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Focus group study was conducted with 31 students in December 2016. Five focus sessions took place and each took around 1 to 1.30hrs. We have met students from various countries and from various departments. All the sessions were video taped for our records. In this focus group study, we focused on the social aspect of their life instead of the academic life.

The questions asked in the focus group are:

1. [Please tell us how did you hear about AGU?](#)
2. [Please talk about what made you decide to come to join the student body of AGU compare to other Turkish Universities and other countries' universities?](#)
3. [Please tell us about your interaction with International Office in relation to administration process.](#)
4. Please talk about your social experience that you had so far at AGU
 - 4.1 [What type of experiences with AGU campus left you feeling as though the college served you well?](#)
 - 4.2 [What type of experiences with AGU campus left you feeling as though the college could have done more?](#)
5. [Please tell us how do you define 'Live Campus'?](#)
6. [Please provide us examples on how we can make AGU a Live Campus?](#)
7. [Please provide us examples on how we can make AGU an internationalized campus.](#)
8. [Now imagine that you are hired as a recruiter for AGU, please tell us about your strategies to recruit international students?](#)

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1. Please tell us how did you hear about AGU?

- A friend from Kayseri
- Friends studying at AGU
- Education Fair
- Internet search
- Did undergraduate in Kayseri
- From family members (brother studying in Turkey)
- Office in Morocco

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2. Please talk about what made you decide to come to join the student body of AGU compare to other Turkish Universities and other countries' universities?

- AGU website,
- Free laptop
- 100% English education.
- International students in AGU
- Affordable tuition cost
- Kayseri as a safe city
- Religion
- Quality in education
- The definition of 3rd generation university
- State university
- Studying a specific area, which AGU provides.
- That the professor has only one graduate student. He can focus on me.
- Fast and timely reply from the International Office.
- Good communication between students and the international office.
- Good ranking among Turkey,
- Dorms

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3. Please tell us about your interaction with International Office in relation to administration process.

- I have a positive experience
- They are really helpful
- They have good communication skills
- They provide timely response to our questions

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4. Please talk about your social experience that you had so far at AGU:

4.1. What type of experiences with AGU campus left you feeling as though the college served you well?

- High quality of dormitory
- Affordable tuition cost
- Affordable city
- International Office
- Small classroom size
- Respectful campus
- High potential students
- The feeling of private university even it is public
- Good friends that are Turkish
- Good use of technology
- High quality instructors (they are good and provide timely response to our questions)

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4.2. What type of experiences with AGU campus left you feeling as though the college could have done more?

- Laptops should be delivered at the beginning of the semester
- Pre-requisite courses since we do not have enough readiness for some courses, as an example math and physics
- Teaching should received training about their teaching skills
- International students should be represented in the departments
- On-Campus work opportunities should be employed
- Club activities should take place in English
- Campus activities should take place in Turkish
- Technical visits should be in Turkish
- Scholarships should be designed specifically for international students.
- Staff members should able to speak English specifically in the Registrar's Office
- Cafeteria's lunch hours should be extended
- Instructors should only speak English in the classroom
- A Turkish communication course should be implemented
- Training on Schoology should take place
- Orientation about the Higher Education System should be implemented

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5. Please tell us how do you define 'Live Campus'?

- Fun and energetic activities
- Not boring
- Activities both in the campus and at the dormitories
- Something going on in the campus every other week.
- Active student clubs
- Campus should be more active since Kayseri is a boring city

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6. Please provide us examples on how we can make AGU a Live Campus?

- More club activities where people speak English
- Debates and discussions in English
- More sport activities
- More places to sit and relax
- More organized sitting areas
- Longer Library Hours
- Longer lunch hours for the cafeteria

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7. Please provide us examples on how we can make AGU an internationalized campus.

- All the announcements should be in English
- Cultural awareness programs should be employed both for the students and the staff
- Welcoming atmosphere should be employed to celebrate all the holidays, as an example New Year, Christmas and Easter.
- International students number should be increased.
- A representative for international students should be elected
- Cultural nights should be organized
- A guest speakers with an international aspect should be invited
- Every information on the website should be in English as an example: student code of conduct and regulations.

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8. Now imagine that you are hired as a recruiter for AGU, please tell us about your strategies to recruit students?

- Attending fairs
- Contacting high schools (for Kenya)
- Peer to peer interaction
- School visits
- Providing scholarships for international students
- Meeting with AGU academicians that are traveling abroad
- Web sites
- Social Media
- Asking "Letter or Purpose" from the prospective students rather than just looking the grades or SATs may not help us to understand the capacities of the students.
- Innovative students should be encouraged to apply
- Organizing campus visit for prospective students.
- Assigning current international students as a recruiter
- Upload viral videos that are done by students

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