Faculty Senate Emergency Meeting

April 23, 2018

Quorum called at 16:35 pm

**Present:**

* Gayane Barseghyan
* Michael Andrews Bashan
* Norayr Ben-Ohanian
* David Davidian
* Gagik Gabrielyan
* Christian Garbis
* Irshat Madyarov
* Agassy Manoukian
* Nshan Matevosyan
* Jenny Paturyan
* Varduhi Petrosyan
* Fanis Varvoglis
* Arto Vaun

**Absent**

* Hrant Davtyan
* Aram Keryan

**Guests**

* Randall Rhodes
* Madlene Minassian
* Talin Grigorian
* Lilianne Edilyan
* Sergey Tantushyan
* Vahram Ter-Matevosyan
* Arshak Balayan
* Knar Khachatryan
* Mane Beglaryan
* Aleksander Grigoryan
* Suren Manukyan
* Tatevik Avetisyan
* Michael Kouchakdjian
* Adelaida Baghdasaryan
* Mica Hilson

**Agenda:**

* The FS should assist the administration in crafting a better message to be released immediately that is neutral but in touch with the current situation.
* Recommendations for future: Faculty Senate input when crafting any mass emails and/or public statements at times of crisis

**Notes:**

* Arto and Nshan met earlier with the President. A message was drafted and sent out
* We want to propose to the administration that we help craft messages during crisis
* We also want to reiterate a message that:
	+ Classes need to be made up
	+ Be neutral in classes
	+ When you give interviews or post on social media, do it as an individual, not as AUA
* Discussion: define crisis. Nshan: I can look into it, there are acceptable definitions
* A proposition put to vote: it is recommended to the administration that FS is consulted in times of crises to help craft messages. Unanimous approval
* Two of our alumni are arrested. Do we want to follow up? Optimism about their release soon
* Is there a need to add a week to the semester? Something to think about

Meeting ended 17:10