

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Student Council of the American University of Armenia, as part of the greater academic community, is the representative voice of the students of the American University of Armenia.

Recognizing the centrality and importance of the students to the life and achievement of the American University of Armenia, hereinafter referred to as University; desiring to promote the general interest and welfare of the students; aiming to improve the quality of the student experience in the American University of Armenia; and believing that this goal can be served through an organization of students themselves,

We, the Students of the American University of Armenia, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Student Council of the American University of Armenia.

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Student Council of the American University of Armenia, hereinafter referred to as the Student Council.

## **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND DUTY**

The purpose and duty of the Student Council are to

- provide a forum for expressing student views and interests;
- initiate, coordinate, and guide student efforts aimed at improving student life and activities;
- keep the students informed of relevant issues; foster scholarship in an atmosphere of free and objective inquiry;
- promote academic freedom, responsibility, and excellence;
- promote cohesion within the student body, recognizing the rights and responsibilities of students from diverse backgrounds;
- provide effective communication and relations within the University
- develop and implement a comprehensive activities program designed to meet and supplement the social, cultural, recreational, and academic needs of the students;
- assist the activities of student clubs established by University students;
- provide opportunities to develop student leadership qualities;
- ensure fair and democratic operations of this body;
- manage financial accounts which will ensure the continuance of the above;
- promote integrity and ethical behavior by all members of the University community.

## **ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY AND POWERS**

The authority of the Student Council is derived from the democratically expressed will of the students of the University. In order to fulfill its purpose, the Student Council shall have the following rights and responsibilities.

### **Section 1 – Assembly and Communication**

The Student Council may call, hold, and direct meetings of the students and to initiate and receive communication within and on behalf of the students of the University.

### **Section 2 – Promotion of Student Activities**

The Student Council may organize, or otherwise promote organizations and activities of the students, as necessary and appropriate to provide opportunity and structure for student interaction, endeavors, and welfare.

### Section 3 – Affiliation

The Student Council shall have the ability to affiliate with or hold membership in other organizations outside the University which serve the interests of students or which share other common interest or cause with the Student Body. Such affiliation may not contradict or be in conflict with the rules and regulations under which the University operates in Armenia, or be in conflict with the vision and policies of the University

### Section 4 – Organization and Self-Governance

We recognize that only students have the right to choose officers and representatives of Student Council. No faculty or administrative approval is needed to become an officer or representative of Student Council. The Student Council may elect or appoint its officers to positions of leadership or responsibility within the Student Council and to form committees and working groups. The Student Council shall have operating policies, plans and procedures. The additional policies, plans and procedures shall not conflict with this Constitution in their purpose or in their particulars.

### Section 5 – Funds

Student Council has the right to have its own budget and to launch fund-raising activities in coordination with their Advisor. The Student Council shall utilize facilities, equipment and technical resources of the University in consultation with their advisor for appropriate activities, free of charge. Such activities must conform to any rules and regulations under which the university operates in Armenia, and the mission, vision and policies of the University. All activities require the prior approval fo the Student council Advisor if they involve any person(s) or organization(s) outside AUA.

### Section 6 - Student Council Logo

Student Council has the right to use the approved logo. The logo can only be changed with the approval of the Provost.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

### Section 1 – Student Council Composition

The Student Council shall consist of students elected to the Student Council by University students. The members of the Student Council shall be composed of two representatives from each degree program. There shall be a total of fourteen (14) representatives representing the students.

### Section 2 – Qualifications

All students must be:

- in good standing (as defined in the current Catalog of the University),
- not in default of any financial or other obligation towards the University,
- enrolled in a degree program of the University, and
- currently registered in a course of study shall have the right to fully participate in Student Council elections and serve as a Student Council officer.

### Section 3 – Student Council Representatives

The Student Council shall be composed of 2 representatives from each of the seven degree Programs. Such Representatives shall be elected by a simple majority of their respective programs. All the students of all the degree programs shall be notified at least five working days in advance of Student Council Representative elections. Only students who fulfill the qualifications of Student Council Representatives as set forth in Section 2 above shall have the right to be elected as Student Council Representative. The representatives shall assume all duties of the Student Council Representatives as defined by this Constitution.

