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Student leadership and self-governance

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Establishment of the system of student self-governance system in Armenia



- Collapse of the Komsomol
- New social relations and new challenges

Student self- governance in YSU

1994 r. Establishment
of Student Council



Student Council: authonomy, social and cultural issue,
students' rights



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Student Council Structure

- Faculty Student Councils
- General Meeting
- Board
- Presidnet
- Commissions of the Board



Main phases of development of student self-governance

- 1994-1998 establishment of organizations
- 1998-2006 formation of mechanisms supporting to the development of system
- 2006-2010 formation of traditions
- 2010 – up to present time :
institutionalization of the system



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Students involvement in National Youth Policy

- Establishment of the National Youth Council of Armenia
- Establishment of the National Youth Fund
- Establishment of the Council on Youth Issues under the Prime-minister
- Establishment of youth policy department in the Ministry of Culture and Sport (1998)



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Main problems and obstacles

- Student self-governance is not enough regulated by laws
- There is a need for conceptual and policy papers
- The mechanisms of effective student participation and leadership do not exist



Conceptual points of the policy for development of YSU students leadership and self-governance

- Definition of the concept of the student leadership and self-governance
- Student self-governance at YSU is conducted by YSU Student Council.
- RA Law on “Education” and RA Law on “Higher and Post Graduate Specialized Education” in relation to student self-governance



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Conceptual points of the policy for development of YSU students leadership and self-governance

- YSU charter and Student Council
- Student self-governance at YSU is conducted by YSU Student Council.
- Student Council and Student Scientific Society are observed as main structures for the manifestation of student leadership.



Conceptual points of the policy for development of YSU students leadership and self-governance

- YSU Division on Student Affairs ensures the cooperation between the student organizations and university administration.
- Division on Student Affairs, Cultural Centre and Alumni and Career Centre provide the support in the area of solution of various issues, related to the student leadership and self-governance.



Conceptual points of the policy for development of YSU students leadership and self-governance

The main principles of student self-governance are:

- voluntary association
- elected nature and representation
- democratic governance, transparency and publicity,
- apolitical, non religious, non-profit activities.



Conceptual points of the policy for development of YSU students leadership and self-governance

- “YSU Strategic Development Plan”
- Student organizations, student self-governance system and student leadership as a potential resource for the development of the university.
- Need to provide students with the relevant skills in the area of leadership.
- Information dissemination



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Thank you for
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