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SUBJECT: Various Topics

Guest Lecture By Parliament's Vice Chairman, Artashes Toumanyanyan

Don Fuller, Sona Hamalian and I visited with Mr. Toumanyanyan at his office in Parliament, and he very graciously accepted an invitation to guest lecture at one of my Extension Courses. He is available on Thursday April 14, for the class which begins at 5:30pm in the fifth-floor auditorium. We will post an announcement so the entire AUA community can attend if they wish.

During our meeting, Mr. Toumanyanyan asked me for my views on the two major proposed constitutions. I offered some straightforward comments on the problems I saw. He then asked if I would prepare a critical comparative analysis of the two drafts for him and Parliament. I was flattered and honored by his request, and of course I agreed.

Follow-Up on Professors Caiden and Izmirlian, and Levon Marashlian

As you know, this spring quarter, Professor Caiden was supposed to teach the second half of my Extension Course on Public Organizations & Management, and a half-course on Introduction to Public Administration. Since he is unable to be here this quarter, I'm teaching the entire Public Organizations & Management course, in addition to my second Extension Course, the political science course (Citizenship & Public Ethics), and my lecture series at Yerevan State on constitutional law.

Professor Izmirlian is scheduled to teach one half-course this quarter. I know you have communicated with him about teaching the half-course on Public Administration which Professor Caiden was supposed to teach. I understand Professor Izmirlian is available but a bit reluctant to teach the Public Administration half-course. I hope he can be persuaded to do it, because, with my current heavy load, I can't. Izmirlian is sending inquiries to AUA about this situation, which hasn't been resolved yet. Meanwhile,

there is little time to resolve the issue; the spring quarter schedule calls for the Public Administration course to begin in seven days (April 18).

I also understand that History Professor Levon Marashlian will be arriving in Armenia soon and may be available to teach at AUA. He might be a candidate to take over for Professor Caiden, if Professor Izmirlian is unavailable.

Personal Comment

You left for California last week before I could thank you again for inviting me to exercise my Fulbright at AUA. Every day is a challenge and a thrill. I hope the students are benefitting from my classes as much as I am finding professional stimulation from the AUA experience.

I look forward to seeing you when you return in May.