

# **SAKARYA UNIVERSITY**

## **2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR STUDENT SENATE**

### **8th MEETING REPORT**

16.10.2019

The eighth student senate meeting was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 15:30 in the Rectorate Senate Meeting Room with students, Rector (Prof. Dr. Fatih SAVAŞAN), Vice Rectors (Prof. Dr. Barış Tamer Tonguç), Student Dean (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Barış Horzum), and Assistant Student Dean (Dr. Lecturer Hakkı Bağcı). The meeting began with the opening speech of Student Dean Mehmet Barış Horzum. In the speech, the purpose, scope, and functions of the student senate were explained, and the importance of the student senate was emphasized. Then, as this was the first Student Senate meeting of the 2019-2020 Academic Year, students' general views about Sakarya University (satisfaction, suggestions, requests, etc.) were asked.

- SAÜ 21 Days 37 Degrees Business Student Community President Sami Fırat Yıldırım expressed an opinion about the problem arising from student density in common courses and physical space insufficiency, and suggested that the "Living Campus" project should focus more on students and include artistic activities such as "Theater, Music, Poetry, Talks, etc."
- SAÜ Young Human Rights and Freedoms Student Community President Mustafa Kaya expressed an opinion about closing the approximately 180 active or newly established communities that have not conducted any activities.
- SAÜ Student Senate Member, Engineering Faculty Student Onur Karaalioğlu expressed an opinion about the situation where students are denied access to their exam answer sheets for objection or control purposes by advisor or course instructors.
- SAÜ Student Senate Member, Engineering Faculty Student Ceren Küçük suggested that Microsoft Office programs could be provided to students as additional courses in TBTK lessons or through certification courses.
- SAÜ Student Senate Member Ali Kurt expressed an opinion about the insufficient education level regarding the content and number of Foreign Language courses.
- SAÜ Student Senate Members expressed that the Alumni Association is not sufficiently responsible for maintaining the connection with the educational institution after graduation.

- SAÜ suggested conducting a study on how to prioritize students in the TÖMER foreign quota for international student applications.
- SAÜ Municipal Youth Council Member İrfan Karaarslan provided brief information about ongoing projects from the 2018-2019 Academic Year Student Workshop and shared his views.
- SAÜ members suggested that a 'What? Where?' Campus Introduction Video for new international students and a short 'Sakarya Province Introduction Video' including public institutions would be beneficial for foreign students.
- In the Student Senate meeting held on 16/10/2019, it was decided to hold a Student Workshop on 4/12/2019.

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