

The Minutes of AUA Student Council Meeting
September 20, 2003
(Started at 11:00 a.m.)
Room 40b, American University of Armenia
Yerevan, Armenia

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. Louise Manukian, MCLS1 Student, Member/SC, *APP Coordinator, CSC*
7. Garegin Yegoryan, IE1 Student, Member/SC, *Secretary, EISC*

Agenda

1. Welcome/Announcement
2. Approval of Minutes of 6 September 2003
3. Agenda Review
4. Graduation Events
5. Oct. 3 - The Book Review by Dr. Agbabian, President Emeritus of AUA
6. Student Council Amended Constitution
7. The Best Instructor of the year
8. AUA Badges
9. New design in SC Web-page
10. Next meeting
11. Adjourn

1. Welcome/Announcement

No announcements were made.

2. Approval of Minutes of 6 September 2003

The minutes of 6 September 2003 were approved as written.

3. Agenda Review

The preliminary agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Graduation Events

Armen Abelyan reported that AUA Graduation events are going to take place on the first week of October. He stressed about the activities relating to the Alumni Dinner on 4 October and Graduation day on 5 October. He stressed that some of the APP students should be initially invited to the Student Council and asked to participate in various activities that traditionally take place in those days. Armen asked Louise Manukian to help in this issue and inform APP students about those activities. Sergey proposed to help in organizing the Flag-carrying duties on the Opening ceremony of the Graduation Day. Garegin Yegoryan and Yelena Baghdasaryan suggested also organizing the marshal- related activities with representatives and some volunteer-students that will be accompanying guests into the AUA Large auditorium.

5. Oct. 3 - The Book Review by Dr. Agbabian, President Emeritus of AUA

Sergey Arakelyan reported that prior to the Baccalaureate Service a presentation will take place on Friday, Oct. 3, in the Small Auditorium, at 6:00 p. m. presented by Dr. Agbabian, President Emeritus of AUA, and that all the alumni, students, staff and faculty are invited to review of the "AUA - A New Beginning For a New Generation" book recently published by him. Armen asked each of the officials of the SC to participate in the organizational activities upon the request by Director of AUA Administration Anahit Ordian.

6. Student Council Amended Constitution

Sergey reported that after final Amendment of the Student Council Constitution the voting of it should take place from September 24 to September 26, 2003. Armen initiated to make a schedule for each of the SC members to visit Degree students. It was decided to initially inform them about the voting procedures and then run the voting process in each class which has to last some 5-10 minutes. It was decided that Garegin Yegoryan and Irina Baghdasaryan visit classes instructors on September 22-23 prior to the voting days and make arrangements with them for visiting.

7. The Best Instructor of the Year

Armen Abelyan reported about a plan to choose The Best Instructor of the Year at AUA. He said that there should be an objective method to choose the Best instructor of the year. A suggestion was made to call this award "Golden Hat". Armen reported that he would initially get feedback from the Academic Standards Committee. It was decided to have a discussion on this with the Student Council Advisor before the next meeting.

8. Plans for AUA Student Badges

Anush Gevorgyan brought about a suggestion that AUA students have their badges and keep them after graduation, this being unique to AUA graduates. Garegin Yegoryan suggested to have a badge with an AUA logo or name or something like that. The SC officials decided to work on this collaboratively with the AUA Administration. It was decided that Sergey discusses this issue with the AUA administration to see what could be recommended on this issue. Others approved the initial plans.

9. New design in SC Web-page

Yelena Baghdasaryan stressed about the new design in SC Web-page and reminded that an agreement already was made with the Technology Committee to help in design. Proposals were made on the Student Council web-page appearance. It was decided that Yelena Baghdasaryan develops new design based on the input of AUA Web-page Editor and presents it during the meeting on Saturday, October 4.

10. Next meeting

It was decided to have next meeting on Saturday, September 27, at 12:00, in AUA small auditorium.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Garegin Yegoryan