

## **AUA Undergraduate Student Council 2014-2015**

### **Meeting minutes, October 07, 2014**

**Meeting starts at 5:07 p.m.**

Absences: Esfira

#### **Discussion on constitutional amendments:**

**Barourir suggests having odd number of Council members so that we do not have 6 for – 6 against votes.**

Suggestion was declined by several members, as according to the constitution a decision is approved if 8 or more members vote for it, therefore we do not need odd number of members.

**Gurgen suggested increasing the number of candidates as the number of Undergraduate students is increasing.**

Hovsep: If we did so there would be more opinions, thus decisions would be made harder.

Everybody agreed on leaving it as it was, and to discuss it in the end of the year.

**Dzhemma raised a question about having equal spaces for students from all years in Student Council.**

Eduard agreed on having at least one spot for each year students, but not equal, as we need students from whom council will benefit most.

Hovsep: We should not save spots for anyone because what if that person isn't capable of doing the job, while he/she is the only one running from that year.

Everybody agreed on not changing anything.

**Dzhemma stated that election speeches should be mandatory, as participants should put more effort during the campaign.**

Several people disagreed, as we can't make everyone give a speech as not everyone is available on speech time intervals.

Barourir: We should make candidacy essays visible for everyone, in that way each candidate would put at least some effort.

Everybody agreed on telling Garine that they should make such change in the System.

**Eduard: We should raise the minimum GPA requirement for Council.**

Gurgen and Hovsep: We can't, it is AUA policy.

**Eduard touched the fact that advisers should not be present at all official meetings; they should miss the meeting if it is requested so by the Council members.**

Aram: In that case next year council can request them to miss all meetings.

Hovsep: We should specify when advisers could be asked so.

Gurgen: Just put a limit on such meetings once a month.

Everybody voted for it. (Esfira was not present)

**Dzhemma pointed out that recently council was invited for a lunch, but advisers weren't informed about it. She suggested to always let them know about any emails between the staff and Student Council.**

Aram: disagreed as Student council is a private "body" and they can make decisions on their own.

Dzhemma clarified that it's not about making decisions. The awareness would be useful for advisers in supporting the Council with the right advice.

Some people agreed; from now on every message for council will be forwarded to advisers.

**Voting for keeping Council non-hierarchical, but having a secretary and a treasurer.**

Everyone voted in favor.

**Secretary and Treasurer Elections.**

Eduard volunteered for secretary. Everyone voted in his favor.

Gabriel volunteered for treasurer. Everyone voted in his favor.

**Hovsep: people who run meetings should be also responsible for that week's load.**

Everybody agreed.

**Discussion on organizing Armenia - Serbia Football event.**

Tickets will cost 4.000 AMD but for undergraduate students half of the price will be paid by the Council.

**Next meeting will be run by:** Hovsep & Aram.

**Next meeting minutes will be taken by:** Eduard.

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**Meeting is adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**