### Section 4 – Duties of the Student Council Representatives

1. Student Council Representatives represent their Academic Program to ensure that all procedures and activities are inclusive of their constituency.
2. Representatives are responsible for bringing to the Student Council as a whole issues from the student of their Academic Program that its members believe need to be addressed;

3. Representatives are responsible for informing their constituents of Student Council decisions and plans.
4. SC Representatives are required to attend all meetings, regular and special, of the Student council unless absent with an excusable absence. Excusable absences may include: personal illness, immediate family illness, death or work-related issues. After three consecutive absences a Representative may be dismissed, subject to a formal Disciplinary action.
5. SC Representatives must follow and uphold the AUA Student Code of Ethics at all time.
6. SC Representatives are to be active in all events of the Student Council and all events of the University where Student Council Representation is expected, such as special university events, Open Houses, visitor tours, etc.
7. SC Representatives are to ensure that annual activities (quarterly activities, sponsoring clubs) are continued, along with helping to develop additional activities and university clubs.

#### Section 5 – Student Council Advisor

The Registrar/Director of Student Services shall serve as Advisor to the Student Council and shall attend meetings of the Student Council but with no right to vote. S/he shall have the right to speak at all Student Council meetings or any other event organized by Student Council.

The most recent outgoing officers of the Student Council, by virtue of their former membership on the Student Council, shall also be Student Council advisors, as long as they remain eligible under Section 2 above. They shall have the right to participate in all Student Council meetings, open or closed, but shall not have the right to vote. This part does not apply to Student Council Representatives who have been recalled, disqualified, or otherwise been removed from office.

### **ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

#### Section 1: Elections

- A. The elections for Student Council Representatives will be run, monitored, and supervised by the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee will consist of the:
  - a. Student Council Elections Officer
  - b. Director of Student Services
  - c. one member of Staff – appointed by the Director of Student Services
  - d. one additional student at-large appointed by the current Student Council executive committee,
  - e. The list and contact information of the members of the Elections Committee shall be posted on bulletin boards on the campus.
- B. All deadlines regarding election procedures shall be set by the Elections Committee.

#### Section 2: Guidelines for Elections

- A. There shall be one main election of the Student Council membership held in Spring each year. The method of election shall be by written ballot. The days and hours will be decided by the Elections Committee, and shall be made public two full weeks prior to the start of voting period. Voting shall be supervised by the members of the Election Committee. If all membership is not filled at that time, there will be a secondary election held in the Fall and shall be completed prior to the mid-term period; both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students are eligible at this time.
- B. Elections for SC Representative shall be held within each Academic degree Program (MATEFL, LL.M., MScCIS, MEIESM, MBA, MPH, MPSIA). Each degree shall have 2 representatives for a total of 14 Student Council Representatives.
- C. Only students enrolled time in a degree program of the University, and currently registered in a course of study, and in good financial standing at the university shall have the right to run for the position of Representative. Each student has the right to vote only once during each election.
- D. The procedure for elections shall be as follows:
  - a. The voting period shall be three working days in April and/or May.
  - b. There shall be one full week in which to campaign prior to the voting period.
- E. The eligibility of candidates is defined in Article IV, Section 2 of this Constitution.

- F. The current Elections Committee shall make all announcements regarding the guidelines and schedule for elections available within each academic unit 1 week prior to candidates announcing their desire to run for SC Representative, and monitor all departmental elections.
- G. All candidates must fill out and sign a position paper, declaring their constituency, eligibility and desire to run, during the week prior to start of campaign. The form shall be designed by the Elections Committee and be made available at the Registrar's Office and on the Student Council Web Page a week prior to start of campaign. Both electronic and hard copy forms, as well as photos of candidates must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the deadline set by the Elections Committee.
- H. Each candidate must approve a proof of their position papers before it is placed on the Student Council Web Page and must sign a statement declaring his/her name and data to be correct during a week after the campaign started. Candidates failing to do so must accept any errors on the Web Page.
- I. Candidates for each seat shall be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order.
- J. If any candidate is disqualified after or during an election, votes cast for him/her shall be declared void.
- K. Ballot boxes will be provided for each Academic degree program by the Elections Committee and placed in each department.
- L. A list of names of eligible voters will be maintained in each academic program office by the current SC Representatives of that Academic Program to ensure that each student votes only once.
- M. Ballots shall be picked up at the end of each day and stored in the Student Council office, and placed back in the academic department as per each departmental schedule. The hours of voting shall be arranged by each academic program according to their class schedules.

