

Holy Cross College (Autonomous)

Nagercoil-629004

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 2022-2023

Objectives

The Student Council of the college 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.

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• She should maintain a healthy relationship with the management, staff and students.

Format of Election

In order to raise the effectiveness of the council a new format of Student Council election was introduced in the academic year 2021-2022. This year there was a slight change in the second phase of the election. The election was carried out in the following manner.

- 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.
- Marks are given according to their proficiency
- 10 students each of II- and III-year students were selected based on their score.
- On the second day the selected students appear before a panel of 3 experts. An interactive session is conducted in the presence of all the students who were selected for the first phase.
- A voting was conducted among the students who were participated in the first phase of the election.
- The joint secretary is selected from the differently abled students of II UG. However, this year due to the non-availability of a suitable candidate the position was left vacant.
- The elected office bearers take oath along with the selected members of the clubs and committees in the Investiture Ceremony.

Eventually, Ms. A. Thasneem Zeenath (III B. Com - Aided), Vice president (Ms. I.S. Angelin Dani (III B.Sc., Botany), Secretary (Ms. F. Shimarna (II B.A English), were elected for the key positions.

Function

The Student Council members function under the guidance of the principal and Deans of Student Affairs 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 council organized major religious and cultural festivals, Graduation D ay, Holy Cross Feast, Annual Day, Teachers Day, National Student Day, motivational speech, Student Forum, Student Administration Day, Exposure Visit by School Students etc. On Student 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. Student Forum was conducted for grievance redressal of the students.

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 strengthen their proficiency, skill and opportunities.

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