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We study and work at an institution which should be a place where we can grow. We have been through a period when the Faculty dialogue turned more into a dialogue within our 'parent' Departments. The AS is a review authority for FAMU which we, members of the academic community, approach when we feel that something has to change. Seeking to put the school into harmony should be the priority for such an authority. I consider dialogue to be crucial for such efforts. As part of Senate discussions, it is not in my interest to fuel protracted verbal shoot-outs that end up fruitless even after hours of debating. An unclear stance and 'diplomatic' relativisation of the topics affecting the people we go to school with will not solve the issues that we seek answers to. As a senator, I definitely do not plan on succumbing to my own neutrality when it comes to important aspects of FAMU's further development. In my agenda, I would like to initiate regular meetings of the student chamber of the AS and FAMU students where we could reflect on topics together.

I believe that we at the Faculty strive to establish a harmonious, safe and stable environment. Therefore, it would be good to update and expand the Faculty-wide dialogue and avoid stirring the bitterness of past disputes. At the same time, I find it crucial to address the discussed matters in a business-like and resolute manner.

Let us view this (post)pandemic era as an opportunity for starting a better way of communication – communication that fosters a stronger bond and benefits us all.