

Student Council of the Anglo-American University

MINUTES FOR MEETING

*Unofficial Council Meeting
Monday, August 26th, 2019*

This regular meeting of the Student Council will be held in classroom 1.33 in AAU campus, starting at 16:00 and ending at 18:15.

name	expected	present?
Joey		x
Tijana		x
Stefan		x
Mateja		x
Jovan		x
Ana		x
Maia		x
Oscar S.		x

Welcome Back! :)

Faculty/Administration Issues

New Faculty advisor (yecey).

Christopher Shallow, M.Sc. Chair, Department of Marketing. Member of Faculty Senate.

- What's his role with us? As a representative of Faculty, what matters do we want to hear from him? With what matters of SC do we want his perspective from? When he's with us, we need to prioritize his topics. How do we balance his time + Iveta's time appropriately?
- Establish our meeting schedule (and his frequency in attending them, bi-monthly, monthly?)
 - Mr. Chris is part of the faculty senate, and head of department of Marketing.
 - What does SC need from him?
 - He will come twice a month to update us from faculty affairs.
 - Advice and generally education, he can inform us with any new updates on education and tuition.
 - He wants his salary to go through a student fund.
 - How can we balance his time?
 - He will attend at least once a month, we do not think that SC will bother too much with his personal and office hours.

How can SC cooperate with Faculty? What events can we host which can take advantage of our friendship?

- Nature of our relationship
 - Mr. Chris can advise us from anything related with students.
 - Furthermore, update us of the operations of the university, provide an inside of the administration.
 - Students are more important than administration, the University should be for the students.
 - The other main priority is to get more students and get involved with marketing.
 - Furthermore, more information towards students from administration.
 - **Idea:** surveys on why humanities department is more involved with University than business department.

- Another goal is to involve WASC accreditation, in order to make the transition smoother from Europe to USA.
 - It is a pretty small University, it should be pretty easy to involve students and administration together.
 - The roles of the university is changing, that is why it is very difficult to consult problems. Sometimes they are also shifting priorities. If there is a constant change, then it is really hard to have continuity.
- We need to ask him for more details on student programs - update on Faculty salary.
 - Any word on the modification for the Business Thesis

This happened last semester (Spring 19), the Business Thesis would be modified for reason of not having sufficient topics.

Mr. Chris stated that the Thesis is modified in order to make it look like other departments.

Graduating Honors Debate

- Deans note their students not being able to be *summa cum laude* because of the state exams outweighing (in some cases) 3 years of A+ GPA. Dean of IR said she would initiate this discussion again in August; need to send an email for an update so SC plays an active role in this.
- The discussion is still outgoing because of the summer break. Joey will send an email to IR dean for updates.
- It's very important for at least one member to attend the meeting, and discuss our perspective on this.
- Mr. Chris does think that it would have the majority of people against abolishing the state exams.

Discussion about new admissions policy (document in SC email)

- Open it up :)
- Is it correct for students to pay 2000 kc for an application fee?
 - It is not worth increasing the fee, the ideal thing would be to at least decrease it because it won't be fair towards students that did not get accepted by AAU.

Student Council Elections (all SC members agree with this format)

- Timeline Proposal
 - 2nd Sep. - Open online applications
 - 16th Sep. - Voting begins, campaigning begins. (How can SC assist without appearing biased?)
 - 24th Sep. - Voting ends.

- How do we refine this process (support candidates to campaign, opportunities to gain publicity).

SC Positions

- What positions can we amend? How does everyone like their position; after at least a semester in it, in what ways can we improve this? We need to make changes by the following week to make a formal constitutional change. We can then make them public, so SC candidates are aware of the positions available.
- We might change two event coordinators instead of two assistants.
- By now, members did everything for their positions and are satisfied. There is always place for improvement :)
- Problems with Club Coordinator, the clubs are really irresponsible and sometimes it is pretty frustrating to communicate with them. Maybe further in the year, the requirement should be stricter.

Orientation!

- Open both presentations and go through them; see what's missing and make sure we assign the last tasks so its finished by Tuesday the following day. Share presentations with Iveta for approval.

Feedback:

- Five different presentations, three days.
- Be familiar with slides in order to present (if you didn't do the slides, read them through)
- DO NOT BE LATE
- **Stefan;** how's the structure of the Czech presentation? What's the role of the mentors? What game(s) will be played afterwards? (See ideas below)
- Below the presentation, you have bullet points on the Czech presentation if you are still not familiar with the presentations.
- The brochures should be printed/laid on seats at the beginning of the presentation. Print now and fold while we are all together? :)
- Double check who's coming and for what presentation

Ideas for GAMES:

- Improvise situations you'll encounter in your Prague life, practice how to figure it out with problem solving. 30mins activity?

- <https://kahoot.it/>

Events

- The new calendar:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vA2uMzGYS0mn3Sz7gflt5GUJKBMPBOg3brKMBfFi-9k/edit#gid=0>
- Add your events; new ideas, set dates, find SC members who lead it.

EVENTS WE NEED START PLANNING

- Welcome Back BBQ (Contact Kieran).
- First Club Fair! (Mateja)

Party after BBQ? Maia and Joey should contact Kieran for the Party.

Clubs

Status of Club Applications

- Time to spread the word and share around SM for people to make a new club! Make poster.
- When is the deadline to apply (doesn't have to be strict, just to create pressure so we can calculate it within our budget.).
- Updates on the old/present/new clubs.

Misc.

Award from the ministry of education

Budget TBD from Iveta.

Orientation RolePlay Game: (Improve the games)

1) Foreigner: You are looking for the park called "Stalin". You approach the nearest person to ask for directions. You have a paper map to help. (1)

Local: You are an old man tormented by the memory of Communism in your country. Your heart's last wish would have been to give death to Stalin. A young person approaches you. (1)

2) Foreigner: You want to take a cab back home after a crazy party, and you don't have any battery left on your phone. You get on a cab you take from the street and try to get home. (1)

Local: You've been driving as a taxi driver in Prague for the last 25 years. You know the city like your hand, enjoy overcharging, and talking to good looking guys and girls. You are very stubborn. (1)

3) Foreigner: You are going to the police station to register by yourself because you didn't go with the AAU crew. This is your 3rd day in Prague, and so it is the last day you can register. (1)

Local: You're a police officer sick and tired of foreigners. They are like clouds to you: they make your day dark. You've not had your coffee in the morning and your boss screamed at you earlier because filed a document on the wrong place. In consequence, you've been put on the worst job of them all: foreigner registration. Your English is terribly bad. (1)

4) Foreigner: It's your friend's birthday and you've decided to launch a crazy party at home with all your friends. It's also past 10pm and you've not even noticed. One of your friends speaks a little Czech. (3)

Local: You're a police officer and your best days come when you get to arrest people for excessive partying. You speak perfect English, but never speak it because this is Czech Republic and the official language is Czech. (2)

5) Foreigner: You've made great Czech friends and they've invited you to some wild Easter Celebrations. You're going to a small Czech town and have no idea what to expect. (2)

Local: It's time to slap some butts and drinks Slivovice, and I'm all out of Slivovice. (1)