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Faculty Advisors as key players for the UN Charter reform

FAs share how it was to advise future global leaders

By Maria Eduarda e Mariana Cabral

Confronted with the theme of reforming the UN Charter, FAs were struck by surprise and curiosity. Few had ever imagined questioning such a foundational document, yet FAMUN challenged them to do so. The debate pushed them beyond familiar approaches to diplomacy, turning hesitation into excitement and sparking fresh perspectives on how to guide students in rethinking the Charter and the UN's role in today's global governance. Reform means updating both language and principles to reflect contemporary values of equity and human rights, and FAs admitted difficulty in connecting a 1945 document to the 2025 political landscape. They acknowledged that the UN had undergone significant changes, particularly with decolonization processes and the emergence of a multipolar world, allowing

them to demonstrate the necessity of reforming the UN Charter to students. They also recognized gaps in representation and inclusivity — especially regarding women, indigenous peoples, and marginalized communities — and stressed that all nations deserve an equal voice. Exploring these ideas with students demanded connecting the legacy of the UN with the turbulent dynamics of our time, so FAs turned classrooms into arenas where students could reimagine the future of global governance through the UN Charter. The task of revising an 80-year-old document was challenging, but conversations unleashed powerful reflections, bringing young students closer to political action regarding global governance. This is what FAMUN is all about: creating opportunities for youth to act.

“The theme of Charter reform surprised me at first. But it pushed students — and myself — to think beyond familiar simulations, sparking curiosity about global governance.”



Professor Silvia Teresa
Múltiplo International School

“Explaining to students why the 80-year-old Charter needs reform was challenging, but it showed the importance of adapting international law to today's global reality.”



Professor Guilherme Mattos
Instituto Educacional Jaime Kratz



Professors Silvia, Guilherme, and Valerie standing for a new UN
Photo: Mariana Piotto and Beatriz Martins

“Guiding students through Charter reform meant linking its historical foundations to today’s multipolar world, showing why updating the UN is vital for global challenges.”

Professor Munir Pompeo
Anglo Alante Paulínia



“A reformed Charter must represent all nations equally, giving voice beyond powerful states and updating its principles to guarantee inclusion, equity, and rights for all.”

Professor Valerie Smallman
FourC Bilingual Academy



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Seats and power over international cooperation

By Rebeca Rodrigues

Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific advocated for greater representation in the UNSC. In addition, they believed that new topics, such as emerging technologies and climate change, should be part of the Council's agenda. Meanwhile, African and European countries seemed to focus solely on expanding power and seats. So the question remains: is this focus on power and seats the real solution for the problems of the UN Security Council?



Uruguay urges tech issues in the new Charter
Photo: Sophia Bruno



Thailand calls for more representation in the UN
Photo: Sophia Bruno



"If we focus only on national interests, we neglect the collective. Individuality counts, but it must never represent the entirety."

Thailand
UNGA 4



"The new Charter must consider colonization's history and guarantee representation for all countries, unlike the old Charter."

Mozambique
UNGA 5



"That [veto] is the best thing that the United Nations has ever made and should be for countries that have money. It is basic economics."

United States
UNGA 6

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How new is the new UN Charter?

By Sabrina Rabelo

There was consensus to include climate change, new technologies, and human rights in the new Charter. The protection of minorities and vulnerable groups was included, but what about their participation in the UN? Delegates reaffirmed sovereign equality, but are states still seen as empty entities? African debates were rich, but their proposal stressed militarization and technology for life quality.



Europe and others discussing proposals
Photo: Amanda Bueno

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When money speaks louder than rights

By Beatriz Pierre

The United States was clearly focused on defending its own interests by keeping an imperialist vision about its role in global governance. Despite that, Portugal and Canada demonstrated resistance to some US proposals, emphasizing that money should not go first than human rights. It was also disappointing to see the silence of Latin America regarding environmental issues, considering the presence of the Amazon on the territory of most countries.



When money talks, the US keeps smiling
Photo: Milena Cruz



Delegates united for environment and equality
Photo: Amanda Bueno



Delegates deciding if national interests will prevail
Photo: Milena Cruz



Delegate's remarkable saxophone performance
Photo: Sophia Bruno de Campos



Remarkable GNARLY performance at the Talent Show
Photo: Sophia Bruno de Campos



Food and tradition at the Mexican cultural stand
Photo: Sophia Bruno de Campos

Drafting change by day, celebrating talent by night

From songs to dance and cultural stands,
talent and soul shone throughout

By Maria Eduarda Rodrigues

The Talent Show stole the spotlight! *Gnarly* by Katseye set the stage ablaze with K-pop flair, *O Bem* by Arlindo Cruz brought the samba's bold rhythm, and the Secretariat embodied the urgency of UN reform with *Under Pressure* by Queen, proving that their talents do not stay only in the simulation rooms! Dance and cheers sparked connection and shared laughter after a day of intense debates, celebrating diversity and pure unforgettable fun.

KEEP UP WITH FAMUN

Saturday – 6 September 2025

08:30 – 09:00	Head Delegate's meeting
09:00 – 11:00	Session 5
11:00 – 11:30	Session break
11:30 – 13:00	Session 6
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break
15:00 – 17:00	Session 7
19:00 – 23:00	After Hours – Social Event for UNI

Remember!

On the last day of negotiations, Youth Councils and General Assembly UNI are having a press conference! Be ready for sharp questions coming from worldwide newspapers. For the other GAs: heat up the discussions. Are you ready to adopt the next UN Charter? Do not forget to exchange and sign your placards with other delegates and Secretariat at the end of Session 7, as a souvenir of FAMUN!

Tune in with the CMOs!

We're reforming this together! Here are the CMO's picks for inspiring the adoption of the new UN Charter

We're All in This Together

High School Music
Camila's pick

Peace Sells

Megadeth
Cecília's pick

Unwritten

Natasha Bedingfield
Marina's pick

Zombie

The Cranberries
Lara's pick

É preciso dar um jeito meu amigo

Erasmus Carlos
Heitor's pick

Wind of Change

Scorpions
João's pick

Novo Tempo

Ivan Lins
Tales's pick

Change

Tears for fears
Guilherme's pick

SEE U TOMORROW

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