MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE IQAC ON 8.12.20

On Google Meet, at 7p.m.

Members Present :

1. Principal
2. Co-ordinator
3. Prof. Shyamal Banerjee
4. Dr. Manika Rakshit
5. Dr. Pradip Baidya
6. Dr. Bratati Dey
7. Dr. Joydeb Mishra
8. Dr. Dr. Subhasish Chakraborty
9. Prof. Rasidul Karim
10. Sri Sanjoy Das

Agenda :

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Students’ attendance on the virtual platform.
3. Discussion on the feedback obtained from the stake-holders..
4. Discussion on Academic Audit
5. Miscellaneous.

Minutes and Resolutions :

1. The minutes of the meeting dated 12.9.20 were confirmed by the house.
2. The Principal informed the house many of the faculty members were facing difficulties in making attendance compulsory on the virtual platform. He said that while some students faced genuine problems because of financial constraints and poor or no network in the region, some others were taking the advantage of these and staying away from classes. It was unanimously resolved that all faculties would be requested to maintain class attendance records and try and find out the reason for students not attending classes. Individual departments were to take a decision regarding the setting of parameters for awarding them marks for attendance.
3. Feedback : Prof Rasidul Karim placed the detailed report of the feedback obtained from the various stake-holders.
4. He pointed out that most of the responses were positive and encouraging, but, unlike previous years, a few of the students felt an undercurrent of ragging. Prof. Sudakshina Sengupta said that there could be a number of reasons for such thinking : some of the students could have felt uneasy because of the co-educational nature of the college; the interpretation of ragging could be erroneous; at their stage, many students were very sensitive and touchy about a number of issues. Dr. Bratati Dey said that the newly admitted students would have to be addressed more on this issue so that all their fears, misconceptions could be allayed without delay. Since no complaint had been put forward by any student in this regard, it was very difficult to identify and understand the problem. It was unanimously resolved that the Anti-Ragging Sub-Committee would be requested to put up more explicit messages and encourage students to express themselves.
5. The feedback obtained from the alumni suggested that the range of study in the college be expanded for the convenience of students. It was unanimously resolved that the prospect of introducing other courses would be explored.
6. It was unanimously resolved that the IQAC would conduct Academic Audit for the academic session 2020-21.
7. The Coordinator reminded the members present, of the necessity of registering a college alumni association with the Registrar of Companies, Govt. of West Bengal, since many of the departments in the college had been organizing alumni meet individually. It was unanimously resolved that a formal Alumni Association would be formed, under the name: Dhruba Chand Halder College Saraswat Alumni Association, Dakshin Barasat, and the proposal would be placed before the Governing Body of the college, for immediate perusal.

There being no other issue to discuss, the meeting was terminated at 8.10p.m, with thanks to the Chair.