**AUA FS Meeting**

**Minutes**

**May 05, 2020**

1. The FS meeting commenced on May 05, 2020, at 3:30 PM. There was a quorum; present were: Theofanis Varovlgis, Don Fuller, Lori Frederics, Nshan Matevosyan, Vahram Ghushchyan, AgassyManoukian, Khalid Aboura, Louisa Harutyunyan, David Davidian, Norayr Ben Ohanian, HarutyunAlpetyan, Sergey Tantushyan, ArshakBalayan.
2. Provost Rhodes joined the call and shared some information regarding the possible transition to online teaching for the Fall and possibly for Spring 2021. A decision should be made on this on June 1, 2020.
3. The FS approved the minutes of the previous FS meeting and proceeded discussing the question of Ethics and Grievance Committee Procedure Regulation (“**Regulation**”) approval.
4. Nshan briefed the FS about the amendments and supplements made to the Regulation and the FS took a vote and the Procedure was approved unanimously.
5. Budget Committee Charge (“**Charge**”) was then discussed. No additional commentswere made during the meeting about the Charge. A voting took place, and FS approved the Budget Committee Charge unanimously.
6. Faculty Affairs committee policy proposals: Michael Kouchakdjian stated that the document is being finalized and will soon be sent to the executive team of AUA for distribution.
7. Fanis Varvoglis then talked about the meeting with the President and shared some important ideas on creating centers of excellence. The President of AUA asked if the Senate could do a research and discuss what would faculty need to successfully implement this strategic pbjective.
8. General discussion on how the role of FS can be made more effective. FS members shared their thoughts about the current role of the FS and discussed further steps to make FS more engaged in AUA decision making processing with regard to education. Harutyun Alpetyan, Louisa Harutyunyan, Khalid Aboura, Sergey Tantushyan, Donald Fuller, Vahram Ghushchyan, Lori Fredricks and Nshan Matevosyan contributed to the discussion, talked about the impact the FS has had so far and some important steps that it has taken in the past several years. They also suggested certain steps to be made to make FS more effective, including focusing more on education issues and being in contact with the AUA administration to recommend them on reforms. It was suggested that bench marking of other Univeristy Senates woulbe helpful. It was suggested that the role of the senate should be reactive and proactive. It was also suggested that motivation relates feeling that the work is meaningful and policy proposals are adopted by the university.
9. The FS meeting was then declared finished.