Minutes of the 5th ordinary meeting of the Permanent Foreign Students Committee of the University of Hanover on 16th of October 2013

The meeting took place at: AStA-conference room, Welfengarten 2c, 30167 Hanover

Beginning: 6.08 pm
End: 7.35 pm

Attending: Tatia, Iryna, Petjon, Fanjie, Anna (from 06.11 pm on), Andrea

Apologies: Ajay, Vijay

The meeting is conducted in Geman language.

Agenda for the day (AI = agenda item):

AI 1 Opening of the meeting and approval of the orderly calling of the meeting and the voting rights of the members

AI 2 Election of the chairman and the keeper of the minutes

AI 3 Resolution on the agenda for the day

AI 4 Discussion and approval of the minutes of the 4th ordinary meeting of the Foreign Students Committee of the University of Hanover on 22nd of September 2013

AI 5 Activity-reports of the Foreign Students Spokespersons

AI 6 Presentation of the design of the new leaflet

AI 7 General Assembly of Foreign Students of Winter Semester 2013/2014

AI 8 Financial requests

AI 9 Any other businesses (AOB)
Opening of the meeting and approval of the orderly calling of the meeting and the voting rights of the members

The Foreign Students Spokespersons Tatia and Iryna welcome the attending members of the Foreign Students Committee and open the 5th ordinary meeting of the Foreign Students Committee of the University of Hanover on Wednesday, 2013 October 16th. They prove the orderly invitation for the meeting and prove the voting rights of the Committee.

Election of the chairman and the keeper of the minutes

Chairman: Petjon
Keeper of the minutes: Andrea
The candidates are elected unanimously.

Resolution on the agenda for the day

The attendees adopt the agenda for the day unanimously.

Discussion about and approval of the minutes of the 4th ordinary meeting of the Foreign Students Committee of the University of Hanover on 22nd of September 2013

The minutes of the 4th ordinary meeting of the Foreign Students Committee are discussed and approved. They will be published on the following website: http://www.wiki.asta-hannover.de/doku.php?id=informationen:auslaenderinnenkommission

Activity-reports of the Foreign Students Spokespersons

5.1 Round table „Foreign Students in Hanover“

The Foreign Students Spokespersons Tatia and Iryna attended the 49th meeting of the round table „Foreign Students in Hanover“ on 23rd of September. Also attending were representatives of the Ministry, of the Aliens Registration Office and representatives of other institutions (such as Student Services [Studentenwerk], and this time also representatives of the AOK [a health care provider], who wanted to inform about health insurance for foreigners).

Petjon attended the meeting as Student Union representative for international students. During the meeting several items pertinent to issues concerning international students were discussed.

Tatia and Iryna decided to prepare a report to present the Foreign Students Commission and its activities on the one hand, and on the other hand to also report on difficulties of foreign students at LUH, as for example discrimination because of race; financial difficulties; etc. The report should also address the problem that the Leibniz Universität Hannover doesn’t provide students with the necessary funds.

The next meeting of the round table „Foreign Students in Hanover“ will take place on 24th of March at 2 pm.
5.2 Familiarisation week (from 08th to 15th of October 2013)

The Foreign Students Commission was represented at a 4-hour-event on 9th of October during the familiarisation week. Tatia and Iryna distributed the new leaflets and informed about the Foreign Students Commission’s work. Most of the interviewed visitors of the event didn’t even know there exists a Foreign Students Commission.

5.3 Preparatory College

Tatia and Iryna visited the Preparatory College and agreed with Mrs. Misbach to display leaflets of the Foreign Students Commission there and also information booths for the elections putting up election posters during the next election period. This would be helpful since students of the Preparatory College are eligible to vote and possibly also interested in getting enrolled into university policy.

5.4 Projects

There are 2 projects to be started: an international project and a daytime seminar.

- **international project:**
  The project shall take place in November and December 2013. Focus will be put on encouraging and supporting of cooperation between the Foreign Students Commission and international groups, encouraging participation in society and improvement of communication abilities of the foreign students of Leibniz Universität Hannover.

- **daytime seminar:**
  The daytime seminar (with emphasize on consultation and support for foreign students of LUH with respect to radio licence fees, visa regulations, etc., including legal advice) will take place in January 2014.

Further details on above mentioned projects shall be discussed with Mr. Glembek, representative of B.A.S (Bundesverband Ausländischer Studierender = Federal Association of Foreign Students) on 26th of October 2013.

5.5 International festivity

The Foreign Students Spokespersons are planning an international festivity taking place in March 2014, to which international groups shall be invited. These international organizations will contribute a variety of music from different cultures that will be combined to create an international dance-music-mix.

The event shall help to promote the Foreign Students Commission and shall support the cooperation between the Foreign Students Commission and international groups.

**AI 6**  Presentation of the design of the new leaflet

The new leaflet design of the Foreign Students Commission is presented and also - in comparison to it - the old version of the leaflet. The new leaflet design is received mainly favorably, some modifications shall be realized on 17th of October in the printing office. Tatia and Anna decide on going there together.
General Assembly of Foreign Students of Winter Semester 2013/2014

At the General Assembly of Foreign Students the modifications on the constitution shall be adopted to be able to present them to the StuRa (Studentischer Rat = Student Council).
Before the General Assembly takes place, the modifications are to be discussed together with Mrs. Sennholz and the legal referee of the LUH on 24th October 2013.

Financial requests

„Moroccan day“:
Two funding applications were submitted from „Deutsch-Marokkanische Akademiker e.V.“:

1. **Financial request for aid at the amount of 150,- Euro for the organization of a Moroccan day:**
   **Results**: The Foreign Students Committee decided unanimously to approve funding at 150,- Euro.

2. **Financial request for aid at the amount of 40,- Euro:**
   **Results**: The Foreign Students Spokespersons decided unanimously to reject the request, as the Foreign Students Committee already decided to concede financial aid at the amount of 150,- Euro for the organization of the event.

Any other businesses (AOB)

The next meeting of the Committee is expected to be called by the Foreign Students Spokespersons in December 2013.

The 5th ordinary meeting of the Foreign Students Committee is adjourned at 7.35 pm.