### Section 3: Ballot Counting

- A. On the last day of voting, the Student Council Advisor shall pick up all ballot boxes and take them to the Student Council office for counting. The Elections Committee shall meet as soon as possible but no longer than 24 hours of the end of voting to count ballots. All Candidates are allowed to be present during the counting of ballots, but the counting will not be re-scheduled to benefit a candidates schedule. If a candidate cannot be present, they can appoint one proxy. The name of the proxy must be submitted to the Elections Committee by the candidates AUA e-mail at least 24 hours prior to counting.
- B. The final results of elections and the protocol of election results signed by a simple majority of the members of Elections Committee shall be made public on the seventh working day after the close of elections.
- C. The protocol of election results shall be kept by the Student Council Advisor and a copy of this document shall be kept in the Student Council office for one year.

### Section 3: Campaign Policies

- A. Campaigning and electioneering shall be limited to University degree program students.
- B. No campaign materials shall appear before the beginning of the designated campaign period. Violation of this rule shall result in the candidate's disqualification.
- C. There shall be no campaigning outside of the University premises.
- D. Campaign materials and activities and their use shall be regulated by general University Policy and by Election Procedures of this Constitution. Posters may only be placed on bulletin boards. Posters found elsewhere shall be taken down by the Registrar's Office staff.
- E. All campaign materials must be removed within forty-eight hours of the time elections have been completed.
- F. The following are policies regarding campaign expenditures:
  - a. Candidates must submit a detailed plan of how they will run the campaign. This includes and budget. The plan should be submitted to the Elections Committee during the week prior to start of campaign.
  - b. A candidates' campaign plan must be approved by the Elections Committee.
  - c. All campaign materials shall have the stamp of approval of the Elections Committee before being distributed. Every piece of material must be stamped. Flyers not approved by the Elections Committee must be removed by

the candidate and additional penalties, including possible disqualification for repeated violations, may be imposed.

- d. Available rooms, auditoriums, shall be provided to each candidate for campaigning following his/her request and after the approval of the campaign plan.

#### Section 5: Sanctions

- A. A candidate shall be warned or disqualified for any infraction of the Election Procedures. The Elections Committee shall apply sanctions appropriate to the campaign violation. Violations that affect the outcome of an election shall result in a candidate's disqualification. Penalties for violations shall be applied uniformly for all candidates.
- B. A decision must be made within two working days on any complaint filed with the Elections Committee against a candidate.
- C. The candidate shall have the right to hear a full statement of the complaint against him/her and to know the identity of the complainant.
- D. The candidate shall have the right to speak in his/her own defense and to produce witnesses to speak on his/her behalf.
- E. A quorum is necessary for the Elections Committee to conduct business dealing with sanctions. A quorum is defined as a majority plus one of all Elections Committee members.
- F. Any student who is eligible to vote may file an elections complaint.

#### Section 6: Appeals

- A. Appeals will be accepted by the Elections Committee up to two working days after the close of the elections.
- B. When there is an Appeal made against a candidate, a complaint form must be completed and signed by the student making the complaint. There must be evidence of an infraction of the Election Procedures before the Elections Committee will accept it.
- C. Should the Elections Committee decide to hear the appeal, the Committee will have three working days to discuss the case. A written decision on the appeal must be delivered to the University Administration and outgoing Executive Committee within twenty-four hours after the decision has been made.

#### Section 7: Publication of Election Guidelines

The Elections Committee shall annually publish the current election guidelines. This publication called the Elections Code shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. Dates, times, electronic voting places, requirements for voting.
- B. Eligibility.
- C. Campaign regulation.
- D. Campaign materials and functions.
- E. Sanctions.
- F. Appeals Process.
- G. Rules regulating campaign statements.
- H. Provisions for announcements of results.

#### Section 8: Recall

Every elected officer of the Student Council shall be subject to recall. Upon the signing of a petition requesting recall by 30% of the students of the Academic Program, a recall election shall be held. If a majority of the votes are cast for recall, that seat in the Student Council shall be vacant.

