

AUA Undergraduate Student Council 2014-2015

Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2014

Meeting started at 4:35 p.m.

Absences: None

All USC Members Present: Aram Serobyany, Barouir Danielianten, Eduard Avetisyan, Esfira Ghazaryan, Gabriel Hovhannisyany, Gurgen Hakobyany, Hovsep Markarian, Dzhemma Anapiosyan, Lilit Avetisyan, Narek Jilavyany, Norayr Tatosyan, Shahane Arushanyan

Introduction by Adviser Garine Palandjian

Garine introduced herself as the staff adviser to the USC. She also introduced the Council's faculty adviser, Dr. Rai Farrelly and liaison to the USC, Lilit Hovakimyan. Garine later briefly explained the mechanics of the USC constitution, meeting minutes and budgetary process, saying she will soon provide the USC members with useful material regarding them.

Decision on Meeting Day and Time

Aram suggested the USC members start off by choosing a convenient meeting day and time. The USC members decided to meet every Tuesday, at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion on Reviewing the USC Constitution

Garine distributed copies of the USC constitution, which was written by last year's USC members. She asked the USC members to take a look at it, in order to make amendments based on their needs. For example, the Council should discuss if they want to follow a traditional or a non-hierarchical executive system. The USC members decided to further review the constitution, propose amendments and make decisions during the next meeting.

Announcements by Garine and Rai

Garine announced that on Saturday - October 11th, the opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Navasargian Student Lounge will take place and USC members are encouraged to be present at the event. She also announced that on November 7th, TEMPUS (Trans-European Mobility Programme for University Studies) will visit the university and the USC will be responsible for organizing a campus tour for their representatives, more information will later be provided.

Rai announced and encouraged the USC members to attend the “Armenians in the Ottoman Empire at the Library of Congress” presentation, currently taking place at AUA.

Discussion on Organizing a Soccer Event

Dzhemma suggested for the USC to organize a soccer event, concerning the upcoming Serbia vs. Armenia match on Saturday - October 11th. She suggested for the council to organize a group of AUA students who would like to attend the match.

Gurgen offered to contact the Football Federation of Armenia to provide the USC with information about the ticket pricing and seat placements of the upcoming match.

General Discussions

Eduard asked whether USC members are needed to volunteer at the upcoming undergraduate open house. Garine said she doesn't think so, because no one from the Admissions Office has contacted her.

Gurgen suggested the USC members to decide who will be running the next meeting. Barouir and Gurgen volunteered to run the next meeting.

Discussion on Next Week's Meeting Agenda

The USC members decided the following to be on the upcoming meeting agenda: Reviewing the USC Constitution, organizing the soccer event, organizing an open meeting, and sending an inquiry survey to all undergraduate students for their expectations of this year's USC.

Notes from the Advisers

Garine noted that we should always be respectful towards each other, to give a chance for everyone to speak and not to interrupt them as they talk.

Rai told the USC members that she would gladly hear their concerns about student learning at the university, since she is a member of the AUA Faculty Senate and the co-chair of the Student Learning Committee.

USC Group Photo

Garine escorted the USC members to Agbabian Hall where they took a group photo, which will soon be displayed on the AUA website.

Meeting minutes taken by: Hovsep Markarian

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.