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On Tuesday 26th of November, the previous chair of the Ethics & Grievances committee, Dr. Shumavon and the current chair of the E&G committee, Mr. Tantushyan joined us to discuss the general well being of the AUA community.

The following were the topics discussed on the table:

If there is a grievance so far, the one who is aggrieved should go to the ethics and grievance committee and raise his problem. The committee should also know who is the aggriever is and who the aggrieved is. Both sides tell what happened on their way. And then the committee is the one who decides both the accusation and the defence.

Vandalism and theft

here comes the role of security, if the security doesn't help then you can directly go to the president or the provost

There should be some kind of method to keep the confidentiality of the student who wants to raise a problem but doesn't want anyone to know that was him/her who raised it.

It is not the university's liability. But if the action is the result of some decision taken by the university then it doesn't make difference where it is. The ethics and grievances committee's job is to protect all students to make this place a conducive place for education.

If someones stuff is stolen or lost and they can not find them at the security, what is the next step that they can do?

What the ethics and grievances committee can do is sending an email saying that stealing is wrong.

No ID-s are being checked! Even if the security will check the ID-s anyone can get into the university building through the Art Bridge.

finding a balance is a tricky issue, because we are open to society. Every kind of person may come to the Manoogian hall for an event and no one can prevent it.

Security should give a form to fill out to the students who lost their stuff and came to take it from the security. (anyone can come and take from the security anything they want, it's too easy)

Students need to be careful about their stuff

Everybody needs to be conscious about their surroundings, because this is a public place.

It would be fair to ask the person who wants to get his computer back to type their password which will help security to understand if the person is lying or not.

If the administration will get lots of emails raising the same problem, would that be equivalent to one email from the student council.

Administration already looks for an email from SC about the security.

If the committee can cite half a dozen illustration that carries much then six individual emails coming to the president. Have a nice argument and present the case.

Do you think that we can have something like a code of honor (a general policy)?

The provost would like to have one.

Do students want to have the code of honor?

Yes!

In the end, Mr. Tantushyan said that he is also new in the field of his committee and he will be looking forward to hear more from us. Dr. Shumavon said that a case of having a code of honor was sent to him earlier, and now that we have brought up the topic again, he will be studying it more closely.

Summarizing the USC members' meeting at the US embassy.

Round table discussion concerning the Student Councils' role in university life . Main topic was how effective the SC-s can be. Are there some political forces affecting to the work of the SC, which was disturbing to the student life. AUA SC was the most effective one. We have our major role in the student life. Others major were just for organizing event. AUA's SC-s were the only ones haveing a nonhyarctigal struacture.

Ashot Ghazaryan and Dennis Leavens would like to meet with us.

Orran is the organization whom we will donate the collected food of the food-drive, because it's confidential and a lot of people, including children and families in need would benefit from the donated food.

Constitution reviewing will be postponed to the next meeting.

Hayk and Hovhannes are running the next meeting.

Public forum Dec 5.

Maggie adjourns the meeting at 5:38 pm.