tokio  |
| Opportunity             | Importance on the course content, learning outcomes and delivery methods                         |
| consult with            | that are in accordance with UACS bylaws and practices are highly stressed.                       |
| a professor             |  |
| that teaches            |  |
| a course                |  |
| within the              |  |

| same       |  |  |
|------------|--|--|
| discipline |  |  |
|            |  |  |

# f. how you provide for course monitoring and evaluation.

The monitoring is of a twofold nature:

- During the course: Usually there will be a Faculty council that discusses the results, experiences etc.
- At the end of the course: Student evaluation as part of the 360 evaluation. Bell Curve Grading, Students evaluate the course and instructor teaching the course at the end of each course.

### Criterion 5.3. Faculty Qualifications, Workload, and Coverage

#### Criterion 5.3.1

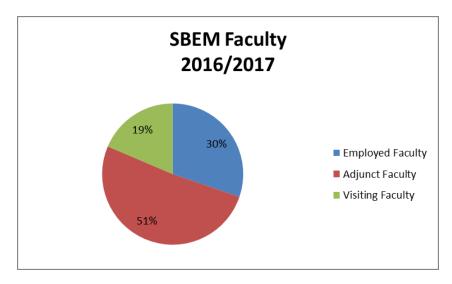
The composition of the faculty must include sufficient academic credentials and business or professional experience to ensure appropriate emphasis on both business theory and practice to meet program objectives.

The structure of the faculty contributes to steering creativity, critical reasoning and intellectual curiosity of the students. UACS applies the rule of 33:33:33 when it comes to teaching (for the English programs). This means that UACS strives to have:

- 1/3 of the curricula to be taught by academicians and professors with terminal degree in the area in order to provide students with solid theoretical knowledge which is an essential prerequisite for critical reasoning. In addition, these academicians are encouraged to research and publication activities which activates their creativity as well and this creativity we expect to be transferred to the students.
- 1/3 of the curricula to be taught by industry professionals which can relate the theoretical background to the country-specific industry context so students can develop a more critical eye on the current developing and idea s how to overcome potential obstacles
- 1/3 of the faculty to be internationally recognized experts or academicians who can provide to students a broader vision and insight on how problems are tackled in different countries and across different cultures. For the Macedonian teaching programs, the rule is 50:50. This implies that:
- $\frac{1}{2}$  of the curricula should be taught by academicians or researchers with highest terminal degree.

- ½ of the curricula should be taught by industry experts of professors of management practice.

**Graph 1. Composition of UACS SBEM faculty** 



#### Criterion 5.3.2.a

Document every full-time and part-time faculty member teaching courses in the business unit. A recent curriculum vitae (not more than two years old) for all business faculty should be provided and included as an appendix in the self-study report.

(Presented in Standard 5.2.1 Table 5.2 balance between FT Faculty with a degree earned abroad and at home)

# **Criterion 5.4 Faculty Deployment**

Faculty Deployment Criterion - Each school or program must deploy faculty resources among the disciplines, units, courses, departments, and major fields to ensure that every student attending classes (on or off campus, day or night, or online) will have an opportunity to receive instruction from an appropriate mix of the faculty to ensure consistent quality across programs and student groups. For each academic major offered, a school or program must provide sufficient academic leadership at each location where the program is offered to ensure effective service to students and other stakeholders

Table 5.4 Teaching Load per semester

| Faculty Member             | Undergradu<br>(Hours week |        | Graduate<br>(Course) |        |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
|                            | Fall                      | Spring | Fall                 | Spring |
| Ana Tomovska Misoska       | 9                         | 12     | 0                    | 2      |
| Elena Bundaleska           | 6.5                       | 9.5    | 1                    | 1      |
| Makedonka Dimitrova        | 10                        | 7      | 1.5                  | 2      |
| Marija Nacova              | 13                        | 11     | 0                    | 0      |
| Marjan Bojadjiev           | 0                         | 0      | 2                    | 1      |
| Marjan Petreski            | 5                         | 3      | 0                    | 1      |
| Nikica Mojsoska Blazhevski | 6                         | 6      | 1                    | 1      |
| Ninko Kostovski            | 11                        | 11     | 0                    | 0      |
| Snezhana Hristova          | 7                         | 16     | 0                    | 2      |
| Tome Nenovski              | 7                         | 6      | 1.5                  | 0      |

| Dushica Srbinovska Stefcevska | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1.5 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
|                               |   |   |   |     |

<u>Criterion 5.4.2.</u> The business unit must ensure that sufficient human resources are available at each location to provide leadership (including advising and administration) for each program and that assessment processes are in place to ensure that this leadership is being provided.

UACS has one location only.

#### Criterion 5.5 Faculty Size and Load

<u>Criterion 5.5 - Though other qualified individuals may participate in these functions, the faculty must play an essential role in each of the following: classroom teaching assignments, student advising and counseling activities, scholarly and professional activities, community and college service activities, administrative activities, business and industry interaction, special research programs and projects, thesis and dissertation supervision and direction, if applicable travel to off-campus locations and/or non-traditional teaching, if applicable.</u>

- a. how you determine the appropriate teaching load for your faculty members;
- UACS has a bylaw on Academic-Administrative Load (AAL) which regulates the number of contact-hours for undergraduate and graduate program, mentorships of bachelor and master thesis and thus like.
- With the AAL, UACS prescribes an expected number of contact-hours that professors should have with students and other
  activities.

