

The Minutes of AUA Student Council Meeting
October 18, 2003
(Started at 12:00 a.m.)
Small Auditorium, American University of Armenia
Yerevan, Armenia

Presided:

Sergey Arakelyan, Acting President, Student Council (SC)

Attendees:

1. Sergey Arakelyan, IE1 Student, Vice-President/SC, *Public Relations Coordinator*
2. Irina Baghdasaryan, MBA1 Student, Member/SC, *Elections Coordinator*
3. Yelena Baghdasaryan, IE1 Student, Member/SC, *Web-Page Editor, WSC*
4. Anush Gevorgyan, PH2 Student, Member/SC, *Treasurer, TC*
5. Narine Hayrapetyan, MBA1 Student, Member/SC, *Campus Wide Events, Director*
6. Luise Manukian, MCLS1 Student, Member/SC, *APP Coordinator, CSC*
7. Garegin Yegoryan, IE1 Student, Member/SC, *Secretary, EISC*

Absentees

Irina Baghdasaryan

Agenda

1. Welcome/Announcement
2. Approval of Minutes of 4 October, 2003
3. Agenda Review
4. Conference Results
5. Adopted Student Council Constitution
6. MafClub of Student Council
7. Long-life e-mail
8. Forthcoming Elections
9. Next meeting
10. Adjourn

1. Welcome/Announcement

No announcements were made.

2. Approval of Minutes of 20 September 2003

The minutes of 4 October, 2003 were approved as written.

3. Agenda Review

The preliminary agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Conference Results

Sergey Arakelyan reminded about the events related to the “Look at the Future” Conference, which took place in Yerevan – Dilijan, Armenia from October 7 to October 13. He reported that the guests from American University in Cairo (Egypt) and from American University of Paris were warmly welcomed in the Armenian Airport before the first day of the Conference by the SC members and were accompanied to “Valencia” Hotel. He reported that a presentation about AUA was prepared and presented in the Conference, which was welcomed cordially. Naira Hayraprtyan reported that some of the foreign participants (12 persons from Egypt, Paris, Budapest and Georgia) of the Conference visited to AUA after the invitation by the Student Council and a meeting was organized with AUA students in the AUA cafeteria. Yelena Baghdasaryan stressed that the Conference was very resourceful, which enabled to enhance the beginning links between AUA and those American Universities as well as to develop future academic and educational plans, especially with respect to exchange of students between AUA and AAICU throughout the world. Other members of the SC, who participated in the Conference, also appreciated this event in favor of future AUA growth. Yelena suggested that since AUA as University having the Western-type educational system, and it is currently engaged in the Accreditation process, its Student Council should have its own budget fund. All the members of the SC agreed on this and it was decided that it is time to initiate appropriate steps on this issue and develop new plans for fulfilling this. Then it was decided that the officers of the SC think about this issue and prepare reports for the next meeting.

5. Adopted Student Council Constitution

Amen Abelyan congratulated with respect to the adopted Student Council Constitution. He reported that the elections were passed in open votes and the students have voted to approve the new "Constitution of the Student Council" by the required three-fourths margin. There were 186 "yes" votes among the 235 eligible voters among AUA student body providing a little bit more than 79 percent. Sergey Arakelyan reported that the Associate Professor of Law and the Faculty advisor to the Student Council Matthew Karanian via email notified about that to all the AUA Community. Then all of the SC officers welcomed the case and were pleased to apply new rules of the SC Constitution henceforth.

6. MufClub of Student Council

Sergey Arakelyan initiated a discussion about the English Club and suggested to initiate new activities for developing the Club’s further significance level in order to make it be more useful and interesting for the students.

7. Long-life e-mail

Anush Gevorgyan reported that the Technology Subcommittee is almost ready to fulfill the long-life email procedures and it is already much more likely to apply this for the Graduating students since this year. She suggested organizing meeting with the subcommittee for making final corrections. It was decided to initiate appropriate steps for having this meeting.

8. Forthcoming Elections

Sergey Arakelyan stressed about the forthcoming Student Council elections. He reported that the Student Council Elections will be held this November from 10 (Monday) till 12 (Wednesday) and according to the Constitution the dates for 2003-2004 elections should be the followings:

21 – 28 October	Registration Period
29 October – 09 November	Campaign Period
10, 11, 12 November	Voting period

The officers to be elected by the students are the President, Vice-President, and seven officers. All candidates must fill out and sign a position paper available at the Registrar's Office (room 19) and on the Student Council web page: www.aua.am/sc. Both electronic and hard copy forms of position papers as well as photos of candidates shall be submitted to the Registrar's Office by October 28. He reported that the method of election is to be by electronic voting. Then it was decided to take corresponding steps for these coming activities.

9. Next meeting

It was decided to have the next meeting on Saturday, October 25, at 1:00 p.m., in Student Council office.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p. m.

Submitted by Garegin Yegoryan