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Professor Mary Koutselini,  
CYQAA President,  
Nicosia

Date: October 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Professor Koutselini,

Thank you for your preliminary review of the program of study "*Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Animation and Illustration*", which will be offered by The Cyprus Academy of Arts via franchise method, in collaboration with The University of the Creative Arts, UK.

Please see our answers to your questions below:

1. Under Part A, the Document 1 B for paragraph 4.1 has no signature. It is a letter from The University of the Creative Arts, UK, addressed to the CYQAA with no signature. Please, do provide it again with the signature of the person whose name appears at the end of the document.

We have requested this document from the University (UCA) and we will forward it to you as soon as possible.

2. Under Part A, in paragraph 4.2, in referring to the position of the institution and programme of study in the national rankings, you cite the "Guardian League table 2021" which you do not submit. Please, do submit it as part of the documentation.

We have requested this data from the University (UCA) and we will forward it to you as soon as possible.

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3. Under Part A, in paragraph 4.5 you refer to the higher education qualification issued in the Republic, as conferring the same rights as those applicable in the territory of the member state of origin of the higher education qualification. Documents 6 and 6A, however, which you cite as supporting the above, are not the corresponding documents. Please, do submit the relevant to the above statement documents.

Please see the information below in Red and the Internal verification document attached, Document 5. I hope that this answers the above question for you. We were asked a very similar question back in 2018, when we first sought approval and review by CYQAA, for our UCA Franchise programmes, and this is the answer we gave at that time also, which was accepted by CYQAA.

Authority to award degrees and to participate in collaborative provision with a partner for the delivery of awards

In England the authority to award degrees is conferred upon institutions by the Privy Council. The University was originally established under Chapter 2 of the Education Reform Act 1988. I have provided Document 1 Privy Council Order (which is the last order UCA received from the Privy Council approving modifications to the Instruments and Articles of Government of the University for the Creative Arts). It is provided herewith to provide confirmation that UCA is a Higher Education Corporation under the terms of the Education Reform Act 1988 (this Act is provided herewith as Document 2).

The power to award degrees jointly / or to franchise delivery of an award to a collaborative partner is provided in the Further & Higher Education Act 1992, Chapter 13, Part 2, Section 76 – this is provided as Document 3, see attached) herewith and confirms:

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- (5) Any power conferred on an institution to grant awards in pursuance of this section includes power –
- (a) to authorise other institutions to do so on behalf of the institution

Recognition of UCA by UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)

The quality and standards of the University's provision is regularly monitored and reviewed by the UK Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA). It was last reviewed in 2012 and key findings confirmed that the University continued to meet UK expectations for academic standards, quality of student learning opportunities and enhancement of student learning opportunities. QAA confirmed that the information the University provides about its higher education is valid, reliable, useful and accessible. The full report is provided as Document 4.

The title issued is the same as that which would have been granted if the training had been completed entirely in the Member State of origin of the qualification.

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All qualifications awarded by UCA and delivered by CAA Cyprus are the same as the qualifications that would have been awarded if they were delivered in UK by UCA. ... The certificate awarded to the UCA validated course with the CAA will note the location of delivery as Cyprus ".

**"In delivering the CAA program will be subject to internal verification by UCA and external audit by an External Examiner appointed by UCA**

Please see attached Document 5 Internal Verification Policy for detail.

- Concerning the qualifications of your academic/teaching personnel, as displayed in Table A (Teaching Staff), we observed that all your staff is at the rank of Lecturer. Furthermore, only one third of the teaching staff is full time. Within a period of three months, please submit to the Agency at least one person among your teaching staff at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor.

This point is fully acknowledged and will be addressed as requested and in line with CYQAA instructions, within a period of three months.

In light of my responses above, I look forward to hearing back from you concerning our application for a review of a programme of study: BA Animation/Illustration, for delivery via franchise method.

If you require any further clarification on any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Thank you for your help and time with this review.

Best Regards  
Estelle Taliotis



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