Table 5.5 - Table for Faculty Load (2016/2017)

|                       | 2016/2017                                    |                                      |                         |          |                          |                                |  |  |                          |  |                              |  |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
|                       |  |                                      | Scholarly               | activiti | es                       |                                |  |  | Commu<br>nity<br>serivce | Members hips in professio nal Organizat ions | Adminis<br>trative<br>duties |  |
| Qual<br>ifica<br>tion | FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS (Name and Surname) | Hours<br>taught/<br>Academic<br>Year | Papers<br>Publishe<br>d | WoS      | Conference<br>s Attended | Traini ngs and works hops held | Trainin<br>gs and<br>Works<br>hops<br>Attend<br>ed | Profe<br>ssion<br>al<br>activi<br>ties |                          |  |                              | Travel<br>to Off-<br>Campus<br>Locatio<br>ns |
| PhD                   | Marjan Petreski                              | 3.61                                 | 8                       | 3        | 3                        | 3                              |  | /                                      |                          | yes  | yes                          | /  |
| PhD                   | Ilijana Petrovska                            | 8.48                                 | 3                       | 1        | 1                        |                                |  | /                                      | yes                      | yes  | yes                          | yes  |
| PhD                   | Marjan I . Bojadjiev                         | 1.57                                 | 7                       | 2        | /                        |                                |  | /                                      | yes                      | yes  | yes                          | yes  |
| PhD                   | Nikica Mojsoska<br>Blazevski                 | 3.52                                 | 8                       | 2        | 2                        |                                |  | yes                                    | yes                      | yes  | yes                          | yes  |
| PhD                   | Tome Nenoski                                 | 4.5                                  | 6                       | 1        | 1                        |                                |  | yes                                    | /                        | yes  | /                            |  |
| MBA                   | Marija Nacova<br>Andonova                    | 8.97                                 | 0                       | /        | /                        |                                |  |  |                          |  |                              |  |
| PhD                   | Snezhana Hristova                            | 9.13                                 | 2                       | /        | /                        |                                |  |  |                          | yes  | yes                          | yes  |
| PhD                   | Ninko Kostovski                              | 8.74                                 | 6                       | /        | /                        |                                |  | yes                                    | yes                      | yes  |                              | /  |
| PhD                   | Ana Tomovska<br>Misoska                      | 7.57                                 | 4                       | 1        | 1                        |                                |  | /                                      | /                        | yes  | yes                          | /  |

| PhD | Elena Bundaleska | 5.6 | 3 | / | 1 |  | / | / | / | yes | / | l |
|-----|------------------|-----|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
|     |                  |     |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |     | l |   |

- The Bylaw is based on the experiences of similar and highly recognized international universities as well as on the compulsory criteria of the international accreditations UACS obtained.
- If a professor is also assuming an administrative position (such as Department head, vice-dean, dean..) their teaching and research load is reduced in order to provide sufficient time for the other duties.
  - b. how you demonstrate that the faculty and staff are of sufficient number to ensure performance of the above nine functions;

**Table 5.5.2 Students / Faculty Ratio** 

| SBEM Students/Faculty Ratio |   |       |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 2016/2017                   | School of Business Economics and Management | 7.153 |  |  |  |  |

# c. the institutional policy that determines the normal teaching load of a full-time faculty member;

UACS has a bylaw on Academic-Administrative Load (AAL) which regulates the number of contact-hours for undergraduate and graduate program, mentorships of bachelor and master thesis and thus like, as explained above in 5.5.1.a .

d. how the combination of teaching and other responsibilities for full- and part-time faculty members is consistent with fulfilling all nine functions effectively;

The above mentioned AAL policy as well as its implementation proves that the UACS faculty do have enough time to fulfill their functions effectively, as it can be seen in Table 5.6.

- e. how your part-time faculty members participate in these essential functions.
- The part-time faculties participate on the Faculty Council al Meetings of the schools where they teach and through these meetings they are actively involved in the process of defining their workload corresponding to their daily activities and to student's demands.
- Part-time faculties are actively involved in curricula development because UACS believes that their contribution as industry
  experts is very important.

#### Criterion 5.5.2

A faculty member who is extensively engaged beyond what is normally expected in any one of the nine functions (e.g., one who teaches graduate level courses, has significant administrative duties, directs multiple graduate theses and/or dissertations, or is engaged in extensive approved research) should have an appropriate reduction in other professional responsibilities. Explain your institution's policies with respect to the granting of release time for faculty members performing the sorts of exceptional duties

The plan for the workload of the professors which corresponds to qualifications is prepared before the beginning of the academic year. Deans have reduced load, i.e. Deans should have not more than 9 hours teaching load weekly.