#### Section 9: Replacement of Members after Secondary Election

If a member steps down or is asked to leave office that position will be filled from the student body at-large. The President shall submit a list of 3 names for a vote of the Student Council. A simple majority will confirm the new member.

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

### Section 1 –Officers

The Student Council shall have a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Elections Coordinator, Student Council Web Page Editor, Campus Wide Events Director/ Public Relations Coordinator.

### Section 2 – Election of Officers

All the officers of the Student Council shall be elected by the newly elected Representatives of the Student Council within 2 weeks of the announcement of the official results of the elections.

### Section 3 – Term of Office

Each officer shall serve a one year term. Student Council officers may serve more than one term if re-elected. In the event that a candidate is advanced or elected to fill a vacancy the term of office shall be considered as the time left until the next regular Student Council election.

### Section 3 - Vacancy

An office shall be declared vacant upon formal announcement to the Student Council of the removal or resignation of an officer. In the event an elected office is vacant the Student Council

President may make a permanent appointment subject to a two-thirds vote of the Student Council officers within ten working days.

### Section 4 - Election of Officers

- A. After the elections for the membership of the Student Council are held, the President of the outgoing Student Council shall call and preside over an organization meeting of the new Student Council.
- B. At this time, the outgoing President shall call the outgoing Elections Officer to preside over the meeting to elect officers. The Elections Officer shall list the offices of the Student Council, briefly describe them and ask officers to nominate themselves or others for any of the offices., written descriptions will also be provided.
- C. The outgoing President shall then adjourn the meeting and set a time for the next Council meeting to take place within one week (7 days), at which time the election of Student Council officers shall be held.
- D. Within 24 hours of the first meeting the candidates for any of the offices shall submit a one-page written statement as to their qualifications for office. It shall be the responsibility of the outgoing Elections Officer to supply copies of the statements for the Student Council sufficiently in advance of the second meeting.
- E. At this meeting, the outgoing Elections Officer may request an oral presentation by the candidates as well as a question-and-answer period.
- F. At this Student Council meeting (the second of the new Student Council) the election of officers will be held in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Elections Coordinator, Campus-Wide Events Director/PR Coordinator and Student Council Web Page Editor.
- G. A majority of those voting (including abstentions) is necessary and sufficient to elect an officer. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates who receive the most votes on the first ballot.
- H. Upon completion of the elections of all Student Council officers, the outgoing President along with the outgoing Elections Officer shall certify the elections within one week.
- I. The newly elected officers of the Student Council shall assume office upon certification of their election by the outgoing President. The old officers of the Student Council shall retain their office until such time as the newly elected President assumes office.
- J. In the event that certain positions of elected officers must be filled during the course of the term, the President of the Student Council shall request the Elections Coordinator to conduct special elections in the Student Council, following the preceding guidelines for regularly elected officer elections.
- K. The Oath Ceremony shall take place within two weeks of the announcement of the election of Student Council Officers. All outgoing and incoming members are required to be present.

## ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Upon assuming the title of Student Council officer, each officer shall:

- attend regular Student Council meetings unless excused by the President; an officer may have no more than three unexcused absences during his/her term of office;
- be active on and attend the meetings of at least one Student Council Committee unless otherwise excused by the Committee chairman;
- voice the opinions of his/her constituents during Student Council discussions;
- inform constituents of the results of these votes;
- regularly report to inform constituents of issues and proceedings of the Student Council, campus-wide activities, referendums, and other issues affecting the students;
- assume any additional responsibilities that the Bylaws or Executive Committee may demand.

### Section 1 – Duties of the President

- act as chairman at meetings of the Student Council, represent the student body in all intercampus and extra-campus capacities;
- report to the Student Council on intercampus and extra-campus issues;
- work in conjunction with the treasurer and members of Executive Committee to prepare Student Council's budget;
- have authority to authorize and sign for expenditures within the Student Council budget;
- see that the Constitution of the Student Council IS followed;
- see that the other officers fulfill their responsibilities;
- see that the Student Council as a whole accomplishes its goals and fulfills its responsibilities and purposes;
- call special meetings of Student Council;
- appoint ad hoc Committees and executive positions as defined in the Constitution, and
- assume any additional responsibilities that the Executive Committee may demand.

