

# SAKARYA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE

## II. MEETING REPORT

19.02.2016

The second student senate meeting was held on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 09:00 in the Senate meeting room of the Rectorate, under the chairmanship of Sakarya University Rector Prof.Dr. Muzaffer ELMAS, with the participation of Vice Rectors (Prof.Dr. Mehmet Ali Yalçın, Prof.Dr. Ümit Kocabiçak, Prof.Dr. Atilla ARKAN and Prof.Dr. Musa Eken), Student Dean (Assoc.Dr. Ahmet Özmen), Assistant Secretary General (Hilmi YANMAZ), Student Deanship Secretary (Mustafa Kemal KÖSE) and students. The meeting started with the opening speech of our Rector. The following topics were discussed/exchanged views:

- The survey for evaluating the teaching activities of faculty members in university education was explained.
- Information was provided about updating the SABİS survey questions that evaluate the educational performance of instructors to be more comprehensive and consist of 10 items. It was reported that these surveys can be filled out with the help of mobile devices such as tablets/mobile phones with the developed mobile application.
- Information was given about the contents of newly prepared Horizontal Transfer, Double Major-Minor and Diploma Directives. Students expressed positive opinions about the directives in general and welcomed the granting of horizontal transfer rights to the 8th grade.
- Vice Rector Prof.Dr. Mehmet Ali YALÇIN provided information about the Minor Program and stated that MINOR programs can be opened differently from the department name.
- Students' wishes, complaints, and satisfaction regarding course registration for the 2016 Spring semester were asked. Students stated that they were generally satisfied with the course registration system.
- Vice Rector Prof.Dr. Ümit KOCABIÇAK, in his speech about the SABİS Software, stated that the course registration quota has been removed and that course registration procedures can be done with MOBILE devices in the upcoming semesters.
- Vice Rector Prof.Dr. Mehmet Ali YALÇIN warned the senate about unfounded claims (such as the passing grade being 50) in some media outlets and social media and provided information to the senate on the matter.
- The proposal of Senate Member Yavuz Selim SALMAN regarding resolving students' accommodation problems was discussed, and a consensus was reached on developing appropriate solutions.

- Upon the question of Senate member Bekir ŞAHİN, our Rector provided information about the university's rise in Turkey and World rankings.
- Upon the question of Senate member Mariglen SHEHİ, it was stated that the make-up exam was also abolished in graduate programs.
- Upon the question of Senate member Abdunnar Hassan DAHİR, it was discussed that foreign students cannot work in Turkey except for internships. The senate member's proposal for developing a research project with Somali universities was discussed.
- The proposal of Senate member Nermin YILMAZ about introducing an appointment system for course registration was discussed and decided to be finalized in the next meeting.
- Upon the question of Senate Member Mesut KARAYİĞİT, Vice Rector Ümit KOCABIÇAK stated that elective courses cannot be withdrawn after being opened and this can only be done with a Board of Management Decision.
- Installation of announcement bulletin boards for off-campus units was discussed.
- In response to the question about entrepreneurship courses being taught according to each department's content, it was stated that the course content is general and that instructors take this into consideration.
- Upon the question of Senate member Hüseyin AKAR, it was decided that Student Clubs' correspondence will be transmitted through the Coordinator Instructor's EBYS (electronic signature).
- Upon the demand of Senate Member Disabled Representative Orhan YILMAZ regarding resolving access problems in buildings, our Rector stated that all our buildings will be made accessible to the disabled in the upcoming period, the tender process has been completed, and elevators will be installed to make them accessible to the disabled.
- All senate members expressed their condolences and sorrow regarding the Ankara massacre that shook Turkey. It was also decided to publish a joint statement as the Student Senate.

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