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Criterion - 6

METRIC NO. 6.1.2. THE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP IS VISIBLE IN VARIOUS INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES SUCH AS DECENTRALIZATION AND PARTICIPATIVE MANAGEMENT

CASE STUDY - M. K. NAMBYAR MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Governing Council consists of the members of Management and one University nominee. The Principal is the ex-officio Member-Secretary of the Governing Council. The Council is responsible for all the decisions of the institution including, but not limited to, finance, administration, co-curricular and extracurricular activities. The Council meets to discuss, analyze, assess, evaluate and plan the issues faced by the Institution and suggests steps to counter those. The Council is ably assisted by the Principal in every decision-making. Decisions in the Council are arrived at, after considering the opinion of each member including the Principal. In case of specific issues concerning any department or activity, the opinion of the concerned staff member(s) in-charge of the department is also taken while arriving at the decision. At the college level, the Principal is assisted by the teaching and non-teaching staff in administrative and academic matters. The teaching staff is actively involved in various curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities such as moot court competitions, debates, gymkhana activities, cultural activities, legal aid, NSS, etc. The college teaching staff members have individual responsibilities for those various activities. The college delegates authority to the faculty-in-charge for conducting the activities as and when needed. The college library works under the guidance of the Library Committee and the control of the Assistant Librarian. The Library Committee consists of the Principal, Assistant Librarian, and representatives of staff and students. It plans and guides the functioning of the library. The College indulges in the perspective plan through the Academic Planning Committee and the IQAC. The staff gives suggestions to this Committee, through the Principal. There is also a suggestion box fixed in the college to collect opinions from the students. The Principal finalizes the plans and suggestions for the development of the College in the meetings with the teaching staff. The staff members also head various committees/cells, constituted as per the University requirements, and for the administrative convenience of the college. The students are encouraged to participate in various co-curricular and extracurricular activities like moot court competitions, legal aid, and legal literacy camps, debates, NSS, street plays, cultural and sports competitions to inculcate the spirit of sportsmanship and leadership

CASE STUDY

M. K. Nambyar Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition

The institution organises a national level moot court competition once a year. The competition is patronised by Shri K. K. Venugopal, the present Attorney General for India and our proud alumnus, and is named after his father, Shri M. K. Nambyar, who himself was an exemplary constitutional lawyer. The corpus fund of Rs. 30 lakhs was constituted by Shri Venugopal. In addition to that, every year the college collects money from the students through the admission fees. In case there is any shortfall, the same is fulfilled by the management. The competition is conducted on the second Saturday in March. The preparation for the same begins with the appointment of one of the faculty members as the coordinator. Various departments are then constituted and allotted to all the faculty members by the coordinator after consulting the Principal.

Below is a list of all the departments-

1. Accommodation and Transport
2. Catering
3. Arrangement for Inaugural and Valedictory Functions
4. Arrangement of Moot Court Halls
5. Invitation to Moot Judges
6. Preparation of Banners, Trophies, Certificates, Invitation cards, etc.
7. Valuation of Memorials
8. Allotment of Moot Court Halls to Moot Judges
9. Moot Competition process
10. Training to Moot Officers
11. Registration and Certificate writing
12. Press and Media
13. Photography and decoration
14. Cultural Event

All the students of the institution are then offered to act as volunteers during the competition. Around 100 volunteers are selected and are assigned to the aforementioned departments. This number changes as per the number of participants. All the tasks of a particular department are assigned by the faculty member who is in charge of the department to the respective volunteers. The volunteers are responsible only for the work of that department to which they are assigned and are answerable to that faculty member. At each step of the preparation, the faculty members are immensely helped by these volunteers. Although they act on the instructions and guidance of faculty members, they are

given complete autonomy in the way they discharge their roles. They are encouraged to come up with new ideas or a new way of doing things. The faculty members see to it that they make optimum use of the enthusiasm and the energy which the volunteers bring to the table. Our alumni who are practising advocates or academicians are invited as moot judges for the competition. Below are two representative examples that show decentralisation and participative management-

1. Moot Officers - Moot officers are extremely important for the smooth functioning of a mootcourt session. They act as a bridge between the mooters and the moot Judges. They not only see to it that the sessions start on time, the mooters observe the time limits while arguing, the decorum of the Court hall is maintained, etc. but also clarify the moot process and the rules to the Judges and the mooters, just in case. The volunteers, therefore, get first-hand experience in Court manners, procedures, etiquettes, etc. in a simulated environment.
2. Accommodation and Transport - A participant team consists of 3 persons. So, if we have, say, 30 teams, there are 90 persons to be taken care of. The institution provides free accommodation and transportation to all the participants during the entire 3 days of the competition. The volunteers constantly are in touch with the participants and according to their respective inbound travel plans, arrange transportation to pick them up from the airport, bus stand or railway station and drop them off at the hotel. During the entire 3 days, volunteers make sure that buses reach the hotel in time to pick them up, that all the participants are ready and that they board the buses in time and that at the end of the day, they all go back to the hotel safely and in time. Similarly, the participants have different outbound travel plans. So the volunteers see to it that they board their planes, buses and trains well in time for their return journeys. It is needless to say that time management is the most important thing in this entire exercise. Therefore, our student volunteers are exposed to this quite early in their lives and they learn and take this quality with them in their future endeavours.

PHOTOS OF THE EVENT