# **Criterion 5.6 Faculty Evaluation**

Each program must have a formal system of faculty evaluation for use in personnel decisions, such as the awarding of tenure and/or promotion, as well as retention. This system must also provide processes for continuous improvement of instruction through formative evaluations. This standard requires justification of personnel decisions based on the mission of the programs. The actual system of annual evaluation is within the jurisdiction of the individual school or program. The system of evaluation must provide for some measurement of instructional performance and should consider related areas as appropriate, not limited to these topics:

# Criterion 5.6.1. a,b,c,d,e

# a. how you monitor/evaluate your faculty's teaching

The 360 degree evaluation adopted at UACS in 2011, aims at assisting each member of the UACS family develop and progress, improve the work of the instructors and administrative staff at the University American College Skopje. The purpose of the evaluation is to provide:

• proper and on-time feedback to all members of the UACS family;

- to provide adequate appraisal of each individuals as well as groups of UACS;
- to differentiate between those who have distinguished results and those who have less distinguished results;
- adequately to award those who have outstanding results (as individuals or groups);
- to provide feedback information to those who do not have outstanding results in the areas where improvement is warm welcomed and would be appropriate;
- to provide inputs for professional development for next year;
- to provide the distinguished achievers with accelerating career growth according to the AAL policy;
- to provide adequate feedback from all stakeholders in the process of delivery of services, including but not limited to: students, faculty members, relevant members of the administration, deans, Rector and others;
- to mark the underperformance, thus enabling the organization to have a sustainable permanent growth.

The Evaluation by students is considered to be one of the key pillars of the 360 evaluation. The Evaluation by students is conducted at least once per semester, usually the last teaching class.

### b. how you monitor/evaluate your faculty's student advising and counseling

- Faculty's student advising and counseling is carried out constantly and there is no specific and strict procedure for doing so.
- UACS has embodied a culture where students are enabled to communicate with each professor freely and attend individual meetings during allotted office hours.
- Each School at UACS during its faculty meetings discusses issues which are related with offering advising and counseling to the students.
- If issues are at place and needs attention they are discussed as solved during these meeting where if necessary students are present as well.
- Another procedure which is taking place and it is used for advising and counseling is the Quality Circle process in which students take active participation by engaging themselves in special meetings with the Deans of the UACS School, on which they discuss their potential issues and problems they have during their studies.
- Students are always advised to follow the Grievance policy and communicate with the Grievance officer in case they have issues with any aspect of their studies.

# c. how you monitor/evaluate your faculty's scholarly, professional, and service activities (see glossary of terms for scholarly activities).

• At UACS, in 2011 a Committee for science and research has been formed, with the scope to monitor the faculty development in the area of scientific and research work.

- Part of the 360 Evaluation is also an evaluation performed on the basis of faculty results in one academic year. The Evaluation is conducted by the appointed Vice Rector for research once a year, usually at the beginning of the new academic year, and a report is compiled with all research and scholarly work for the faculty of each school.
- In reference to the professional and service activities, UACS monitors the progress of the faculty members by their professional development plan and report and through the organization of several professional development seminars throughout one academic year. These activities are also reported in the AAL.

# g. how your faculty and staff demonstrate and promote a student focus.

Every year, UACS rewards members with strong commitment to professional development to attend a training by the European Foundation for Entrepreneurial Research (EFER) in order to get introduced with this method of teaching and then to exchange their knowledge with the other UACS members.

**Table 5.6.2 Faculty engagement examples** 

| EFER | PTA – best | Makedonka                  | Climbing Mont | Resita Net Summer |
|------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| UACS | projects   | Dimitrova,                 | Everest       | School            |
|      |            | MPPM- Start -<br>up - week | simulation    |                   |

- h. how your compensation and recognition approaches for individuals and groups, including faculty and staff, reinforce the overall work system, student performance, and learning objectives.
- UACS bylaw on Academic-Administrative Load (AAL) and 360 Evaluation are matched after each academic year in order to compare results and performances especially in what concerns teaching activities and the level of satisfaction expressed by the students in the evaluation questionnaires.
- After the performed 360 Evaluations, scores are prepared for each faculty members and according to the results the faculty members with the best scores are rewarded by giving them explicit recognition of their great performance and hard work.
- This is seen as great incentive and motivation for the other colleagues for the upcoming academic year. The recognition activities range from increase of salaries, through paid memberships in professional organizations, journals, paid participation in conferences, etc.

# i. how you improve your faculty/staff evaluation system.

- The evaluation system in place at UACS is improved through reviewing process at the end of each year, taking into consideration the performances and results in the previous academic year.
- Suggestions from both academic and administrative staff is taken into consideration in regard to the policy itself, the questionnaires used, the assigned weights etc.

Criterion 5.7 Faculty and Staff Operational Procedures, Policies and Practices and Development

#### Criterion 5.7.1

Each institution (school or program) must have a written system of procedures, policies, and practices for the management and development of faculty members. Written information on all of these must be available to faculty and staff members.

- All UACS bylaws, procedures and decisions concerning the overall work of the university in general, and at Schools 'level in specific are placed in an organize system as electronic database. All bylaws, procedures and decisions as well as policies are available internally to all faculty members and administration for consultation, through their designated electronic accounts connected with their email addresses.
- Bylaws, procedures and policies are improved and revised on ad-hoc basis, depending on a situation at hand, following strictly new laws and amendments in the country. If there is a need of a revision of UACS act, meetings are held as well as open forums are organized where all faculty members can express their comments and concerns and propose amendments and text if necessary.
- UACS bylaws are available at the following link <u>UACS Bylaws</u>.

