AUA Undergraduate Student Council 2014-2015 Meeting January 30th, 2015

Members present:

Dzhemma Anapiosyan Shahane Arushanyan Eduard Avetisyan Barouir Danielianten Narek Jilavyan Hovsep Markarian Aram Serobyan Lilit Avetisyan Esfira Ghazaryan Gurgen Hakobyan Norayr Tatosyan

Members absent:

Gabriel Hovhannisyan

Advisors present:

Garine Palandjian Rai Farrelly

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Quorum call
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes
- 4) Approval of Constitution
- 5) Recycling suggestion
- 6) Valentine Event
- 7) Eduard: about budget
- 8) Eduard: update about faculty office hours policy
- 9) Hovsep: about Nareg Seferian's suggestions and requests
- 10) Banner design
- 11) Better Student Success
- 12) Unforeseen questions
- 13) Determining who will be running the next meeting
- 14) Determining who will be taking minutes on next meeting
- 15) Meeting adjournment

Meeting Minutes January 30th, 2015

3:31p.m. - 4:26p.m.

1) Quorum call

A quorum was present at 3:31 p.m.

2) Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved with several changes.

3) Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from 12.02.2014 and 12.09.2014 approved

4) Approval of Constitution

The updated constitution has been approved.

5) Recycling suggestion

One of the students has suggested to make a separate recycling for bottles, paper etc. Gurgen mentioned that last year's Council tried to implement it last year but had no success. A new committee has been formed that will try to do it again. Dzhemma, Hovsep, Barouir, Esfira, Norayr and Gurgen will be in the committee.

6) Valentine Event

It was offered to organize something for the Valentine's day. The idea was approved by voting and a committee was formed that would plan and organize it. Aram, Narek, Eduard and Shahane will be in the committee.

7) Eduard: about budget

Eduard mentioned that there was a mistake in the records of the budget. Garine said that it was all correct. Will be checked with Gabriel.

8) Eduard: update about faculty office hours policy

Eduard reported about what he had talked with Sharistan. An email notification will be sent to the students and their opinions will be processed and forwarded to the Faculty Senate.

9) Hovsep: about Nareg Seferian's suggestions and requests

- a. A UN event is going to take place soon, Mr. Seferian asked to promote it on behalf of the Student Council
- **b.** Nareg Seferian suggests USC to make a student learning and grading public event.
- **c.** He also suggested the Council to organize some events for AUA students from regions and abroad in order to make them closer with the local AUA community.

As there were no details or plans about these events, the Council decided to get more information from Nareg or invite him to the next meeting. Hovsep and Dzhemma will talk to Nareg.

10) Banner design

Dzhemma, Hovsep and Shahane will go to the AUA designer to request a new banner.

11)Better Success

As Garine had already left the meeting, the Council decided to talk about this on next meeting.

12) Series of events regarding Armenian Genocide

Hovsep suggested to have some events related to Armenian Genocide. It was advised to talk to the AUA faculty to find out whether they are organizing anything and cooperate with them

13) Telling "Shut up" to the students

One of the Council members reported that a teacher shouted "shut up" at one of the students and asked whether it was acceptable. It was suggested to talk to the teacher about this or report to the Ethics and Grievance committee.

14) Lighting AUA stairs

One of the members said that it would be nice to light the stairs as they are always dark in the evening. Gurgen mentioned that the area of stairs belongs to the town hall and it is their responsibility.

15) Determining who will be running the next meeting

Hovsep will be running the next meeting.

16) Determining who will be taking minutes on next meeting

Eduard offered to take all the meeting minutes from now on. Everybody approved.

17) Meeting adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Eduard Avetisyan