

The Minutes of AUA Student Council Meeting
September 6, 2003
(Started at 12:00 p.m. and ended at 3:00 p.m.)
Room 40b, American University of Armenia
Yerevan

Presided:

Armen Abelyan, 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 Manoukian, MCLS1 Student, Member/SC, *APP Coordinator, CSC*
7. Garegin Yegoryan, IE1 Student, Member/SC, *Secretary, EISC*

Agenda

1. Perspectives of AUA English Club
2. Elections of APP Representatives
3. Preparation for the Pan-Armenian Economic Conference
4. Revision of the design of SC Web-page
5. Schedule of SC Office hours
6. Student Council Amended Constitution
7. Advances in Technology Committee
8. Graduation Ceremonial, 2003
9. International Association of American Universities
10. Next meeting
11. Adjourn

1. Perspectives of AUA English Club

Armen Abelyan initiated a discussion about AUA English Club. He said that a new president for the English Club is needed, because current President will be graduating this year. He suggested the candidacy of an APP student Aramayis Grigoryan, Representative of SC, to replace the current president Armen Hovhanisyan. For that reason it was decided to invite Aramayis Grigoryan to the Student Council office on Monday, September 8, at 1:10 p.m. and to run instructions with him. APP Coordinator Louise Manoukian was asked to take corresponding steps to help in this issue.

2. Elections of APP Representatives

Armen reported that since September 1 APP students have been divided into new ESP groups and some of them do not have APP Representatives. For that reason it was decided to primarily inform Elisa Kekejyan about that issue and choose new Student Council Representatives from those groups that appeared not to have Representatives. He said that the purpose of this is to maintain appropriate channels of communications among AUA students.

3. Preparation for the Pan-Armenian Economic Conference

Sergey Arakelyan reported that from September 15 to 25 a **Pan-Armenian Economic Conference** is going to take place in Armenia and the purpose of this is to support Economic and Business development in Armenia. He said that 10 volunteer students from AUA are invited to participate in that Conference for 3-days (September 22, 23, 24) and partake in some organizational and interpretational activities as well as in information exchange in business and economic fields. It was decided that students from MBA and PS could be preferable since the fields they study are relevant to the Conference purpose. Armen suggested that Naira Hayrapetyan taking steps to organize the process of choosing those 10 students.

4. Revision of the design of SC Web-page

Armen Abelyan stressed that a new Student Council web page could be designed for the students to have their suggestions, complaints and questions in an organized and modern manner (via e-mail). This questions/suggestions will be forwarded to the appropriate responsible Staff or Faculty. Then the Student Council, in collaboration with the Administration, should take appropriate steps and give solutions to the issues raised by the students. An initial suggestion was made to name the web page as “Ask to the Student Council” but the real name should follow yet further.

Yelena Baghdasaryan suggested that also it would be better to improve the design style of the SC web page, which was approved by the other members of the Student Council.

5. Schedule of SC Office hours

Louise Manoukian suggested making an office hours schedule for SC members. All SC members approved the suggestion. This was arranged at that time in the SC office cooperatively and then each member had his/her own office hours attached on the SC board, which will be informative also for AUA students.

6. Student Council Amended Constitution

Armen Abelyan mentioned about the Student Council finalized Constitution and talked about the need to have the last discussion around it in student groups before the voting. He said that all the officers of the Student Council should prepare for those activities to be implemented appropriately on forthcoming days and that the corresponding tasks are to be given before the discussion. It was decided to attend all degree program students from September 15 till September 20. Furthermore, the actual voting period was decided to be from September 22 till the end of September.

7. Advances in Technology Committee

Anush Gevorgyan stressed about a new technology development strategies at AUA. She said that there are some Technology needs for the new AUA construction building and suggested that the Student Council should organize meeting with all AUA students and to ask for what suggestions could be appropriate concerning those needs. Then a discussion around it was developed among the members of the SC and Armen suggested assessing the need to have a life-long University E-

mail among the general student body. For this reason it was decided to organize all these procedures in collaboration with Technology Committee.

8. Graduation Ceremonial, 2003

Armen Abelyan reported that this year Graduation Ceremony will take place at AUA on October 4-5, and that all Student Council officers will participate in organization of this event. A discussion was built up around some important events occurring in those days. Armen said that each officer of the SC should have his/her particular role in several organizational actions.

9. Association of American International Colleges and Universities (AAICU)

Sergey Arakelyan reported that AUA has a membership in **Association of American International Colleges and Universities (AAICU)** and a plan was prepared to enhance the links between AUA and the AAICU, thus contributing to the further development of educational and academic plans as well as exchange of student views on matters of common concerns for Student Organizations of American Universities all over the world. Armen reported that the Student Council invited Representatives from American International Colleges and Universities to participate in International Conference of Student Organizations from European, CIS and Baltic countries, entitled “Look at Future” organized by Inter-University Coordinatory Council (renamed to be Armenian Youth National Association). Being a member of this Association the AUA Student Council has invited the Representatives from American International Colleges and Universities to participate and to establish preliminary contact between **AAICU** Student Organizations. The Conference will take place in Yerevan – Dilijan, Armenia from October 7 to October 13. Sergey said that he already got contact with some of them (and that the relevant procedures are under progress. He said that an invitation was emailed to all the American International Universities/Colleges and that the Organizing Committee is ready to host two representatives from the Student Organization of each of those University/College- member of AAICU. Sergey reported that a contact is already established with three Student Organizations from AAICU (**from Paris, Beirut, Greece**). The Student Organization of American University of Paris has accepted the invitation to participate in the Conference and informed about their pleasure to visit **AUA**.

10. Next meeting

It was decided to have the next meeting on Saturday, September 20, at 12:00.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00

Minutes are recorded by Garegin Yegoryan