# Criterion 5.7.2

Each business program must provide an opportunity for faculty and staff development consistent with faculty, staff, and institutional needs and expectations. Part-time faculty members should participate in appropriate faculty development activities. Please describe or explain:

# a. how you determine faculty and staff development needs;

- Each faculty member has the freedom to choose a track in which they desire to develop and progress (research, academic or administrative).
- The academic advancement is related to fulfillment of specific criteria stipulated in the Higher Education Act of the Republic of Macedonia (e.g. the official title and number of publications, which determine the academic level/title and the amount of classes

per week), while the other two tracks are not directly related to national legislation, but are defined at UACS level.

- b. whether the faculty and staff development process employs activities, such as sabbaticals, leaves of absence, grants, provision for student assistants, travel, clerical, and research support, etc.
- The paid leave and sabbaticals of the faculty or the administration are set out in the Bylaw on the Academic-Administrative Load of UACS.
- A faculty can take a semester off to finalize their doctoral thesis or up to one month off to finalize a master thesis.
- Sabbaticals are also possible on the simple grounds that the absence is planned well in advance, so that a suitable replacement for the particular faculty member is found before the commencement of the classes.
- Funding and grants for research, business trips to attend conferences or seminars etc. are set out in the Scientific and Research Activity Act.

| Professor                             | Sabbatical   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Prof. Nikica Mojsoska Blazhevski, PhD | London School of Economics and<br>Political Science' Institute on South-<br>Eastern Europe (LSEE) – 3 months |
| Assoc. Prof. Ana Tomovska Misoska     | Belfast (UK) – 05.06.2017 –<br>08.08.2017 Queen's University<br>Belfast                                      |

# Criteria 5.8 Scholarly and Professional Activities

### • **Criterion 5.8.1**

Faculty members must be actively involved in professional activities that will enhance the depth and scope of their knowledge and that of their disciplines, as well as the effectiveness of their teaching.

• The institution must demonstrate a reasonable balance of scholarly and professional activities by the faculty as a whole, consistent

Has been reported in <u>Table 5.6.</u>

# PART VI - Educational and Business Process Management (METRIX REPORT)

#### Criterion 6.1.1

Educational programs must describe and explain approaches to the design of educational programs and offerings, its method(s) of making curricular changes related to the school's or program's mission statement and strategic plan, and its use of student and stakeholder input in these processes.

UACS has tried to get input from the Business Council on the Curricula development, but without significant results. Amendments on the Curricula design are a result of the discussions on the faculty Council and Rector's Board

### Criterion 6.1.2

Degree Program Delivery Describe the degree program delivery for each degree program. To fulfill this criterion, you must provide the following information:

- a) the length of time that it takes for a full-time student to complete the degree (both as cataloged and actually, on-average);
- The minimum time for the student to obtain a degree is three (3) years, if he/she timely pass all exams.
- During the studies, the student should pass the 6 semesters in order to graduate.
- UACS offers undergraduate studies with duration of 3 years, during which the student acquires a minimum of 180 ECTS and a degree title in the specified field.
- The Graduate studies offer the possibility of acquiring the title Specialist or Master in the specified academic field.
- The specialization studies last 1 year and the student obtains 240 ECTS, which is equivalent to U.S. Bachelor.
- The Master's degree lasts for 2 years, and the student obtains 300 ECTS.
- UACS employs the European model of continuous education. This includes an accelerated baccalaureate degree program as well as extended studies at the graduate level.
- The programs for undergraduate and graduate levels are designed to be completed in 3+1+1 years, with the full option of transferring credits from other accredited institutions.

b) the number of contact (coverage hours or equivalent) hours required to earn three (3) semester hours (four (4) quarter hours) of credit or equivalent; and

While taking courses, students earn academic credits: the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) suggest 25 hours of learning time per academic credit. Usually, the basic and intermediary courses carry 6 ECTS, and advanced courses 8 ECTS.

c) if your unit confers nontraditional degrees, such as accelerated, competency based, executive, etc., specially designed to meet the needs of specific stakeholders other than traditional college students, etc., describe how

Currently at the University American College such types of non-traditional programs are not offered.

Criterion 6.1.7.

Report and explain your methods and processes for program evaluation.

School of Business Economics and Management (Undergraduate Program-ENG)

| Description                                |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |     |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----|
|  | 2009-  | 2010-  | 2011-  | 2012-  | 2013-  | 2014- | 2015- | 2016-  |     |
|  | 10     | 11     | 12     | 13     | 14     | 15    | 16    | 17     |     |
| Number of students that enrolled in 1 year | 56     | 65     | 64     | 56     | 39     | 31    | 41    | 43     |     |
| Number of students that enrolled in 2 year | 48     | 54     | 56     | 50     | 35     | 20    | 30    | 33     |     |
| Progress rate from 1 to 2 year             | 85.71% | 83.08% | 87.50% | 89.29% | 89.74% | 64.52 | 73.17 | 76.74% | 5.2 |
|  |        |        |        |        |        | %     | %     |        |     |
| Number of students that enrolled in 3 year | 46     | 51     | 54     | 47     | 33     | 17    | 25    | 0      |     |
| Progress rate from 2 to 3 year             | 95.83% | 94.44% | 96.43% | 94.00% | 94.29% | 85.00 | 83.33 | 0.00%  | 5.2 |
|  |        |        |        |        |        | %     | %     |        |     |

