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2015 2016 Faculty Retreat Agenda

*August 27, 2015
HyeLandz Eco Village Resort
Geghadir, Armenia*

As you register and enjoy your coffee...

Grab a sticky note to the Topics of Interest board
and add a **Topic of Interest, Question, or Issue**
that you would like addressed today.



Why a Faculty Retreat? Goals

The goals for the Faculty Retreat are to **build on our collective knowledge** about teaching and learning, **share innovative ideas** and approaches, and **promote collaboration** within the AUA community.



Agenda – through lunch

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Registration, Wall of Issues. Coffee	
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	Welcome, Introduction, Agenda, Questions	
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Meet the New Provost	Randall Rhodes
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Modifying Your Course to Meet Student Learning Needs	Kevin Adkin
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Grading: What are the issues? Student Bargaining	Vardan Baghdasaryan, Melissa Brown
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Faculty Professional Development: Opportunities, Challenges, and Challenges	Varduhi Petrosyan, Irshat Madyarov
Break out Discussion (Choose One)	Helping Students Succeed: Logistics, resources, mentoring	Melissa Brown, Garine Palandjian, Kevin Adkin
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Group Photograph	
12:30 PM- 1:00 PM	Program Chairs Discussion: Logistics Everyone else: Make some butter and yogurt and lavash	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch	



Agenda – after lunch

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Report Back from Breakout sessions	
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM	Undergraduate Program: How does it work? What is coming up: Capstones	Catherine Buon, Oshin Peroomian Alen Amirkhanian, Aram Hajian, Tom Samuelian
2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Policies: Where are they? What are they?	Sharistan Melkonian, Anna Karapetyan
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Developing Tips: Starting the Year off on the right foot	
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM	President’s Message Including Strategic Planning Update	Armen Der Kiureghian
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Wrap up	
4:30 PM	Bus Departs for Return to AUA	



Welcome and Introduction: 9:45 – 10:15

Let's get to know each other (again).
15 seconds. (*Can you follow directions?*)

- Name
- Program(s) you will be teaching in

* If you were a book, you would be ...



Meet the New Provost: *10:15 – 10:30*

Randall Rhodes
Provost



Modifying Your Course to Meet Student Learning Needs: *10:30 – 10:45*

Kevin Adkin



Grading: What are the issues?

Student Bargaining: *10:45 – 11:15*

Vardan Baghdasaryan
Melissa Brown



Breakout sessions: 11:15 – 12:15

Choose either:

Faculty Professional Development: Opportunities, Challenges, and Challenges – in the conference room next door

Helping Students Succeed: Logistics, resources, mentoring and advising – In this conference room

Each group: Assign a note taker and reporter to report back after lunch with at least ONE actionable item.

Be outside At 12:15 PM for a group photograph.



Group Photograph: 12:15 – 12:30



Make some butter, yogurt and lavash: 12:30 – 1:00

Unless you are a Program Chair.

If you are a Program Chair: Brief Discussion: Logistics

If you are not a Program Chair, proceed to the **Tonradun** to make some butter, yogurt, and lavash.

Lunch will be served at 1 PM.



Report Back: 2:00 – 2:15

Breakout Report Back

Please include at least one ACTIONABLE item.



Undergraduate Program: 2:15 – 2:30

Catherine Buon
Oshin Perroominan
Alen Amirkhanian
Aram Hajian
Tom Samuelian



Policies: Where are they? What are they?: 2:30 – 2:45

Sharistan Melkonian
Anna Karapetyan



Developing Tips: Starting the Year off on the right foot: 2:45 – 3:45



President's Message: 3:45– 4:00

Armen Der Kiureghian
President



Wrap up: Two questions to answer.

4:00 – 4:15

Label your answers w/ A or B.

A. One thing you learned today.

B. One question you still have/issue you that wish was addressed.



Moving Forward

You will be asked to complete a survey and provide feedback. Please help us continue to improve faculty retreats, workshops and presentation.

Teaching and Learning on the web including AUA and other resources, syllabus template, previous workshop materials:

<http://iro.aua.am/learning-assessment/>

Policies available at <http://policies.aua.am>

