

To: SU members, Debate club, Discovery club and Social club.
From: Reine Hanna, SU secretary
Subject: Minutes of the SU meeting with the major clubs
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Date of the meeting: October 5, 2010

Time: at 01:30 pm

Place: SAO conference room

The meeting started at 1:45 pm with the presence of Fr. Salim El Rajji and Dr. Ziad Fahed presenting the SAO, Mr. Jad Ghanem, Mr. Louis Zakhya and Mr. Georges Khalife Presenting the Social club, Mr. Elie Azzi , Mr. Anthony Daou and Mr. Tony Chamoun presenting the Discovery Club, Mr. Omar Abi Nader, Mr. Milio Ghanem and Mr. Fayez Moufarrej presenting the Debate club and the SU, Mr. Roy Haddad President of the executive committee of the SU and Ms. Reine Hanna the SU Secretary.

The Student Union invited some of the major clubs to discuss the new raise on the tuition and how we can all with everybody's help find the best solution for this problem in a way that benefit all students in addition to some other Financial difficulties that the students face.

Mr. Roy Haddad started by explaining that the old SU had no idea about the raise on the tuition that happened the year before as long as he was in position to do anything and when they finally knew about it they were in no position to do any action since their mandate ended. On this point Mr. Jad Ghanem pointed that as a Student Union you should have had at least an idea and an action in mind before this have happened the first time.

Mr. Roy Haddad agreed that the old SU should have had at least an idea but this year we are asking about everything and demanding whatever in our power for an explanation and if possible a deduction on the tuition all we had till now is a power point explanation that ran on all LCDs around campus but we won't stop here. Our demand of a conference to explain the tuition raise for all students was declined because they were afraid that there might be tension between students. He emphasized that we are not here so we can use it for our upcoming campaign and if any of the clubs prefer we can postpone it till after the elections and that we need to confirm that no other club will use it in their campaign either.

Mr. Jad Ghanem mentioned that everyone would like to hear an explanation for why and when the tuition are getting raised and all new students should know that before they start here for it is their right to know that by the time they graduate their tuition fees might exceed what they can pay.

Mr. Fayez Moufarrej reminded him that as we said before the SU did send a memo requesting that in addition to one asking to eliminate all the Transfer fees when someone is

changing major from one Faculty to another but all we had received as an answer was the power point where everything was actually explained.

Mr. Louis Zakhya and Mr. Jad Ghanem explained that most of the students never look at the LCDs and asked if the SU thinks that if we did write the memo that the concerned administration would anything about the tuition.

Mr. Fayez Moufarrej answered him that some of our solution might be taken into consideration and other might be dropped considering the subject and if they are reasonable.

Dr. Ziad Fahed reminded all of the present that it is mentioned on both the Catalog and the NDU website that there will be yearly raise and that it was stopped for 4 years because of the economical situation in Lebanon.

Mr. Roy Haddad mentioned that we are all with the progress of the university but at the same time we need to take into consideration that many of our students depends on the Financial aid or work to pay for their tuition we can come up with some solution that suits both the university or the students for example raising it one time each two years or something like this. And as a SU and every club represented here we don't want to start promising students things that we can't accomplish and we are not here to close the university or be aggressive we are here to find a peaceful solution.

Mr. Jad Ghanem asked what if we had no answer or none of our solution was taken into consideration? On which Mr. Roy Haddad answered that we should handle this situation step by step and face every obstacle when it happens.

At the ended it was decided that Mr. Jad Ghanem, Mr. Elie Azzi, Mr. Milio Ghanem, Mr. Roy Haddad and Ms. Reine Hanna would meet and write a memo from the SU and these clubs to the administration that contains these subjects:

- 1- Petition fees
- 2- The 50 000 LL paid for the graduation certificate.
- 3- The Tuition
- 4- The 25% paid on each dropped course
- 5- The penalty paid by late students
- 6- The constraint put on all Academic affairs because of the payment
- 7- The social security papers and their relation with payments

Signatures of representatives of each club and the SU