

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**12:30-1:30 P.M.**  
**18 June 2010**

**Members Present**

Aram Hajian  
Varduhi Petrosyan  
Byron Crape  
Arthur Drampian  
Eric Guevorkian  
Melissa Brown  
Irshat Madyarov  
Gagik Gabrielyan

**Members Absent**

Lusine Galajyan\*  
Arman Vatyan\*  
Tatevik Zohrabyan\*  
Emil Babayan\*  
Tom Samuelian\*  
Vahan Bournazian\*

**Guests**

Allen Greenwood  
Bella Avagyan  
Berj Gatrjian

\* Indicates excused absence

Faculty Senate Agenda:

18 June 2010

- Quorum Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes
- Report about AMICAL conference by Bella Avakian and Berj Gatrjian
- Committee reports
  - Executive committee
  - Curriculum committee
  - Ethics & Grievance committee
  - Committee on Extension programs
- Other business

**MINUTES**

**1) Quorum Call**

Quorum present

**2) Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

**2) Approval of May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes**

The minutes of the 21 May 2010 Faculty Senate meeting were adopted.

**3) AMICAL conference by Bella Avagyan and Berj Gatrjian**

Aram asked Bella and Berj to present their feedback from the recently attended AMICAL conference. This was the latest of the 6 annual conferences bringing together consortium members from American Universities regarding academic libraries. Last year nearly 60 participants came to Armenia, while this year's conference was held in Budapest. Tom Samuelian together with the two presenters today were present in Hungary. The theme was advancing learning, teaching, and research through collaborative library resources. While last year's theme focused on students, this year, the focus was on institutional repositories, digital collections, and cloud computing. Experts presented, shared knowledge and introduced new technologies. Participants included librarians, faculty members, and IT staff from various American University members of the consortium. Topics most frequently discussed were about databases, e-printing, institutional repositories, portfolios, e-resources, etc. It was stressed that participants should share the information from the conference with their campus stakeholders. AUA participants have a strong tradition of sharing knowledge and experiences with library personnel in

Armenia outside of AUA as well. There was also a presentation of the IT-services that are intertwined with the library resources in universities today. Various platforms, open source resources, domains for collections, request tracking systems, and other e-resources were presented. The AUA participants answered several questions from the FS members and promoted a lively discussion of the conference events. Over time, the participants promised to continue keeping the AUA community aware of new and useful technologies and services which should benefit our students and us all.

#### **4) Committee reports**

- **Executive committee**

It was discussed that the incoming President will be invited to our first fall meeting in September, which will take place before classes begin on Sept 27.

- **Curriculum committee**

A discussion took place about the recently presented Law Dept's Graduate Certificate to the Curriculum committee, which was ratified by FS.

- **Ethics & Grievance committee**

Nothing to report.

- **Committee on Extension programs**

No report, but a meeting of the CEP was to take place after the FS meeting.

#### **5) Other business**

No other business was discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aram Hajian.