

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**4:30-5:30 P.M.**  
**25 June 2009**

**Members Present**

Arman Vatyan  
Aram Hajian  
Vahan Bournazian  
Gurgen Khachatryan  
Byron Crape  
Melissa Brown  
Garegin Gevorgyan  
Gagik Gabrielyan  
Tom Samuelian  
Robert Agajeenian

**Members Absent**

Hossein Farhady \*  
Varduhi Petrosyan \*  
Lusine Galajyan \*

**Other**

\* Indicates excused absence

Faculty Senate Agenda:

25 June 2009

- Quorum Call
  
- Approval of Agenda
  
- Approval of May 26 Minutes
  
- Reading of Letter to BOT
  
- Upcoming summer/fall meetings schedule
  
- Executive Committee report
  
- Ethics & Grievance Committee report
  
- Committee on Extension Programs report
  
- Curriculum Committee report
  
- Discussion re: General Assembly
  
- Other business

**MINUTES**

Introductions

**1) Quorum Call**

Quorum present

### **1) Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted by consensus (moved to adopt and seconded the motion with no objections).

### **2) Approval of May 26 Minutes**

The minutes of the 26 May 2009 Faculty Senate meeting were adopted by consensus (moved to adopt, seconded the motion with no objections).

### **3) Reading of Letter to Board of Trustees**

Aram reviewed the decision by the Faculty Senate to send a letter to the AUA Board of Trustees to provide Faculty Senate feedback on the selection of the new President of AUA. The letter, after discussion by the Faculty Senate, was developed by the Executive Committee to integrate Faculty Senate concerns on the qualities of the President and faculty involvement.

Aram first read an email recently received by him from the interim Chair of the Board of Trustees that formally requesting feedback from the Faculty Senate. Aram then read the Faculty Senate letter, addressed from the Faculty Senate to the interim Chair of the Executive Committee and the Chair of the Search Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Concerning phrasing in the letter, Bob asked if “full time president” meant resident president? Aram responded that this was not necessarily implied: he reviewed that from last Faculty Senate meeting’s discussion several Faculty Senate members wanted a full time president with a track record of fundraising with time spent in the U.S., some wanted a resident president—so, the design of the letter was to emphasize the importance of the new president’s “center of gravity” being in Armenia.

Gagik asked about fundraising not being addressed in the letter. Vahan responded that it was not included because it is already foremost on the minds of the Trustees and would be redundant—better to address other issues.

### **4) Other business: resignation from FS and introduction of new FS member**

Aram: Alexan Simonyan sent an email to Aram resigning from the Faculty Senate as a representative of the business department, per FS by-laws, because he would not be teaching in the near future in the business department. Chair Aram introduced the present new FS business representative replacing Alexan: Arman Vatyan. Introductions around the table.

### **5) Upcoming summer/fall meetings schedule**

Aram: with the calendar schedule shift and a need to plan for the General Assembly, should we skip the FS meeting in August—slow month? Tom asked if we should skip October too? Aram suggested a July 30 FS meeting or a meeting before (Oct 1) or after (Oct 29) graduation or near graduation (Oct 11)?

Vahan suggested we meet beforehand in time to plan the General Assembly (GA) if GA is in October. Aram suggests meeting Oct 11 and plan for agenda for a GA end of Nov. Bylaws require having a GA by end of year. Vahan suggests having GA when information on presidential search is available, though it is unknown when results will be known. So, Nov is good.

Tom suggests unless the decision on the President is before. Bob suggests emailing all faculty for dates. Aram suggests that's difficult to choose a single date with a large group. During Graduation some Trustees, Search Committee members might be present for graduation—perhaps could have them report to GA if during graduation. Suggested meeting Oct1. Garegin asked before or after Oct 11? Vahan suggested FS meeting July 30 to plan agenda for GA near Oct 11.

Chair Aram said he would send a letter to the Search Committee/ Board of Trustees to identify and invite anyone present in Armenia during graduation to speak at GA. Melissa & Tom: exam week meeting? Is milder time for meeting.

Aram asks for other GA agenda items: Tom- English language testing Bob- 2010 cycle

*Agreement by consensus: next FS meeting Thursday July 30 4:30 pm  
GA near Oct 11 (graduation)*

**6) Executive Committee**

Nothing to report- Aram

**7) Ethics & Grievance Committee**

Nothing to report---Vahan

**8) Committee on Extension Programs**

Extension course forms will now be submitted electronically in a computer site set up by AUA computer services with access by Extension Committee members- Byron

**9) Curriculum Committee**

Certificate programs, admissions, money, departments approved. Outstanding are English testing, two departmental audits, self studies—Tom. Aram: Independent studies issues in business? Tom: probation – needs extension July Aug.

Aram: Agenda Items for GA: 1. Forum, exchange of ideas, 2. Presidential search, 3. English language assessment, 4. Financial conditions of AUA (Byron), 5. Future of AUA

Aram: Develop precise agenda for GA

**Other Business**

Chair Aram: read resignation email from Alexan Simonyan and again welcoming new member Aram

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded without objection.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Byron Crape.