### Section 2 – Duties of the Vice-President

- responsible for all issues and affairs related to the internal and external workings of the Student Council
- act as chairman in the absence of or at the request of the President;
- act as Parliamentarian on behalf of the President to ensure orderly meetings, and advise the President as needed ;
- be prepared to assume the duties of the President at any time;
- see that the students are represented and informed in campus decisions and affairs;
- report to the Student Council on campus issues;
- be responsible for publicity of issues and events outside of Student Council pertaining to Student Council or the University students;
- maintain channels for students to express opinions;
- coordinate, oversee, and recommend changes in the work of all external and internal Student Council committees;
- assume any additional responsibilities that the President, Bylaws, or the Executive Committee may demand;
- see that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Council are followed.

### Section 3 – Duties of the Treasurer

- see that all expenditures of Student Council funds, including expenditures of Student Council funds that have been appropriated to Student Council clubs and activities, are in accordance with University and Student Council Policy and do not conflict with any budgets approved by the Student Council;
- see that all financial transactions of the Student Council are executed in a timely fashion;
- use his or her signature to represent the Student Council on all financial documents affecting Student Council funds;

- see that Student Council officers and Student Council Committee officers understand the University accounting system and financial policies well enough to be able to properly carry out their responsibilities;
- report regularly to the President and to the Student Council on transactions involving the Student Council funds which have taken place since the previous report;
- recommend for Student Council approval any changes in the Student Council's approved budget or in the budget of any organization provided with Student Council funds, and
- assume any additional responsibilities that the Executive Committee may demand.

#### Section 4 – Duties of the Secretary

- record the minutes of all meetings of the Student Council;
- see that all minutes, agendas, and related materials are available to all Student Council officers early enough to allow officers to review them before the meeting to which the materials pertain;
- see that copies of the current Constitution and Bylaws are available to Student Council officers;
- prepare monthly brief reports on the activities of the Student Council. Such reports shall be provided monthly via e-mail to the Assistant/Associate Dean of each Academic Program of the University and shall be sent monthly by email to all students;
- maintain a file of actions and resolutions approved by the Student Council;
- maintain attendance records;
- maintain the Student Council's roster of officers and representatives;
- inform the Executive Committee when an officer or representative has failed to fulfill his/her duties;
- assume any additional responsibilities that the Executive Committee may demand.

#### Section 5 – Duties of the Campus Wide Events Director/Public Relations Coordinator

- work in conjunction with the Executive Committee to develop a comprehensive activities program designed to meet and supplement the social, cultural, and recreational needs of the students;
- see that the activities program is implemented in a timely fashion;
- work in conjunction with the Student Council Web Page Editor and the AUA PR Coordinator to develop a plan to publicize and support social, cultural and recreational events ( e.g. making posters, etc.);
- inform the Executive Committee on the all campus events;
- interact with external communities and organizations on joint projects or campaigns to benefit the University students;
- contact University Administration whenever the Student Council has any events in which assistance is needed;
- oversee all Student Council clubs and development of new club petitions;
- assume any additional responsibilities that the Executive Committee may demand.
- All public relations and announcements to the mass media and press are made through the AUA PR Coordinator

#### Section 6 – Duties of the Student Council Web Page Editor

- maintains the Student Council website in coordination with AUA ICTS
- regularly collect and provide information for update of the Student Council Web page content;
- inform constituents via the website of issues and proceedings of the Student Council, campus-wide activities, referendums, and other issues affecting the students, using Web resources;
- see that these activities are in accordance with University Policies, Rules and Regulations and assume any additional responsibilities that the Executive Committee may demand.

#### Section 7 – Duties of the Elections Coordinator

- develop in conjunction with the Associate Registrar a list of students eligible to vote during Student Council Elections;
- establish an Election Committee within the Student Council body;
- work in conjunction with the Elections Committee to prepare and post the Elections Code;
- assume the responsibilities of the of Elections Coordinator as defined by this Constitution;



- see that **Article XIV** of this Constitution of the Student Council are followed by all members of Elections Committee;
- assume any additional responsibilities that the Executive Committee may demand.

