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AUA President's Visit to UCLA



Attendees at UCLA luncheon with AUA President Bruce Boghosian. Seated, l-r: Prof. Ann Karagozian, AUA President Boghosian, Interim Associate Vice Provost Roger Waldinger. Standing, l-r: Founding AUA President emeritus Prof. Mihran Agbabian, Dr. Shant Shekherdimian, Prof. Claire Panosian-Dunavan, Nursing Director Salpy Akaragian, Prof. Peter Cowe, AUA President emeritus Prof. Haroutune Armenian, Prof. Richard Hovannisian, Fullbright Coordinator Ann Kerr, and Prof. Eric Esraillian.

On Thursday, May 19, the President of the American University of Armenia, Dr. Bruce Boghosian, visited UCLA during his recent trip to California. Boghosian, a distinguished mathematician and former Department Chair of Mathematics at Tufts University, met with UCLA faculty and colleagues whose research and scholarly interests overlap with those of the faculty at the AUA, with the goal of initiating potential collaborations and building interactions between the two institutions. The visit was sponsored by UCLA Chancellor Gene Block, and coordinated by Interim Vice Provost Randal Johnson and Gohar Grigorian of the UCLA International Institute.

The scholarly areas of particular interest are computer and information sciences, industrial management, civil engineering, finance, energy generation and distribution, public health/health sciences, and political science and international affairs. Boghosian also spoke with colleagues about the AUA digital library, one of the most extensive in the world containing Armenian documents.

A luncheon was held so that Boghosian could meet with UCLA's Interim Associate Vice Provost, Roger Waldinger, along with a number of other scholars from UCLA and other academic institutions in the greater Los Angeles area. During the luncheon, Boghosian spoke about AUA's past accomplishments, its recent growth and its future development. He noted that, while no firm decisions have been made, AUA is now studying the possibility of instituting an undergraduate program. "I would like to see a great number of well-trained Armenian civil engineers in our country who will be able to participate in the construction of the projected North-South Highway from Georgia to Iran, passing through Armenia," said Boghosian.

AUA and UCLA have long had close ties. The AUA Department of English Programs was designed by UCLA faculty, under the leadership of Professor Russell Campbell, a well-respected scholar, who served as professor in the Department of Applied Linguistics at UCLA for many years, and who was the founding director of the UCLA International Institute's Language Resource Center. "AUA is delighted to explore opportunities for developing even closer ties with UCLA in the years ahead, including possible summer programs, internships, faculty exchange, and curriculum development," said Boghosian.

Founded in 1991, the American University of Armenia is affiliated with the University of California system and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, one of the six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the US Department of Education. Through teaching, research and public service, AUA serves Armenia and the region by supplying high quality education in seven different major fields, encouraging civic engagement, and promoting democratic values.

PRELATE WELCOMES ARMENIAN RUSTAMYAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ARF SUPREME BODY IN ARMENIA



On Thursday, June 2nd, 2011, H.E. Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelate, welcomed to the Prelacy Mr. Armen Rustamyan, representative of the ARF Supreme Body in Armenia and Chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Foreign Relations. He was accompanied by ARF Central Committee Chair Mr. Avedik Izmirlian. The Prelate was joined by Very Rev. Fr. Barthev Gulumian, Rev. Fr. Vazken Atmajian, Executive Council Chair Mrs. Rima Boghossian and Vice-Chair Mr. George Chorbadjian.

The Prelate welcomed Mr. Rustamyan, who is in Los Angeles on a brief visit to participate in an event celebrating the 93rd anniversary of the first Republic of Armenia.

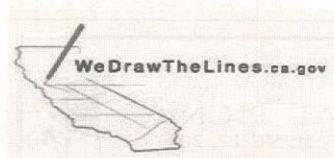
The discussion centered on the state of affairs and current developments in Armenia, as well as issues concerning the

Armenian Diaspora and Armenian communities in general.

Mr. Rustamyan was also given a general overview of the Prelate's endeavors and mission.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Prelate presented mementos to Mr. Rustamyan and Mr. Izmirlian.

Anca-Wr Helps Armenian American Community Add Its Voice To California Redistricting Process



The California Community Redistricting Committee 2011 Logo

LOS ANGELES, CA---The Armenian National Committee of America-Western Region's (ANCA-WR) Elections Committee has been working with local ANCA's throughout the state to help raise awareness of the redistricting process and how it impacts the Armenian community in California. Over the past two months, Armenian Americans have attended public hearings to educate public officials

regarding the dynamics of the community.

California is home to the largest Armenian community in the United States. On June 10th, the Community Redistricting Commission (CRC), the body responsible for drawing the new districts will release its first draft of district maps based on feedback it received through public hearings and written testimony.

"In addition to submitting proposed district maps and written testimony to the CRC describing the Armenian community dynamics in California, the ANCA-WR worked with individuals throughout the state to help ensure that their voice was heard," said Garen Yeghparian who headed up the ANCA-WR Election Committee's Redistricting Task Force. "This is just the first round. The ANCA-WR will continue to work with the community and the CRC as the districts boundaries are finalized."

"The ties that bind our neighborhoods and communities are multi-dimensional. Ensuring that a common district encompasses these neighborhoods is important and helps address core quality of life issues in our community," he added.

Every 10 years, the State of California redraws its federal and state legislative district boundaries to more accurately reflect the state's residents' demographics and overall dynamics.

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