

SAKARYA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE

VI. MEETING REPORT

15.02.2017

The sixth student senate meeting was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 16:00 in our university's senate meeting hall, attended by Sakarya University Rector Prof. Dr. Muzaffer ELMAS, Student Dean (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Özmen), Secretary of the Student Dean's Office (Mustafa Kemal KÖSE), and student members of the senate. In the meeting, information/exchange of views was made on the following topics:

- Sakarya University Rector Prof. Dr. Muzaffer ELMAS provided information about the establishment of the Student Senate and stated that he expects members to present developmental and implementable projects and ideas for discussion in the Senate.
- Student Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖZMEN congratulated the new members who joined the Senate as a result of the renewal of the Student Council elections and provided information about the functioning of the Student Senate,
- Information was given about the studies to be conducted by the YÖK Evaluation Group.
- Discussions were held with members regarding the Student Consultations planned for this year, and it was decided that the Student Senate should play an active role.
- In response to the complaint of Student Senate Member Mustafa ŞAHİN about classes being scheduled on Fridays, the rector stated that the issue has been resolved and the problem has been addressed.
- Student Senate Member Muhammet Ali ÖZTÜRK requested the establishment of a July 15 Martyrs corner in certain areas of the university.,
- Student Senate Member Muhammet Ali ÖZTÜRK stated that the summer school courses to be opened in the Faculty of Theology are not the courses needed by the students, and therefore there are requests for different courses to be opened. He also mentioned that they requested free transportation from Ozanlar to the campus.

- Student Senate Member Ertuğrul Baki DAL expressed his concerns regarding the FETÖ operations being conducted at our university, and the rector provided a brief update on the investigations being carried out.
- In response to Student Senate Member Mohammed ALKHAWAJA's mention of issues with foreign students' meal cards, the rector stated that the matter is on the agenda of the authorities and will be resolved as soon as possible within available means.
- Student Senate Member Emre KAYA stated that the lack of a summer school in the Faculty of Sports Sciences has disadvantaged them, to which Student Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖZMEN replied that the issue has been discussed in the Senate and that due to the high number of class hours and the practical nature of the courses, a 5-week summer school was found to be unsuitable for some faculties.
- Student Senate Member Ali Rıza ŞAHİN stated that there is a classroom shortage in the Department of Management Information Systems in the Faculty of Business Administration.
- Student Senate Member Sinem TOÇOĞLU pointed out that the surface of the athletics stadium in the Faculty of Sports Sciences is unusable and requested the addition of rest areas in the indoor sports hall. She also stated that there should be seating areas left on the outside of the building.
- Student Senate Member Melahat PALA mentioned the difficulties experienced due to budget shortages for participation in exhibition trips as a faculty.
- Student Senate Member Necip Asım TOPRAK expressed the difficulties faced due to the absence of buildings for the Faculty of Communication, mentioning the lack of hot water and cleaning supplies in the restrooms. He also noted that classes are being conducted in the M-4 building due to classroom shortages and that the building is excessively cold.
- Student Senate Member Fatih TATLICI requested information about the status of the construction of the 3rd floor for the Faculty of Education. The rector stated that the matter is at the tender stage and they expect it to be resolved soon.
- Student Senate Member Fatih TATLICI mentioned the difficulties encountered while finding internship places. He requested that students going to internships in different regions be paid. He also stated that the library of the Faculty of Education needs to be expanded and requested that the Computer and Instructional Technologies Teaching department be moved to the Faculty of Information to have a more active area of activity.

- Student Senate Member Orhan YILMAZ requested that documents be provided to Senate members indicating that they are senators. He also pointed out that the barriers placed on sidewalks for the disabled are obstructive and that there are situations in different parts of the university that hinder the disabled, requesting that these issues be corrected.
- Student Senate Member Ethem SÖKMEZ stated that common assessments in classes harm students because the results are created by different evaluators in the common assessment method, leading to differences and negative outcomes in practice.
- Student Senate Member Mertcan KAYA noted that there is no sign indicating the entrance of the state conservatory on the road and emphasized its necessity.
- Student Senate Member Muhammet İYİSAN stated that classes should be conducted with active learning and that Senate meetings should be held more frequently.
- Student Senate Member Yasin USTA mentioned that there is no lecturer for the Private Law chair in the Faculty of Law and that some lecturers do not attend classes. He also pointed out that vehicle checks in security have only been conducted for one month since the new banderole application started and that this has become a problem.
- Student Senate Member Hüseyin AKAR stated that tea prices have increased exorbitantly and that this should be retracted.
- Student Senate Member Temel İlk Yardım and Emergency Education requested that certificates be issued for those taking the course. In response to a question about the conditions for foreign academics, Student Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖZMEN stated that the matter is legally regulated and that appointments are made according to the procedures specified in the laws.
- Student Senate Member Furkan SEVİNDİK stated that the Faculty of Medicine needs environmental regulation and that this should be done in a short time.
- Student Senate Member Yasin ŞAHİN pointed out the lack of lighting around the institute buildings. He mentioned that the late hours of the second education create difficulties for female students. He also noted the lack of cleanliness in the restrooms of the Faculty of Science and Letters.

- Student Senate Member Mutasam Abdullah requested that the courses of Turkish Language and Atatürk Principles and Revolution History be made optional for foreign students. In response, Student Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet ÖZMEN stated that this is a legal obligation and that it is beneficial for individuals studying in our country to learn these values.
- Student Senate Member Ehlullah KAVCI requested that announcements related to the Student Senate be posted on boards.
- Student Senate Member Fatih SERT requested that a prayer room be built for the Faculty of Law. He also stated that a private law library and study room should be constructed in the new building.
- Student Senate Member Nagihan ÇAKIR requested that work be done to increase the recognition of the Student Senate.
- Student Senate Member Yasin GÜL requested transportation to the Faculty of Education for students taking formation courses. General Secretary Assistant Hilmi YANMAZ stated that the issue is related to the Hendek municipality and that there are currently vehicles coming to the university. He also expressed his complaint about the lack of requests from students for summer school courses.
- Student Senate Member İlker ESEN requested that seating areas be created around the T-4 building.
- Student Senate Member Ertuğrul Baki DAL requested an increase in the hours of applied courses. He requested the publication of midterm and final exam questions and answers. He also requested that the faculty be kept open for community activities on weekends. He expressed his complaint that the staff of the indoor sports facility behaves rudely towards students. He requested the construction of an indoor sports facility.

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