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**Student Government**

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**STUDENT SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

5 October 2011

4.00 p.m.  
MPR

**Meeting called by:** Dimitar Chatleski

**Secretary:** Nino Rurua

**Type and number of the meeting:** Ordinary 4<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. Vice President**
  - 1. Updates**
- C. Student Representative to the Board of Trustees**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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

The Senate unanimously approved the Minutes of September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

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

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

Treasurer of the SG Miteva on behalf of the Budgetary and Allocations Committee proposed to recognize following clubs: AUBG Dance Crew, Francophone, AUBG Choir, AIESEC Blagoevgrad, German club, Better Community Club, AUBG Youth Empowerment club. There was a motion from the B&A Committee to recognize presented clubs. Second. Discussion. Chair Chatleski put the motion on voting. Voting. 11 in favor. No one against. No abstentions. Motion unanimously approved.

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

Treasurer Miteva, on behalf of the Budgetary and Allocations Committee, proposed to grant \$47.50 to Better Community Club for posters, and other materials for a World Smile Day. 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. 11 in favor. No one against. No abstentions. Motion approved.

Treasurer Miteva, on behalf of the Budgetary and Allocations Committee, proposed to grant \$211 to European Youth Parliament Club for their upcoming mini session at AUBG. 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. 11 in favor. No one against. No abstentions. Motion approved.

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

Vice president Koroteev announced the list of students selected as student representatives for the respective Departments and Committees:

#### **Academic Integrity and Appeals Council**

1. Ivan Markovic
2. Ivan Stanchev
3. Tamar Rurua
4. Dulmaa Ganbold (alternative)

#### **Academic Policies**

1. Ivan Stanchev

2. Tamar Rurua

**Budget and Planning**

1. Elitsa Nacheva
2. Ivan Daskalov

**Commencement**

1. Anna Ceachirova

**Conduct Council**

1. Apostol Apostolov
2. Boban Markovic
3. Martin Stanchev
4. Iris Buzi (alternative)

**Department of Arts, Languages, and Literature**

1. Valentina Stevanovic

**Department of Business**

1. Alba Gjino
2. Mile Tasevski
3. Stefan Ivanovic

**Department of Computer Science**

1. Ermir Ismaili

**Department of Economics**

1. Abdugani Baldildayev
2. Elitsa Nacheva

**Department of History and Civilizations**

1. Sara Dalanaj

**Department of Journalism and Mass Communication**

Not selected yet.

**Department of Mathematics and Science**

1. Aigerim Urdabayeva

**Department of Political Science and European Studies**

1. Iris Buzi (POS)
2. Ani Tatulyan (EUR)

**Faculty Assembly's Curriculum Committee (2)**

Not selected yet.

**Information Resources**

1. Ermir Ismaili
2. Nikolay Petrov

**Publications and Web Site**

1. Aghakarim Orujov
2. Ermir Ismaili

### **Sexual Harassment Hearing Panel**

1. Aghakarim Orujov
2. Fotima Sokhibova

### **Student Financial Affairs**

1. Pavlin Hristov
2. Adrian Eni

### **Student Outcomes Assessment**

1. Vadim Marasanov
2. Dursunjemal Halimova

### **Student Services**

1. Diana Khismatullina
2. Maksad Orazov

### **University Events**

1. Anna Ceachirova
2. Elena Ivanova

Koroteev noticed that positions for Commencement Committee, Curriculum Committee and Department of Journalism and Mass Communication are still open and the start of another selection process will be announced soon. There was a motion to approve presented students as representatives of respective university departments and committees. Second. Discussions. Voting. 11 senators in favor. No one against. No abstentions. Motion approved.

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

### **A. President**

President Shalamberidze talked about the main issues discussed during the meeting with the Board of Trustees. Trustees discussed the idea of mandatory dining services in the university canteens; however, no concrete resolution was adopted at that point. In addition to that, Elvis Guri – one of the trustees, emphasized the fact that visa requirements for international students get stricter each year, and suggested creating a task force that would work with the respective offices on easing regulations for AUGB students. Shalamberidze also mentioned that Balkanski Research Center will be opened from the next semester, organizing lectures and presentations by guest speakers.

President informed the senate about several new initiatives enhancing communication between student body and the faculty. Later this week special boxes will be provided in all Skaptoparas for students who are willing to share their opinions about professors, or give them recommendations (anonymously). Senators, working on the project, will filter and categorize letters, and deliver them to the faculty.

Besides that, students will soon have an opportunity to share their concerns about professors and rate them visiting a special website as well.

President Shalamberidze talked about the survey concerning the SG logo. Out of the 136 students surveyed, 58% thinks that current SG logo should be changed, while 18% believes in the opposite. President discussed the issue with the Financial Assistant

Maria Handzhiyska and got the permission to use necessary funds for new logo design from the work-study budget.

### **B. Vice President**

Vice president Koroteev informed the senate that Senator Huseynov will be the vice chair of the SRSC as a result of unanimous decision within the committee. According to Koroteev, SRSC plans to meet with the new student representatives to present them duties and responsibilities related to their positions. With the aim to promote students' involvement in similar activities, photos of SG members and student representatives will be posted in Skaptoparas.

In order to popularize AUBG SG among prospective students, a letter from the president of the SG will be sent together with the package sent in advance to all accepted students.

### **C. Student Representative to the Board of Trustees**

Student Representative to the Board of Trustees Alba Gjino talked briefly about her report and the most important outcomes after the meeting with the Board of Trustees.

The first concern of students raised in the report was related to the university's target market. While claiming to educate future leaders of the region, the number of Bulgarian students enrolled at AUBG decreases and those from Asia increases. As a solution, board members discussed shifting university's current target market from former Soviet countries to the neighboring ones, like Turkey.

Another issue that university needs to pay attention to is the quality of prospective students and their proficiency in English. Because of poor performance the number of students accepted this year was less than projected (254/270). On the other hand, this led to increase in number of ELI students.

As a solution to high faculty turnover and cancelled classes, where problems are mainly related to time-consuming visa regulations, Gjino proposed to move the start of necessary registration procedures earlier than usual.

Besides that, the Board approved project according to which Masters program in Software Engineering will be offered in Sofia from the following academic year.

The floor was open for comments from the audience. Student Daskalov noticed that no prior e-mail with the draft of the report to the BOT was sent to students. Gjino mentioned that the report will be either sent or uploaded on the SG website.

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

No concerns of the audience.

### **VI. Adjournment**

Senate Meeting adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

## ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR 5 October 2011

| <b>Senators</b>   | <b>Absences to date</b> | <b>Present/ Absent/ Excused/ Late</b> | <b>Absences Update</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Dimitar Chatleski | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Diana Li          | 1.0                     | P                                     | 1.0                    |
| Veronika Bobrova  | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Stilian Jelev     | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Shamil Mustafayev | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Kristi Pango      | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Mario Grachenov   | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Timur Huseynov    | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Nikola Mladenovic | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Sindi Shkodrani   | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |
| Tijana Stojanovic | 0.25                    | P                                     | 0.25                   |
| Ivan Stanchev     | -                       | P                                     | 0                      |