| Average GPA for 1 year                       | 2.55   | 2.64   | 2.64   | 2.40   | 2.61   | 2.36       | 2.31       | 2.57   | 4.1 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|-----|
| Average GPA for 2 year                       | 2.64   | 2.79   | 2.57   | 2.57   | 2.38   | 2.81       | 2.55       |        | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for 3 year                       | 2.55   | 2.52   | 2.52   | 2.50   | 2.65   | 2.68       |            |        | 4.1 |
| Number of students under special conditions  | 5      | 14     | 7      | 13     | 4      | 12         | 11         | 0      |     |
| Rate of students under special conditions    | 10.87% | 27.45% | 12.96% | 27.66% | 12.12% | 70.59<br>% | 44.00<br>% | 0.00%  | 4.3 |
| Number of students at rest                   | 3      | 1      | 0      | 1      | 0      | 0          | 0          | 2      |     |
| Rate of students at rest                     | 6.52%  | 1.96%  | 0.00%  | 2.13%  | 0.00%  | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%  | 5.4 |
| Number of canceled students                  | 4      | 8      | 5      | 6      | 3      | 6          | 2          | 1      |     |
| Retention students degree                    | 92.86% | 87.69% | 92.19% | 89.29% | 92.31% | 80.65<br>% | 95.12<br>% | 97.67% | 5.1 |
| Rate of canceled students                    | 7.14%  | 12.31% | 7.81%  | 10.71% | 7.69%  | 19.35<br>% | 4.88%      | 2.33%  | 5.3 |
| Number of students that graduate in 3 year   | 32     | 35     | 41     | 36     | 22     | 13         | 0          | 0      |     |
| Number of students that graduate in 4 year   | 2      | 6      | 9      | 2      | 3      | 0          | 0          | 0      |     |
| Number of students that graduate in 5 year   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0          | 0          | 0      |     |
| Number of students that graduate in + 6 year | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0          | 0          | 0      |     |
| Avarage time for graduating                  | 3.11   | 3.19   | 3.22   | 3.05   | 3.12   | 3.00       | 0.00       | 0.00   | 6.1 |

| Rate of students who graduated on time         | 57.14% | 53.85% | 64.06% | 64.29% | 56.41% | 41.94 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 6.2 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
|  |        |        |        |        |        | %     |       |       |     |
|  |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |     |
| Rate of students who do not graduated on time  | 5.36%  | 10.77% | 15.63% | 3.57%  | 7.69%  | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 4.1 |
| Rate of graduated students                     | 62.50% | 64.62% | 79.69% | 67.86% | 64.10% | 41.94 | 0.00% | 0.00% | 6.3 |
|  |        |        |        |        |        | %     |       |       |     |
| Average GPA for graduated students in 3 years  | 2.84   | 3.08   | 2.81   | 2.69   | 2.77   | 2.90  |       |       | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for graduated students in 4 years  | 1.96   | 1.75   | 2.14   | 2.04   | 1.95   |       |       |       | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for graduated students in 5 years  | 2.33   | 2.15   | 1.70   |        |        |       |       |       | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for graduated students in +6 years |        |        |        |        | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 4.1 |

# School of Business Economics and Management (Undergraduate program-MKD)

| Description                                 |            |         |        |        |        |            |        |        |     |
|---|------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|-----|
|   | 2009-      | 2010-11 | 2011-  | 2012-  | 2013-  | 2014-      | 2015-  | 2016-  |     |
|   | 10         |         | 12     | 13     | 14     | 15         | 16     | 17     |     |
| Number of students that enrolled in 1 year  | 92         | 62      | 52     | 48     | 29     | 45         | 24     | 20     |     |
| Number of students that enrolled in 2 year  | 80         | 54      | 44     | 37     | 21     | 30         | 16     | 15     |     |
| Progress rate from 1 to 2 year              | 86.96<br>% | 87.10%  | 84.62% | 77.08% | 72.41% | 66.67<br>% | 66.67% | 75.00% | 5.2 |
|   | %          |         |        |        |        | %          |        |        |     |
| Number of students that enrolled in 3 year  | 73         | 49      | 35     | 36     | 21     | 28         | 16     | 0      |     |
| Progress rate from 2 to 3 year              | 91.25      | 90.74%  | 79.55% | 97.30% | 100.00 | 93.33      | 100.00 | 0.00%  | 5.2 |
|   | %          |         |        |        | %      | %          | %      |        |     |
| Average GPA for 1 year                      | 2.16       | 2.21    | 2.06   | 2.28   | 2.14   | 2.02       | 2.36   | 2.30   | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for 2 year                      | 2.28       | 2.34    | 2.18   | 2.64   | 2.26   | 2.54       | 2.73   |        | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for 3 year                      | 2.09       | 2.14    | 2.26   | 2.37   | 2.23   | 2.49       | 1.94   |        | 4.1 |
| Number of students under special conditions | 27         | 18      | 16     | 19     | 8      | 18         | 6      | 0      |     |
| Rate of students under special conditions   | 36.99      | 36.73%  | 45.71% | 52.78% | 38.10% | 64.29      | 37.50% | 0.00%  | 4.3 |
|   | %          |         |        |        |        | %          |        |        |     |
| Number of students at rest                  | 4          | 3       | 2      | 1      | 1      | 1          | 0      | 0      |     |
| Rate of students at rest                    | 5.48%      | 6.12%   | 5.71%  | 2.78%  | 4.76%  | 3.57%      | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 5.4 |