## **ARTICLE VII I: DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

### Section 1 – Disciplinary Actions Regarding Officers and Representatives

- An officer or representative who misses three regular Student Council meetings shall be scheduled for a hearing by the Student Council, which will have the authority to remove an officer or representative from office, or dismiss the charges against the officer if charges are found to be for good cause. Good cause being personal illness, immediately family illness or death. For the purposes of this provision, tardiness or an early departure shall be counted as one-half of an absence. The Student Council Secretary shall immediately notify, in writing, an officer or representative of his/her suspension.
- Any student who believes that an officer or representative has neglected his/her duties in a substantive manner may file a complaint, in writing, with the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall immediately notify, in writing, an officer or representative of the fact that a complaint has been filed against him/her and the nature of that complaint. A copy of such notification shall be forwarded to all the officers of the Student Council.
- Following a hearing under either above-mentioned paragraph A or B, the Student Council, by two-thirds of votes of all officers, shall have the authority to remove an officer or representative from office, dismiss the charges against the officer. The officer shall have a voice, but no vote in these proceedings.

## **ARTICLE IX: STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING**

### Section 1 – Meeting Times

- The Student Council shall hold regular meetings at least once a month during the academic year and, in addition, when the President deems it necessary to call a special meeting.
- The Student Council's agenda shall be fixed two working days prior to the meeting and shall be distributed to all officers two working days prior to the meeting.
- A special meeting of the Student Council may be called by the President provided that the entire Student Council membership has been notified by e-mail or by telephone two days in advance.
- Each officer of the Student Council shall have one vote in the Student Council.

### Section 2 – Quorum

- A quorum is necessary for the Student Council or any of its subsidiary Committees to pass a decision.
- A quorum is defined as a simple majority of all currently seated representatives in order to conduct regular business.

### Section 3 – Open Meetings

- All Student Council regular meetings shall be open to the University students, faculty and staff.
- Notification of such meetings shall be available at the Student Council Web Page, be posted on the Student Council's Bulletin Board, and be sent by email to all persons who have the right to attend such meetings. All such persons shall have the right to speak at the meeting but shall have no right to vote.
- Minutes and agendas of those open meetings shall be available at the Student Council Web Page.
- Students, Faculty and Staff shall have open access to all resolutions that have been passed by a regular session of the Student Council.

### Section 4 – Parliamentary Procedures

- The Vice President of the Student Council, or the person acting as chairperson of any Committee meeting, shall make the rulings on all parliamentary questions.
- The President shall consult with the Vice President as necessary and appropriate on the parliamentary questions.
- Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution a majority of a quorum is needed to pass a motion.
- Student Council personnel matters brought before the Student Council for a vote must be voted on by a secret ballot.

## Section 5 – Proxies

In the event an officer cannot attend a meeting, s/he may leave a written proxy with a designated officer. Such written authorization must be submitted to the President in a sealed envelope and must clearly state both the issue upon which the proxy bears and how the officer wishes to vote (affirmative, negative, abstention).

Each officer may serve as the representative of only one other officer. However, the presence of a proxy will not prevent officers from being considered absent. In the event an issue undergoes change (e.g. division of the question, amendment) the proxy will not be considered valid unless it has made provision for those specific circumstances.

## ARTICLE X: OATH

The oath of the President of the Student Council is made orally in a speech delivered to the University Community a week after the official results of elections is announced. Outgoing Student Council team shall inform the University Community about this event a week prior to the meeting and shall organize the meeting.

The text of the oath is the following:

*“Dear Students, Dear University community. It is an honor for me to be elected as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Student Council. I promise to fulfill my duties in accordance with the general rules of professional and ethical conduct. I will show due respect to Students and Faculty. I will seek an opinion and advice of the community of American University of Armenia on important matters and decisions. In case a dispute arises, I will act according to the Rules and Procedures set forth in the Student Council Constitution. I will uphold the Student Council Constitution to the best of my ability.”*

## ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

If a proposal to amend this Constitution receives three-fourth of the votes of the Student Council and approval of the Student Council Advisor and Provost, the Constitution shall be declared duly amended.

## ARTICLE XII: ENACTMENT

This Constitution shall have full force and effect following passage by a three-fourth of the votes of the current student body.