

AUA Undergraduate Student Council 2015-2016 Meeting November 3rd, 2015

Members present:

Eduard Avetisyan
Aram Serobyan
Narek Jilavyan
Gabriel Hovhannisyan
Arpi Janyan
Stepan Hovhannisyan
Stepan Simonyan
Iren Stepanyan
Shahane Arushanyan

Members absent:

Vage Tatosyan (unexcused)
Anzhela Gasparyan (unexcused)
Lia Yeghoyants (excused)

Advisors present:

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Meeting Agenda

- 1) Quorum call**
- 2) Approval of Agenda**
- 3) Approval of last meeting minutes**
- 4) Discussion related to technical stuff**
- 5) Halloween event report**
- 6) Absences discussion**
- 7) Constitution discussion**
- 8) AUA talks proposal**
- 9) USC Banner discussion**
- 10) Survey discussion**
- 11) City visit discussion**
- 12) Open meeting discussion**
- 13) Determining the date and time of the next meeting**
- 14) Determining who will be running the next meeting**
- 15) Meeting adjournment**

Meeting Minutes

November 3rd, 2015

4:37p.m. – 5:50p.m.

1) Quorum call

A quorum was present at 4:37p.m.

2) Approval of Agenda

The agenda has been approved

3) Approval of last meeting minutes

Last meeting minutes have been approved

4) Discussion related to technical stuff

Since it was very cold in the USC room and the Air Conditioner was not working, it was decided to request for repairing of the Air Conditioner. Also, as the computer was not connected to the Internet, it was decided to request ICTS to connect it to the Internet.

5) Halloween event report

Shahane reported on the Halloween event – 1) The movie should have been decided with students as they did not want to watch the initially planned movie. 2) All of the food has been eaten before the lunch break. Next time food should be managed in some other way. 3) Students left a lot of trash in the hall. Next time students should be warned not to pollute the room. 4) There were many non-AUA people at the event. In the future, the Council will check ID cards of the students when admitting to the event.

6) Absences discussion

It was decided to not count the absences from previous meetings. However, since the decision related to absences policy was finalized on the previous meeting, it was decided to start counting absences starting from the current meeting. Eduard will make a document to track the absences.

7) Constitution change discussion

The Council decided to add the following point:

- a) Article VI, New point related to being late to the USC meeting: A Council member shall notify if he or she is being late in any possible means (e.g. email, phone call, via other Council member, etc). If the Council member is late to the meeting for 15 or less minutes, the member receives a late note. Three late notes will be counted as an excused absence. If the Council member is late to the meeting for more than 15 minutes he or she receives an unexcused absence.

8) AUA talks proposal

Aram and Shahane presented a proposal to have something like TED talks at AUA. After discussing this, it was decided that Aram will talk to the president of King's Speech club and see if it would be possible and efficient to organize something like this.

9) USC Banner discussion

Shahane notified the Council that there was a project left unfinished from the last year – making a USC banner for events and open meetings. Iren and Shahane will make a design of the banner and send it to the Council to review.

10) Survey discussion

Eduard shortly presented the survey results – There were 33 responses and most of responders wanted both hiking trips and city visits. There were also some other suggestions that will be discussed later.

11) City visit discussion

Based on the survey results, it was decided to organize a trip to Gyumri. By the initial plans the date will be Sunday, November 15. The limit of participants will be 50 people. Expenses will include tour guides, lunch and transportation. Eduard will take care of the registration. Shahane, Aram, Narek will help with the participation fee collection. Eduard and Arpi will try to find a bus for a good price. Arpi will talk to the tour guides and the restaurant that will admit students for a lunch.

12) Open meeting discussion

The USC will have an open meeting to meet the students, faculty and staff. It was planned to have the open meeting on Thursday, November 19, 4:30pm.

13) Determining the date and time of the next meeting

It was decided to have a short official meeting on Tuesday, November 10 after the meeting with President.

14) Determining who will be running the next meeting

Shahane will be running the next meeting

15) Meeting adjournment

Meeting has been adjourned at 5:50p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Eduard Avetisyan