| Number of canceled students                    | 7          | 6      | 7      | 9      | 5      | 7          | 6      | 1      |     |
|--|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|-----|
| Retention students Degree                      | 92.39      | 90.32% | 86.54% | 81.25% | 82.76% | 84.44      | 75.00% | 95.00% | 5.1 |
| Rate of canceled students                      | 7.61%      | 9.68%  | 13.46% | 18.75% | 17.24% | 15.56<br>% | 25.00% | 5.00%  | 5.3 |
| Number of students that graduate in 3 year     | 43         | 32     | 26     | 28     | 13     | 15         | 0      | 0      |     |
| Number of students that graduate in 4 year     | 11         | 6      | 4      | 2      | 2      | 4          | 0      | 0      |     |
| Number of students that graduate in 5 year     | 4          | 3      | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 0      |     |
| Number of students that graduate in +6 year    | 4          | 3      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0          | 0      | 0      |     |
| Avarage time for graduating                    | 3.50       | 3.48   | 3.19   | 3.07   | 0      | 0          | 0      |        | 6.1 |
| Rate of students who graduated on time         | 46.74<br>% | 51.61% | 50.00% | 58.33% | 44.83% | 33.33      | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 6.2 |
| Rate of students who do not graduated on time  | 20.65      | 19.35% | 9.62%  | 4.17%  | 6.90%  | 8.89%      | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 4.1 |
| Rate of graduated students                     | 67.39<br>% | 70.97% | 59.62% | 62.50% | 51.72% | 42.22<br>% | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 6.3 |
| Average GPA for graduated students in 3 years  | 2.53       | 2.49   | 2.32   | 2.62   | 2.47   | 2.83       |        |        | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for graduated students in 4 years  | 1.95       | 1.93   | 2.02   | 1.85   | 1.67   | 1.79       |        |        | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for graduated students in 5 years  | 1.70       | 1.77   | 1.73   |        |        |            |        |        | 4.1 |
| Average GPA for graduated students in +6 years | 1.81       | 1.82   |        |        |        | 0          | 0      | 0      | 4.1 |

# School of Business Economics and Management (Graduate Program)

|  | 2012-         | 2013-         | 2014-         | 2015-         | 2016-         |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| MA English 3+1 - Specialization            | 2013          | 2014          | 2015          | 2016          | 2017          |
| Enrolments in year 1                       | 1             | 8             | 2             | 4             | /             |
| Number of progressing to year 2            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 1 | 3.10          | 3.11          | 3.58          | 2.92          |               |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 2 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of graduated                        | 1             | 3             | 1             |               |               |
| Number of students who passed all exams    |               | 3             | 1             | 1             |               |
| MA English 3+2                             | 2012-<br>2013 | 2013-<br>2014 | 2014-<br>2015 | 2015-<br>2016 | 2016-<br>2017 |
| Enrolments in year 1                       | 2013          | 34            | 28            | 33            | 25            |
| Number of progressing to year 2            | 23            | 26            | 18            | 28            | 20            |
| ,  | +             |               |               |               |               |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 1 | 2.79          | 2.92          | 2.87          | 2.98          | 3.07          |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 2 | 2.98          | 3.10          | 2.75          | 3.08          | 3.19          |
| Number of graduated                        | 5             | 0             | 1             |               |               |
| Number of students who passed all exams    | 10            | 19            | 13            | 23            | 2             |
| MA English 4+1                             | 2012-<br>2013 | 2013-<br>2014 | 2014-<br>2015 | 2015-<br>2016 | 2016-<br>2017 |
| Enrolments in year 1                       | 5             | 2             | 4             | 3             | 3             |
| Number of progressing to year 2            |               |               |               |               |               |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 1 | 3.58          | 2.81          | 3.27          | 2.73          | 2.86          |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 2 |               |               |               |               |               |
| Number of graduated                        | 1             | 1             |               |               |               |
| Number of students who passed all exams    | 3             | 1             | 3             | 1             |               |
|  | 2012-         | 2013-         | 2014-         | 2015-         | 2016-         |
| MBA 4+1                                    | 2013          | 2014          | 2015          | 2016          | 2017          |
| Enrolments in year 1                       | 13            | 19            | 14            | 16            | 9             |

| Number of progressing to year 2            |      |      |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 1 | 3.35 | 3.26 | 3.26 | 2.87 | 3.16 |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 2 |      |      |      |      |      |
| Number of graduated                        | 6    | 0    | 5    |      | 1    |
| Number of students who passed all exams    | 5    | 15   | 7    | 7    | 2    |

