

The Minutes of AUA Student Council Meeting
January 30, 2004
(Started at 14:00 p.m.)
Room 40b, American University of Armenia
Yerevan, Armenia

Presided:

Sergey Arakelyan, President, Student Council (SC)

Attendees:

1. Louise Manukian, LLM1 Student, Vice-President/SC
2. Yelena Baghdasaryan, IE1 Student, Member/SC, *Public Relations Coordinator*
3. Armine Hambarzumyan, LLM1 Student, Member/ SC, *Secretary*
4. Narine Hayrapetyan, MBA1 Student, Member/SC, *Campus Wide Events, Director*
5. Garegin Yegoryan, IE1 Student, Member/SC, *Treasurer, EISC*
6. Matevosyan Tigran, CIS1 Student, Member/SC, *Web-Page Editor*
7. Sargsyan Isolda, PS1 Student, Member/SC, *APP Coordinator, Elections Coordinator*

Agenda

1. Welcome/Announcement
2. Approval of Minutes of 16 January, 2004
3. Agenda Review
4. Appeal Process
5. By-Laws
6. Six Month Cultural Events Plan
7. Cultural Evening
8. APP Group Arrangements
9. Other
10. Next meeting
11. Adjourn

1. Welcome/Announcement

No announcements were made.

2. Approval of Minutes of 16 January, 2004

The minutes of January 16, 2004 were approved as written.

3. Agenda Review

The preliminary agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Appeal Process

The list of students being enrolled in degree program was already available, which resulted both content and discontent among students. A few students had to appeal in order to restore their

status in AUA. As it was mentioned the first time during the last eight years, this year the applicants, who were denied, received the denial letters with the explanations of the reason(s) of deny. Some of the applicants tried to appeal the decision providing new evidences to the Admissions Committee and the Student Council gave advices to students in writing letters directed to the Admissions Committee.

5. By-Laws

Louise Manukian reported about the current worked out bylaws, which is intended to regulate the English Club activities. Bylaw includes the Charge, Name, Purpose, Duties and other necessary regulations to become coordinating basis for English Club activities. The first draft of bylaw will be provided to all officers of the Student Council for discussion and final approval.

6. Six Month Cultural Events Plan

The Ministry of Culture requested all higher educational institutions to submit a cultural events plan. By Student Council's former decision having a six-month cultural event plan's proposal was discussed. This has considered being a very optimal and good mean for creating better relationships with higher educational institutions. Thus, the cultural events plan should be appropriately emphasized. As Campus Wide Events Director Narine Hayrapetyan took responsibility to prepare the plan.

7. Cultural Evening

Armine suggested announcing an "Open Letter" devoted to Valentine's Day. The letters can be anonymous and sent to Student Council's suggestion box. The best letters will be provided to recipients after the opening of Valentine's Box.

8. APP Group Arrangements

From 140 students 110 students were registered for Web Design class, which had to be splitted into three groups. As each group consisted of more than 30 students, Martin Minasyan and Sergey Arakelyan requested Anahit Ordian to involve two students for work-study to help the instructor to manage the classes. So two students were involved as it was requested.

9. Others

- The Student Council of the American University of Paris (AUP) organizes the First International Student Alliance Forum. The AUP invited AUA students to participate in the Forum.
- Armine Hambarzumyan reported that Dr. Steve Maradian was appointed to the position of Vice President for Government Relations and Special Projects, and of Dr. Michael Thompson to the position of Interim Vice President. It was decided to congratulate them for the new appointments.
- Sergey Arakelyan expressed an idea, which is to form a Student Council history beginning from 1992, the establishment of the AUA Student Council. There names of all members of the Student Council will be stated, as well as about the Constitution being worked out beginning from 1993, etc. It was decided to find all information about Student Council's activities from the early times from any available sources that exist. Student Council officers decided to ask Ruzan Balayan for the information about Student Council activities in order the create the history, which probably will be available by electronic version. It was suggested to gather data from previous Student Councils as

well and to initiate a special link in Student Council web page, where the activities of the Student Council will be described.

10. Next meeting

It was decided to have the next meeting on February 13.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 15:40 p.m.

Submitted by Armine Hambarzumyan