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**STUDENT SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

26 October 2011

4.00 p.m.

Room #103, Balkansi Academic Center

**Meeting called by:** Dimitar Chatleski

**Secretary:** Julja Prodani

**Type and number of the meeting:** Ordinary 7<sup>th</sup>

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Approval of the Agenda**
- B. Approval of the Minutes**

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Budgetary and Allocations Committee**
  - 1. Recognition of Student Clubs**
  - 2. Allocation of the Budget**
- B. Student Representative Selection Committee**

**III. Reports**

- A. President**
  - 1. Updates**
- B. Treasurer**
  - 1. Updates**

**IV. Concerns of the Audience**

**V. Adjournment**

## **I. Agenda Topic: Call to Order**

Chair Chatleski called the Senate to order at 4.00 pm.

### **A. Approval of the Agenda**

The Senate unanimously approved Agenda for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### **B. Approval of the Minutes**

The Senate unanimously approved the Minutes of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Budgetary and Allocation Committee**

#### **1. Recognition of Student Clubs**

Treasurer Miteva, on behalf of the Budgetary and Allocations Committee, announced that there were two propositions for club recognition.

The first request was from Verve student magazine to recognize the Verve club, with presidents Marzhan Doszhanova and Simona Atanasova. The faculty advisor is going to be Mark Roman. The Budgetary and Allocations Committee voted on it and it was unanimously approved. Motion from the B&A Committee to recognize Verve as an AUBG club. Second. Discussion. Voting. Motion unanimously approved.

The second application was for recognition of the Financial Markets Forecasting club, with presidents Isverschi Alexandru and Eugeniu Prodan. The application was considered incomplete by B & A Committee, so the proposition will be submitted properly next week.

#### **2. Allocation of the Budget**

After receiving a funding application from the Better Community Club concerning the Halloween week treasurer Miteva, on behalf of the Budgetary and Allocations Committee, proposed to grant to the BCC \$140 for cardboards, decorations, posters, plates, napkins, cups, etc and \$42 (30% 140) for food and drinks, totaling to an amount of \$182. There was a motion from the B&A Committee to grant the club with the amount mentioned above. Second. Discussions. Chair Chatleski put the motion on voting. Voting. Motion unanimously approved.

### **B. Student Representative Selection Committee**

Chair of Student Representatives Diana Li said that last week there was a meeting with all Student Representatives. After a presentation took place, photos of all Student Representatives were taken and were later posted on the SG facebook page.

## **III. Agenda Topic: Reports**

## **A. President**

Since this was the last meeting before the Fall Break, president Shalamberidze made a summation of the developments for the period starting from the beginning of the school year.

He mentioned that it is a big achievement that this year the All Student Assembly managed to get the quorum, which was not the case the previous three years.

The participation in the senatorial elections was impressive. There were more than 500 students voting (49% participation), compared to last year's 36% rate of participation.

Student Representatives were selected on time and their pictures were put on the SG facebook page.

The Student Government Party was successful. Everything went well, except some problems with the alcohol, on which it'll be worked in order to make improvements for the SG parties in the future. SG should take some more time to get some external sponsorship.

SG website is still under construction. Web master Rurua is working on the page, trying to get it done and delivered after the Fall Break.

Regarding the "Write to your professor" boxes, there was a total of 24 letters sent to the professors personally by president Shalamberidze on Monday. This procedure is considered successful, so it will continue after the break. The turnout is satisfactory.

This year's SG logo competition was considered the most successful one. There were 35 students who participated in the competition, submitting more than 50 logos to decide upon. The Committee chosen to select the logo narrowed down the selection to the best three. Because the candidates were asked to make slight changes to the logos, the voting for the best logo will take place after the Fall Break, when the final versions are delivered.

Concerning the facebook page, president Shalamberidze informed the senate that from November 14<sup>th</sup> until now the page has got 57,000 post views and that the number of subscribers doubled in a period of approximately two months.

With respect to the relations with other universities, president Shalamberidze made known that probably our university will give students the possibility to go on two different conferences this year. One of them will take place in the Klaipeda city of Lithuania and the other in a seaside resort in Georgia. There will be further negotiations with the organizers and SG is planning to send one or two senators in each conference.

Lastly, the AUBG forum for grading the professors turned out to be tricky, because there were oppositions on the part of the professors. SG is discussing how to proceed

and will stand more clearly on the issue after the break.

President Shalamberidze thanked the senators for their devotion and shared his satisfaction regarding this period's achievements, dynamics, and changes made.

### **B. Treasurer**

Treasurer Miteva mentioned that so far this semester there have been 14 club recognitions, with the potential of a 15<sup>th</sup> recognition. They have funded seven events. The total remaining budget before today's approval of the funding applications is \$13,510.50.

Chair Chatleski proposed that B&A Committee send a weekly email of the SG budget to all students to better inform them.

### **V. Agenda Topic: Concerns of the Audience**

Ex-senator Ivan Daskalov raised the question of why there is a committee voting on the SG logo instead of the student body.

Vice president Koroteev, chair Dimitar, and treasurer Miteva explained that the process of asking every student is time-consuming and that some of the logos presented by the students were inappropriate and therefore were excluded from the competition to prevent the university from being sued. The conclusion they arrived at was that the committee who will participate in the decision making of the new SG logo will consist of the Dean of Students Lydia Krise, professors of classes teaching subjects of design and layout, members of faculty, and SG members.

It was announced that students can participate and express their opinions concerning the new SG logo on the next SG meeting where the senators will vote on it. Chair Chatleski will send an email to all students and invite them to this meeting.

### **VI. Adjournment**

Senate Meeting adjourned at 4.17 p.m.

## **ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR October 26, 2011**

<b>Senators</b>	<b>Absences to date</b>	<b>Present/ Absent/ Excused/ Late</b>	<b>Absences Update</b>
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Dimitar Chatleski	-	P	0
Diana Li	1.0	P	0
Veronika Bobrova	-	P	0
Stilian Jelev	-	P	0
Shamil Mustafayev	-	P	0
Kristi Pango	-	P	0
Mario Grachenov	-	P	0
Timur Huseynov	1.0	P	0
Nikola Mladenovic	-	P	0
Sindi Shkodrani	-	P	0
Tijana Stojanovic	0.5	P	0
Ivan Stanchev	-	A	1.0