

General Faculty Assembly
June 13, 2007; 4:30-6:00
Room 23A

Attendance

C. Azarbod	S. Knyazyan	P. Sen
S. Sivasubramaniam	T. Samuelian	A. Hambaryan
A. Simonyan	L. Danielian	D. Fuller
R. Agajeenian	T. Khorozyan	E. Kekejian
M. Celce-Murcia	S. Zeytunyan	V. Bournazian
V. Petrosyan	S. Khachatryan	
Y. Amirkhanyan	D. Georgievski	

AGENDA

1. Introductions: name, program, courses
2. Faculty Senate (FS) Executive Committee Report: FS Charter / FS Activities / FS Reporting (Bournazian)
3. Faculty Development (Hambaryan)
4. Recruitment Issues: Military Deferment et. al. (Bournazian)
5. AUA Library Services & Internet Management Systems (Avagyan) (Cancelled)

SUMMARY

1. **Introductions:** Time was taken for those attending to introduce themselves to the group.

2. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Report:

The Chair reviewed the FS Charter with the group, focusing on the scope of FS work: to recommend to the AUA President policies pertaining to 1) courses, curriculum, and degree requirements, and 2) student admissions and conduct and to advise on criteria for faculty appointments, standards of conduct, and welfare. The Chair invited faculty to review the Faculty Senate web site at www.aua.am/senate for more information regarding the FS Bylaws, the Faculty Handbook, FS meeting minutes and a list of policies recommended last year and a list of policies recommended to date this year. The Chair also advised academic programs to include on their faculty meeting agendas a section for reports from their Faculty Senate members on the ongoing work of the Faculty Senate.

3. Faculty Development:

A. Hambaryan led the discussion by asking faculty members to consider how to best utilize and share with other faculty members electronic resources, such as list serves and Internet forums. Faculty members commented that electronic resources are often specific to one's field of study and not worthwhile to share across programs, but that it would be worthwhile to share good electronic resources within their field of study with faculty members in their academic programs. Programs should consider posting a list of valuable electronic resources (links, list serves, Internet forums) on their program web page in order to inform fellow faculty members and students about these resources. It

was also mentioned that faculty member and student activity in appropriate Internet fora may have recruitment benefits.

4. Recruitment:

V. Bournazian started the discussion by identifying some recruitment issues that exist across all academic programs. Mention was made of the administrations efforts to address these issues. Examples were also given of programs participating together on joint projects with potential recruitment benefits, and of individual programs interacting with Armenian counterparts in their field on projects for incidental recruitment benefits. The question posed for discussion was what other unique recruitment activities can programs identify and share with each other that may be of help in recruitment.

Faculty members from different programs shared their unique approaches to recruitment. College of Health Sciences, for example, has started a joint degree program with Yerevan State Medical School. Other faculty members shared their own program's experiences as well. At the end the consensus was that excellence in education builds a program's reputation and ensures good enrollment. In connection with this, it was also recognized that providing strong career planning services to students would help the students and enhance the university's reputation. Alumni support was also recognized as an important factor. The university recently took steps to enhance student career services and promote better relations between the university and alumni.

Respectfully submitted

Faculty Senate Executive Committee