

SAKARYA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE

V. MEETING REPORT

07.12.2016

The fifth student senate meeting was held on Wednesday, December 07, 2016 at 15:00 in the university senate meeting hall with the Student Dean (Assoc.Prof.Dr. Ahmet Özmen), Student Dean's Secretary (Mustafa Kemal KÖSE) and senate member students. The following topics were discussed/exchanged views:

- Student Dean Assoc.Prof.Dr. Ahmet ÖZMEN made a general evaluation of the 20162017 Fall semester and thanked the senate members for their positive contributions to reaching the university's goals. It was stated that Summer School courses were processed in the system and can be viewed at ebs.sakarya.edu.tr. • Student Senate member İlyas MOLLA stated that courses in departments were conducted through slide presentations and projector use, and suggested they should be more practical. He asked if certificates could be given for courses like "Emergency Aid" and "Occupational Health and Safety" as in Entrepreneurship and Project Management.
- Student Senate member Fatih ÖZDOĞAN, acknowledging the difficult task of library staff, suggested they could be more helpful to students and that adding electrical outlets in the library building would be beneficial.
- Student Senate disabled member Orhan YILMAZ said that sidewalks and podiums in classrooms should be made accessible for disabled individuals. It was mentioned that work is being done on this issue.
- Student Senate member Sinem TOÇOĞLU noted that the athletics track in the campus stadium becomes unusable on rainy days and many athletes get injured due to mud, thus requiring improvements. She also mentioned that in the reconstructed indoor sports hall, different classes working simultaneously create chaos and potential accidents, suggesting partitions be installed. She pointed out that in the Sports Sciences Faculty, the same exam questions have been used for 5-6 years and courses are generally inadequately taught.
- Student Senate member Ethem SÖKMEZ highlighted that due to MÜDEK coordination, students are being evaluated with the same questions by instructors with different teaching styles, causing student grievances. He also noted that most courses are conducted via projection.

- Student Senate member Necip Fazıl TOPRAK mentioned that students feel deficient due to the lack of a building for the Communication Faculty.
- Student Senate member Hüseyin AKAR requested that summer school and makeup exams be conducted together. This was stated to be incompatible with the education model.
- Student Senate member Abdulmojeeb MAYUB noted that midterm exam results in the Engineering Faculty are announced late, negatively affecting student motivation.
- Student Senate member İsmail AYAZ requested that make-up exams not be given for courses not offered in summer school. It was suggested that students could take these courses from different universities where they are offered.
- Student Senate member Muhammet İYİSAN pointed out road deterioration around the Central Cafeteria, causing issues on rainy days, and noted that restrooms in the Central Cafeteria are not clean.
- Student Senate member Mehmet Emin ALİŞAN stated that Erasmus documents for the International Relations Department were delayed by the responsible officer.
- Student Senate member Fatih Enes KARATUTLU mentioned security issues on campus in the evenings and uncontrolled entry of strangers leading to unpleasant incidents. He also noted space constraints due to Law Faculty amphitheaters being shared with other faculties and suggested building a virtual courtroom to make faculty students more competent.
- Student Senate member Emrullah KAVCI noted that student opinions were not sought when determining summer school courses in the Political Sciences Faculty.
- Student Senate member Fatih SERT expressed satisfaction with the Academic General Assembly in Sapanca and requested an increase in legal materials in the Central Library.
- Student Senate member Muhammet Fatih TOSUN mentioned that short exams in the Theology Faculty are conducted as heavily and in detail as midterm or final exams. He also requested, if possible, publication of exam papers. It was mentioned that work is being done on Sabis and some units are already implementing this.
- Student Senate member Nagihan ÇAKIR highlighted space constraints in the library, often caused by students reserving spaces by leaving belongings. She also noted that the Business Faculty reading room is narrow, unsuitable, and located next to the canteen, thus ineffective. She suggested that advisors could communicate more effectively with students through short meetings at the beginning of the semester.

- Student Senate member Sare Cansu KALKAN emphasized the need to resolve orientation issues and implement necessary improvements for more active management.
- Student Senate member Fadai ZORLU gave a speech about the July 15 Martyrs.

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