|  | 2012- | 2013- | 2014- | 2015- | 2016- |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| MA- Mk 3+1 - Specialization                | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  |
| Enrolments in year 1                       | 1     | 1     | 6     | 2     | 3     |
| Number of progressing to year 2            |       |       |       |       |       |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 1 | 2.53  | 3.09  | 2.71  | 2.76  | 3.21  |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 2 |       |       |       |       |       |
| Number of graduated                        | 1     |       | 1     | 1     |       |
| Number of students who passed all exams    |       | 1     | 1     |       |       |
|  | 2012- | 2013- | 2014- | 2015- | 2016- |
| MA-MK 3+2                                  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  |
| Enrolments in year 1                       | 18    | 20    | 20    | 14    | 14    |
| Number of progressing to year 2            | 12    | 8     | 10    | 12    | 13    |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 1 | 2.74  | 2.69  | 2.34  | 2.54  | 2.83  |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 2 | 2.82  | 2.55  | 2.5   | 2.83  | 2.95  |
| Number of graduated                        | 0     | 1     | 1     | 2     |       |
| Number of students who passed all exams    | 8     | 14    | 9     | 8     |       |
|  | 2012- | 2013- | 2014- | 2015- | 2016- |
| MA-MK 4+1                                  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  |
| Enrolments in year 1                       | 3     | 8     | 4     | 2     | 1     |
| Number of progressing to year 2            |       |       |       |       |       |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 1 | 2.27  | 2.93  | 3.05  | 3.47  | 3.93  |
| Average GPA per pass exam - entered year 2 |       |       |       |       |       |
| Number of graduated                        | 0     | 0     | 1     |       |       |
| Number of students who passed all exams    | 0     | 6     | 2     | 1     |       |

# Criterion 6.2.1

Education Support Processes Business programs should describe its use of education support processes (counseling, advising, placement, tutorial, computer facilities, equipment, classrooms, office space, and libraries) and explain how they are designed, managed, and improved, including those at all educational locations and on the Internet. In addressing Criterion 6.2.1, present both a brief narrative and a table such as Figure 6.9. a. how you ensure that education support processes are performing effectively; b. how the following types of information are used to evaluate your support processes: 1. feedback from students, stakeholders, faculty members and staff 2. benchmarking 3. peer evaluations and 4. data from observations and measurements

|          | Usage Rates  | Success Rates  | Student and Stakeholder Feedback   |
|----------|--|--|--|
| Advising | All students are familiar with advising services. Besides Faculty, Student Records Office (SRO), and Academic advisors (from 2017) are in place for advising services.  100% of students were advised by SRO(data kept in their evidence files);  80% of Faculty have done advising, 38% of Faculty spend on average of 3 hours per week for advising; | that the advisors helped them a lot with their advising and 39.6% "Slightly Agree".  Across all advisors, students state that advisors helped them in student academic progress and Improving the study skills and habits the most (45% and 43%). In particular, SRO helped students with advising in student's academic progress and dropping/adding courses most (45% and 40%), while Faculty contributed mostly in improving the study skills and finding tutorial assistance(88% and 25%). | 2016-17 Students Advising Survey (2nd and 3rd year of students), see figure 4 in the attached Evidence file.  2016-17 Faculty Advising Survey, see figure 5 in the attached Evidence file. |

| Tutoring                         | All students are familiar with Tutorial help. The SBEM has a Tutoring Assistance Student Club (TASC), maintained by Tutoring Officer (student) and Academic Coordinator, who assist in assigning tutors to students and track the usage and success rates. | 44% increase in the hours of tutoring from 2015/16 to 2016/17. 78% of students that had experienced tutorial help have passed successfully on the exams.  | TASC Report, see figure 9, in the attached Evidence file.   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Counseling                       | Career Center provide guidance to all students mainly in career development, job search and placement, internships and hosting networking events. https://mailchi.mp/755101409e1d/new-job-opportunities-for-uacs-students-and-alumni                       | Across all topics that cover Career center services, Job placement and Continuing education after graduation are with outmost satisfaction (28% and 19%).  The participation of students in Career Events is low, when it not mandatory.  Start-Up week | Student Feedback Survey 2016/17, see figure 3 in the attached Evidence file.  Career Center data observations and sign ups. |
| Faculty Facilities and Equipment | 100% Full-time professors have their own co –shared offices and individual computers. Part-time professors have joint-office with computer facilities.   | 100%  | The feedback is very positive.  |
| International<br>Office          | 12% of SBEM undergraduate and graduate students participate in the international student exchange through ERASMUS and CEEPUS networks.   | Increasing trend over the years, both for outgoing and incoming students.   | See figure 10,in the attached Evidence file. The feedback from students is very positive.                                   |

| Library                | 100%  | 80% of served students agreed that were very satisfied with library services. Increasing trend over the years, especially after the renovations were made. | Data kept form student survey and observations of the frequency of use. See figure 11, in the attached Evidence file. |
|------------------------|---|--|---|
| Computer<br>Facilities | 100% The usage of the Computer Lab for SBEM is very high because it is used for classes. There are other campus- wide computer devices and these are used mainly during the midday. | Not data, but overall high satisfaction from the delivery of labbased courses.   | Outside of classes, not many students use computer facilities because there is wireless throughout the whole campus.  |

### Criterion 6.3.4.

Academic Policies for Probation, Suspension, and Readmitting of students will be clearly stated. Describe the academic policies used by the business unit for placing students on probation, for suspending students, and for readmitting students who were suspended.

Students are expected to behave in a good manner, to comply with bylaws and ethical standards. They are regulated with:

- Discussion with student
- Propose that Rector issues a Written warning
- Suspension of the Rector of 90 calendar days
- Suspension and punitive measures are accepted when student: written plagiarism, has not respected the norms of university etc.

