# AUA Undergraduate Student Council 2015-2016 Meeting April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

#### **Members present:**

Aram Serobyan

Anzhela Gasparyan (late 15+ min)

Arpi Janyan

**Eduard Avetisyan** 

Stepan Hovhannisyan (late)

Gabriel Hovhannisyan (late 15+ min)

Lia Yeghoyants

Narek Jilavyan (late)

Shahane Arushanyan

Iren Stepanyan

Vahe Tatosyan (late 15+ min)

Stepan Simonyan

#### Members absent:

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#### **Advisors present:**

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### **Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Quorum call
- 2) Approval of the agenda
- 3) Approval of last meeting minutes
- 4) T-shirt design contest discussion
- 5) Cooperation with Karabakh ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 6) Ayb choir request
- 7) Year-end concert
- 8) Tatevik Mkrtumyan's request to host a lecture
- 9) Tatevik Matevosyan's request to fund drama club
- 10) Crowdfunding for one of AUA students
- 11) Discussion about having a President in Council
- 12) Council member absences discussion
- 13) USC Constitution amendment
- 14) HUJ meeting discussion
- 15) Meeting adjournment

## Meeting Minutes April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016

6:13p.m. - 7:40p.m.

#### 1) Quorum call

A quorum was present at 6:13p.m.

#### 2) Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

#### 3) Approval of last meeting minutes

Last meeting minutes have been approved

#### 4) T-shirt design contest discussion

Aram notified the Council that the printing place is being finalized, and will be determined the next day.

#### 5) Cooperation with Karabakh ministry of Foreign Affairs

Eduard notified the Council that there was a connection established with Karabakh Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through VP Ashot Ghazaryan. The ministry might need assistance with translations and the team of translators from Bridge will try to assist them, upon requests.

#### 6) Ayb choir request

One of AUA students sent an email to the Council asking to host their high school choir at Large Auditorium, every week, for free. The Council found it not an efficient use of AUA facilities and denied the request.

#### 7) Year-end concert

Lia informed the Council about the logistics and possible fund requirements for the concert. It was determined that the concert will take place after final exams, on Monday, starting from around 5:30pm.

#### 8) Tatevik Mkrtumyan's request to host a lecture

Tatevik Mkrtumyan sent the Council a proposal for hosting a lecture with speakers from Media Initiative Center. The request has been approved.

#### 9) Tatevik Matevosyan's request to fund drama club

Tatevik Matevosyan sent a request to the Council on behalf of Drama Club to provide them with funds for renting equipment. The exact required amount was not written, so the Council decided to find out how much they need, how much is left in budget, and make the final decision online.

#### 10) Crowdfunding for one of AUA students

Shahane informed the Council that one of the students needed funds for a surgery and suggested to have a crowdfunding supporting the student. The proposal has been approved. Shahane would lead the campaign and Arpi would assist her.

#### 11) Discussion about having a President in Council

Eduard informed the Council that VP Ashot Ghazaryan has been requesting the USC to elect a President, saying that communication between President's Office and USC would be easier with a President. Considering that VP Ghazaryan is also a member of Executive Committee, which would be finalizing the USC constitution, the Council initially approved the request, and would start working on constitution amendment.

#### 12) Council member absences discussion

Eduard notified the Council that according to the constitution one of the Council members should be removed due to absences, and the advisor has suggested the procedure for that. Some other Council members are very close to the limit of absences and should be attentive.

#### 13) USC Constitution amendment

The Council decided to make an amendment in the constitution and change the "more than 15 minutes late to the meeting is considered an *unexcused* absence" rule to "more than 15 minutes late to the meeting is considered an *excused* absence"

#### 14) HUJ meeting discussion

Gabriel notified the Council, that there was a meeting request by HUJ, to discuss their volunteering program activities and promoting them at AUA. Gabriel and Eduard, along with some Volunteer's League members would attend the meeting the next day.

#### 15) Meeting adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Eduard Avetisyan