

Holy Cross College (Autonomous)

Nagercoil - 629 004

Affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli
Nationally Accredited with A+ Grade (CGPA 3.35) by NAAC IV Cycle
An ISO 9001: 2015 Certified Institution

SSR 2019-2020 to 2023-2024

5.3.2 Presence of an active Student Council & representation of students on academic & administrative bodies/committees of the institution

ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-2022

Objectives

A vibrant and active Student Council has been an integral part of academics and administrative activities. It functions with the following objectives

- To look after the affairs of the student community.
- To make the students actively involved in strategic decision-making bodies and committees.
- To help the students develop leadership qualities and acquire managerial skills.
- To act as a bridge between the management and the student community for the sake of the growth of the college.

Student Council Election

Eligibility

- The candidate should not have any arrear
- She should be punctual and value personal integrity
- She should have good communicative skills both in English and Tamil be able to address large gathering.
- She should maintain a healthy relationship with the management, staff and students.

New Format of Election

In order to raise the effectiveness of the council a new format of Student Council election has been introduced. The election for the president, vice-president, secretary and joint secretary is done by the following.

- Two students each of II UG And III UG are selected by the staff and students of the respective departments.
- The selected students are given leadership training in two sessions by a programme organised by the Deans of Students.
- Special task is conducted in one of the sessions to evaluate the efficiency of the students in teamwork and managerial skills.
- At the end of the session a written work is given to assess their language skill.
- Marks are given according to their proficiency
- 10 students each of II and III year students are selected based on their score.
- On the final day the selected students appear before a panel of 3 experts for an interactive session for further assessment.
- The office bearers of the council are selected based on the marks scored by the students.
- The joint secretary is selected from the differently abled students of II UG.
- The elected office bearers take oath along with the selected members of the clubs and committees in the Investiture ceremony.

Eventually, President (Ms. Felcia, III B. Sc Chemistry), Vice president (Ms. Jersha Hadrin, III B.Sc Botany), Secretary (Ms. Catherine Angel, II B.Sc. Zoology), and Joint Secretary (Ms. Durga Devi, II B.A Tamil) were elected for the key positions.

Function

The Student Council members function under the guidance of the principal and Deans of Students of the college. They serve as a bridge between the management and the students. They coordinate along with the Deans of Students all the major events and student activities.

Activities

The Student Council coordinated with the IQAC in conducting the Orientation Programme for the I year students. The council organized a motivational programme for the I year students, arranged a grievance redressal forum and an orientation programme on opportunities to study abroad. Student's Administrative Day, the students themselves take care of the classroom activities. On that day they play the role of a teacher as well as an administrator.

The presidents of various committees such as the Academic Council, Student Council, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Quality Circle, Internal Compliance Committee, Discipline

Committee, Anti-Ragging Committee /Anti Eve Teasing Committee, Class Representatives, Institution Innovation Cell, Student Research Forum, Women's Cell, NSS, Consumer Club, Rotaract, Legal Literacy Committee work together with the elected student council members in building up the reputation of the college. They play a vital role in many activities like organizing seminars, workshops, symposium, and intercollegiate sports, cultural and quiz meet. The students are given the opportunity to be members of IQAC, the Admission Committee, and the Quality Circle.

To equip themselves to be global citizens compatible with research, the students have effectively taken part in online and offline research forums. To ensure the safety and wellness of the students, the discipline committee and the student council leaders take care of the issues related to bullying, ragging and other disciplinary issues. These committees have student members in order to have empathetic and unprejudiced teamwork. Students' active participation in community outreach programmes (RUN) strengthens their intellectual growth supplemented by social consciousness. This in turn boosts their understanding of their social responsibility and makes them future leaders and responsible citizens. Service-oriented committees like NSS, YRC, and RRC conduct medical and blood donation camps. Through these activities, the students transform the vision of the college into a reality. To provide a wide knowledge of the external world the students are given opportunities to be members of various clubs and committees like Rotaract, Eco Club, and Legal Literacy Club. Their active participation in these clubs and committees enhances their personality development. Each department has its students as the President and Secretary of their department associations and their efforts are focused towards progression. Throughout the year the students participated in a variety of activities that would _62 strengthen their proficiency, skill and opportunities.

