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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

The University

The American University of Armenia (AUA), located in the Republic of Armenia, is a privately endowed institution of higher education serving an international student body. The language of instruction is English. AUA is an equal opportunity institution and it does not discriminate on the basis of national origin, religion, or sex. Through teaching and research AUA prepares graduates that will assist in the social and economical development of Armenia, and other regions represented by the student body.

Founding Organizations

The American University of Armenia is a joint undertaking of the American University of Armenia Corporation (AUAC), incorporated in the State of California as a tax-exempt, non-profit institution, and the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia (MHESRA). AUAC is affiliated with the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), a philanthropic organization with headquarters in New Jersey. A unanimous resolution of the Board of Regents of the University of California (UC) approved AUAC's affiliation with UC. The sponsoring organizations are, therefore, the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia that provides funding for local expenditures in roubles, the Armenian General Benevolent Union that provides the operating funds of AUA in U.S. currency, and the University of California that provides administrative and academic guidance..

Purpose

The purpose of AUA is to provide university education to students from Armenia and other regions of the world in accordance with the American system and standards of higher learning. Through teaching, training, and research, AUA will advance knowledge in fields that will have a direct

application to the social, economic, and political advancement of the countries which are represented by the student body. It will cooperate with local institutions in joint programs of education, technology, and management.

Administration

The Board of Trustees of AUAC has the ultimate responsibility for policy, budget, and administrative and academic guidance of AUA. In addition, a nine member Board of Directors, jointly appointed by AUAC and MHESRA, oversees the operation of AUA. AUAC and the MHESRA each appoint four members. The president of AUA serves as an ex-officio member. The Chairman of the Board of AUAC also serves as Chairman of the AUA Board.

The President is the chief executive officer. Each College is headed by a Dean to whom the President has delegated administrative and academic responsibilities and corresponding authority in his/her unit.

A University Council consisting of persons representing major educational, research and governmental institutions of the Republic of Armenia serves as an advisory and consultative body.

Funding

The University's hard currency core budget presently is supported entirely by the AGBU. Local currency provided by the MHESRA cover partially the local expenditures for subsistence of visiting faculty and staff, salaries of local personnel, student scholarships, and maintenance. AUA's growth to attain its goal as an institution with a comprehensive university program will depend on additional funding from endowments, contributions, and U.S. government assistance. An "Endowment for Excellence in Education" has been started, contributions from persons supporting the mission of AUA are being sought, and applications are being made for U.S. government aid.

Program of the University

The University will consist of five Colleges. The Colleges of Engineering (Industrial Engineering and Earthquake Engineering) and Business and Management started their operation on September 23, 1991, with 101 graduate students. The remaining three Colleges, namely, Arts and Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, and Health Sciences, will be established as funding becomes available. An undergraduate program will start after the five graduate Colleges have

been established. A graduate enrollment of 1000 and an undergraduate enrollment of 5000 is anticipated for planning purposes.

Faculty

The senior members of the faculty are distinguished scholars affiliated with Universities in the United States and Europe. They have earned terminal degrees and have made major contributions in education and research. All senior and intermediate academic positions are being filled by scholars who are qualified for similar appointments in major universities in the United States and Europe. A cadre of junior faculty members will be added from among students from Armenia who are now studying in the United States for post graduate academic degrees with scholarship aid provided by the AGBU. From time to time Armenian professors who are graduates of local universities with a satisfactory knowledge of the English language will be sent to the United States as visiting scholars for training as members of the academic staff. It is the policy of the AUA to recruit persons who have the broader interest of assisting in the social and economic growth of Armenia and who are challenged by the difficulties that is making a transition from a centrally controlled government to an independent republic.

Student Council

A Student Council Constitution was adopted to introduce the student body to democratic principles of academic freedom, responsibility, and excellence. The Student Council initiates, coordinates, and guides student efforts aimed at improving student life and activities, and it provides opportunities to develop student leadership qualities.

AUA Research Centers

AUA is establishing Research Centers that will link visiting faculty with local scientists and engineers to undertake joint projects that will make a direct contribution to the advancement of the economic and technical programs in the Republic of Armenia. The first such center, the **Business Research and Development Center (BRDC)**, has been established. Another center in the process of being established is the **Center for Engineering Research and Development**. Planning a **Center for Public Policy and International Relations** is in its very early stages. It is the purpose of AUA to encourage cooperative effort between local scientists and engineers and visiting scholars.

Student Enrollment, Faculty, and Operating Budget

A budget in dollars is estimated based on anticipated increases in graduate student enrollment, number of faculty, and associated expenses. No capital expenditures are included in this budget. Implementation of this program will depend on availability of funds.

Year	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Students	101	295	600	950	1050	1100
Faculty	13	20	34	50	62	67
Budget, \$million	0.7	1.6	3.1	5.0	6.8	8.1

Facilities

The University is now operating in a six story building, known as the Building of Conferences, at 40 Marshall Bagramian Street, that was assigned to AUA by a resolution of the Council of Ministers. The Council of Ministers has also provided a 375 acre undeveloped land, in Godayk, 15 kilometers from the center of the city of Yerevan for a permanent campus. The Armenian State Design Institute is developing the Master Plan of the campus based on specifications that were provided by the office of the Campus Architect of the University of California. Capital expenditures for the planned campus are the joint responsibility of AUAC and the MHESRA. As it is the case with operating expenses, construction with local currency will be MHESRA responsibility and expenditures for fixtures, equipment and furnishings requiring hard currency will be AUAC responsibility. Buildings will be named in donors' names or as designated by donors.

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