#### **Students on Probation**

Probation Officer is obliged to submit a list of students who are below 1.67 GBP for those students undertook series activities:

- Determination of tutors
- Determination of assistants who will hold additional lectures
- Passing the courses in summer semester

#### Criterion 6.3.5.

Academic Policies for Recruiting, Admitting, and Retaining Students will be clearly stated. Describe the academic policies used by the business unit for recruiting students; admitting students; and retaining students.

Academic policy for student's admission is regulated by the HEA. UACS enrolls students who have completed secondary education. For international students a verification of their degree is required from the ministry. Enrollment is based on Open Call. UACS does not discriminate based ion nationality, ethnicity, age, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Academic for policy for recruitment are based on strong ethical standards. UACS has a policy of clearly stating its: tuition, international collaboration, accreditation and thus like. UACS does not engage in "aggressive advertisement and sales practices"

UACS does not have a SPECIAL POLICY ON STUDENT RETENTION. We believe that our quality is the best retention policy.

Communication strategy is based on: video and audio clips (link). Printed adds (link to drive) internet campaign and educational fairs

#### Criterion 6.3.6.

Results of Enrollment Management will be reported. Summarize results for enrollment management not reported elsewhere in the report. You could include measures/indicators that reflect effectiveness in areas such as student retention, graduation rates, recruitment, and relationships with suppliers of students. The use of graphs, such as Figure 6.12, is encouraged.

- Enrollment is decreasing due to external factors
- Recruitment management for Undergraduate programs has experienced some changes that have eventually brought positive effects.
- Introduction of PROMO CODE Offering quantitative easing for student's cohorts

Recruitment for graduate and part time, has been conducted via:

- Circular Letter to Embassies
- Presentation for Master studies
- Circular Letter to Business Council

#### Criterion 6.3.7

Improvement in Enrollment Management will be pursued on a continuous basis. Explain how you improve the enrollment management processes and how the improvements are deployed across the organization.

The projects for students enrollment is immediately shared within organization or even sometimes before the process if the UACS staff is part of the process. Direct e-mail communication is usually used to inform about the news, and direct presentation and meetings with the staff.

### There some additional activities planned if the enrolment process is very low:

- More direct communication with Companies from the Business Council and new companies in the country.
- More direct communication with High Schools of the whole country.
- Seasonal offer for new students
- Inviting High schools students to participate on an event where they can get informed more about: successful UACS student project, scholarship, employment successes etc
- Printed brochures and new promotional materials for prospective students.

# PART VII - Research Work and Publishing

#### Criteria 7.1.1

Does the University offer assistance in research activities and the publication of papers - formal and informal? Please elaborate.

UACS offers academic assistance for application and participation in international conferences, training, writing and publishing papers in international journals. The Committee, in cooperation with the Commission for Funding Research Activities (CFRA), provides financial support for participation in conferences and for publishing papers.

#### Criteria 7.1.2

In what way the research activities of the University are monitored and evaluated?

Faculty must publish research in international peer-reviewed journals, as well present ongoing research work at international conferences.

The research activities of the faculty are valued equally as their activity as lecturers. Schools promote research spirit by active participation in the Teach & Research Seminar Series (TRSS), presented experience from a methodological seminar, conference, workshop and the other.

TRSS are also used by the management to inform the faculty for new research bylaws, as well for the changes within the current one, as well to promote the research culture university-wide. Also, a small fund at the university level is available for project development, and applying for research grants is encouraged.

# Criteria 7.1

How do you determine appropriate distribution of research activities and publishing?

The Research Committee is responsible for the distribution of research activities. Dissemination of information is performed by each member of the committee, where by each member is responsible for his/her school. It ensures uniform distribution of research activities and publishing.

#### Criteria 7.2.

Please provide a list of books, papers, conferences, publications, monographs and textbooks published at UACS in the last academic year.

# **List of books published at SBEM**

#### Marjan Petreski

- 1. Mojsoska-Blazevski, N., Petreski, M. and Ayhan, O. (2017) National Research on Low Female Labor-Market Participation in Macedonia: Quantitative-based Estimates from a New Survey. Skopje: UN Women.
- 2. Petreski, M. and Petreski, B. eds. (2016) Migration as Social Protection: Evidence from Macedonian, Albanian and Serbian Remittance-receiving Households. Lambert Academic Publishing.

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- 2. Mojsoska-Blazevski, N. and Bartlett, W. (2016) From University to Employment: Higher Education Provision and Labour Market Needs in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture.

# Criteria 7.3.1

Please provide a number and make a list of all papers published in international journals and presented at international conferences.

# Ana Tomovska Misoska

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### **Aneta Krstevska**

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# Filip Ivanovski

- 1. Zoran Sapuric, Mihail Kochubovski, Dame Dimitrovski, Filip Ivanovski, Future Potentials of Regional Landfill DRISLA in Skopje. Journal of Environment Protection and Ecology (JEPE) 18, No2, p.597-604, June 2017, ISSN 1311-5065
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- 3. Filip Ivanovski, Zoran Sapuric, Dame Dimitrovski, Functionality of Packaging Waste Management System in FYR Macedonia, Journal of Environment Protection and Ecology (JEPE) 17, No3, p.1029-1036, November 2016, ISSN,1311-5065
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# Ilijana Petrovska

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# **Marjan Bojadjiev**

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