Faculty Senate Meeting

September 12, 2018

Quorum called at 16:05

**Present:**

1. Arman Arakelyan
2. Vardan Baghdasaryan
3. Arshak Balayan
4. Gayane Barseghyan
5. Norayr Benohanian
6. David Davidian
7. Gagik Gabrielyan
8. Christian Garbis
9. Vahram Ghushchyan
10. Amalya Kostanyan
11. Irshat Madyarov
12. Agassy Manoukian
13. Nshan Matevosyan
14. Satenik Mnatsakanyan
15. Jenny Paturyan
16. Sergey Tantushyan
17. Fanis Varvoglis
18. Arto Vaun

**Guests**

* Nerses Ter-Vardanyan
* Raffi Meneshian
* Varduhi Petrosyan
* Brett Burnham
* Zareh Tjeknavourian
* Eric Grigoryan
* Alex Gubbins
* Hourig Attarian
* Talin Grigoryan

**Excused**

1. Vahe Khachadourian

**Absent**

1. Habet Madoyan

**Agenda**

* Brief review of tasks and vision for 2018-2019
* Selection of committees (clarification of tasks)
* Any other business

**Notes**

* Review of tasks and vision 2018-2019. Arto presents.
  + Deans’ search, procedures of search committees needs to be formalised.
  + President’s search. The Board does not want faculty representation. We should discuss at the Faculty Senate if that’s something we are accepting.
  + Evaluations of faculty performance. More details need fleshing out, to be finalised soon
  + Faculty Lounge: we need a policy on its use
  + Parking: policy needs finalising and fine-tuning
  + Faculty issues: research, professional development, TCPs, salaries, contracts
  + Faculty Senate communication with the Board. What the situation is and what we want it to be.
* Elections for committees:
  + The Executive Committee. Nominations: Arto for Chair, Fanis and Amalya K for Vice-Chair, Jenny for Secretary, Nshan for Parliamentarian. **Voting**: 17 votes cast; Arto, Jenny and Nshan unanimously approved, **10 votes for Fanis**, 7 votes for Amalya
  + Other committees. Arto presents the work of each committee. Members of the Committees present the work. The concern from both Ethics and Grievance and Student Conduct: they make recommendations, which can be ignored and often are ignored. An issue to discuss.
  + Suggestion: let people come to committee meetings, so that they get a sense of what this is about before deciding if they want to join.
  + Some people in the room already know which committee they want to join. Additionally Jenny to send an email to all faculty with information regarding the Committees and an invitation to join
  + Student Affairs: Alex Gubbins
  + Faculty Affairs: Irshat, Aghasi, Arto, Christian, Hourig, Raffi, Gayane
  + Extension: David Davidian
  + Operations: and Facilities: no one so far
  + Budget and Planning: Varduhi, Vardan, Arshak, Gagik, Norayr
  + Ethics and Grievance: Sergey, Vahram G. Christian
  + Academic Standards: Arshak
  + Student Conduct and Ethics: Raffi. **Recommendation to rename** into “Student Conduct” drop the Ethics, because it confuses people
  + AOB: Norayr raises an issue his/her work colleague asked to be raised. There was an unpleasant episode at work, where a communication with an administration person became a source of tension and conflict. This adds to the broader picture. We need to be able to communicate better, get reasonable responses and have more constructive and collegial communication with administration.
  + Hourig and Arto: AUA needs an Ombudsperson. Perhaps this could be a recommendation from the FS to the university leadership

Meeting ended

Minutes taken by Jenny Paturyan