

# **SAKARYA UNIVERSITY - STUDENT SENATE**

## **III. MEETING REPORT**

09.03.2016

The third student senate meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 14:00 in the Senate Meeting Room of the Rectorate, under the chairmanship of Sakarya University Rector Prof.Dr. Muzaffer ELMAS, with the participation of Vice Rector (Prof.Dr. Atilla ARKAN), Student Dean (Assoc.Dr. Ahmet Özmen), Rector's Advisor (Assoc.Dr. Özlem OĞUZHAN), University Quality Representative (Asst.Prof.Dr. Tuba Canvar KAHVECİ), Assistant Secretary General (Hilmi YANMAZ), Student Dean's Secretary (Mustafa Kemal KÖSE) and senate members (students). The meeting started with the opening speech of our Rector, and information was obtained about the general problems and impressions of the students. The following issues were discussed in this initial part of the meeting:

- An explanation was made regarding a question about the newly accredited departments of the Faculty of Technology. Information was provided about previously and newly accredited departments.
- Contact was made with the relevant faculty dean regarding the complaint about classes being held on Friday, and efforts were made to resolve the issue.
- Regarding the complaint that exam durations were too short, with final exams being conducted in less than 20 minutes in some places, it was decided that the matter would be discussed and resolved in the university senate.
- It was decided to discuss the internship issues of the Environmental Engineering and School of Health in the university senate upon their request.
- The request to purchase a birth simulator for the School of Health was found appropriate and decided to be brought to the board of directors.
- Regarding the question about granting titles to graduates of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, it was decided to conduct research and provide information in the next meeting.
- A question was raised about the "Workplace Practice" courses conducted outside the institution in faculties/vocational schools offering 7+1 and 3+1 models not being included in the grade point average. The explanation was as follows: This approach was explained due to the potential unfairness when considering the grade given without an exam for a 10 ECTS course and the overall average for students taking 8 semesters of courses.

- A member's announcement that UNESCO declared this year as the Year of Hoca Ahmet Yesevi and the request to organize an event at our university was met with great enthusiasm, and full support was promised. It was also suggested that the Congress Center be arranged to commemorate Hoca Ahmet Yesevi for 2 weeks at specific hours.
- Subsequently, a presentation was made about the main agenda item "EUA INSTITUTIONAL EVALUATION PROGRAM" and opinions were exchanged. Information was provided about the evaluation team's areas of assessment and visit programs.

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