

SAKARYA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE

IV. MEETING REPORT

28.09.2016

The fourth student senate meeting was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 14:00, under the chairmanship of Sakarya University Rector Prof. Dr. Muzaffer ELMAS, with the participation of Vice Rectors (Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Yalçın, Prof. Dr. Musa Eken), Dean of Students (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Özmen), Secretary of the Dean's Office (Mustafa Kemal KÖSE), and students in the Rectorate Senate meeting room. Since our Rector was able to attend the meeting late, the opening speech was made by our Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali YALÇIN. The following topics were discussed/information was exchanged at the meeting:

- With the opening of the new academic year, best wishes for success were presented to all faculty members and students in their new educational lives.
- Wishes for a speedy recovery were conveyed to our entire university community and our esteemed nation regarding the treacherous coup attempt on July 15, and the importance of educational activities was emphasized to prevent such incidents from happening again.
- Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali YALÇIN provided statistical information regarding the Summer School activities implemented in the previous term. After stating that another successful term has ended, he noted that differences arose due to the implementation of summer school for the first time after a period of nonimplementation, but thanks to Sakarya University's past experiences and dedicated efforts, the term was completed without any issues.
- Statistical and general information was shared regarding the Prior Learning Assessment exams conducted before the start of the term. It was shared that the implementation had positive reflections at our university and that it would be made more efficient with new arrangements to be made.
- Dean of Students Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖZMEN shared the activities and plans of the Dean's Office. The satisfaction of our students with the functioning of the Dean's Office was expressed. Thanks were given to the senate members for their contributions to the activities carried out last year.
- Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali YALÇIN informed the senate about Horizontal Transfer, Vertical Transfer, and Special Student admissions.

- Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Musa EKEN provided information to the senate regarding the food scholarship and part-time student admissions planned for this term. He stated that 2000 food scholarships would be distributed for this term and emphasized that poverty and success are important to qualify for the food scholarship. He also mentioned that 945 part-time student admissions would be made this year, reiterating that success is a prerequisite.
- Senate member, disabled representative Orhan YILMAZ expressed his satisfaction with the functioning of the Student Senate established at our university. He also thanked for the elevators and barrier-free living spaces being constructed for all our faculties as part of the Senate's activities.
- Senate member Muhammet Fatih TOSUN conveyed complaints from students with low averages regarding formation training. Discussions were held on what could be done about this. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Musa EKEN pointed out that the conditions for receiving formation training have changed, stating that distance education formation training is no longer available, a new formation training period will begin in January, and that students with lower scores will also be able to benefit from formation training during this period. Additionally, arrangements were made for our senate members to meet with the relevant faculty's assistant dean to obtain detailed information on the subject.
- Senate member Sinem TOÇOĞLU expressed gratitude for the repair of the collapsed roof of the Faculty of Sports Sciences and the creation of new areas.
- Senate member Fatih TATLICI requested an increase in services between Hendek-Campus. Our Rector stated that an agreement has been made between the relevant faculty and the municipality regarding this matter and suggested that applications should be made there.
- Senate Member Sare Cansu KALKAN stated that a request was made for the purchase of a Birth Simulator for the Midwifery department and that work is being done on this issue.
- Senate member Nagihan ÇAKIR shared her experiences regarding the inadequacy of the advisory system.
- Senate Member Fatih SERT discussed the disruptions in the course delivery due to external faculty members in the Faculty of Law. This question was answered by our Rector, who is also the Dean of the Faculty of Law, stating that sometimes external faculty members can provide more contribution.

- Senate Member Abdolmojeeb MAYUB asked when the summer school courses would be announced. Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali YALÇIN replied that they are nearing completion of the work on this matter and that information will be shared within the next month.
- Senate Member Muhammet İYİSAN stated that there has been no response to the requests and complaints on Sabis. In response, our Rector Prof. Dr. Muzaffer ELMAS indicated that the relevant Assistant Secretary General would look into the matter.
- Senate Member Fatih ÖZDOĞAN, upon his request regarding the resolution of issues arising in the internship (intern) and duty practices in the Nursing department, Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Musa EKEN stated that the matter has been communicated to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance and that necessary work will be done at the ministerial level.

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