

## **CHRIST (Deemed to be University)**

### **Annual General Meeting 2022-23**

#### **University Student Council**

*December 1, 2022*

The Annual General Meeting of the University Student Council with the Vice-Chancellor, Col. Dr. Fr. Abraham V M, and the Management commenced at 3:30 PM. The agenda of the meeting was to address major academic and infrastructural concerns and look into the suggestions to resolve the same by the representatives of all the Bangalore campuses. The moderators of the meeting were Jahnvi Girish and Arya Shirke and the welcome address was given by Ananya Desai, after a short silent prayer.

Fr. VC was then welcomed on the dais where he expressed his gratitude and appreciated the USC members for their contribution toward NAAC . He welcomed the new council members of the Yeshwanthpur campus and initiated the meeting. Focusing on the agenda, the various schools presented general concerns and suggestions that needed to be addressed at University Level.



*School of Sciences* thanked the management for providing such a platform wherein the students could have one to one interaction with all the stakeholders of the university. The school presented few of their academic concerns like not having too many CIA components which were well received by the Dean who ensured that they will make sure to ease the burden of the students.

*School of Law* thanked the university for the excellent opportunities for research, internship opportunities and great learning experience provided to the students. The school raised the concern to enhance the efficiency of teaching through the means of more field trips for relevant subjects. The Dean acknowledged this suggestion and said that field trips can be planned accordingly.

*School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences* appreciated the various departments under the school immensely and expressed their appreciation. One of the major concerns that was put forward by the school was with respect to the clashing of CIAs with religious holidays. The suggestion was to have CIAs planned in a way that they are either before or after the religious holidays so that the students can enjoy the festivities. Fr. VC accepted this suggestion and the COE agreed that from next academic year, this would be taken into consideration. Similarly, the concern with respect to rush in syllabus completion was also put forward which was addressed by the Dean of Arts and Humanities and informed the students that their request will be reiterated.

*The Department of Commerce* expressed their gratitude to the institution for the wonderful array of events and opportunities presented. The major academic concern brought up by them was regarding the need for more seats in the value-added courses offered to final year students. The Dean clarified that the organisations offering these courses request a certain

number of students to be enrolled and thus, the seats are allotted on a first come first serve basis. Yet, the Dean assured more seats will be available for the students in the upcoming years. The students also requested for clarity on portions taught after mid-semester and uniformity among subject teachers in the portions being taught by them to different sections, and these suggestions were taken into consideration and the Dean assured he will look into it.



*School of Business and Management (PG)* firstly appreciated the case study based curriculum that has led to an increase in placements. The representatives brought up the concern of unhealthy competition within the students due the ongoing practice of the token system for class participation. They were informed that it was a trial and the department will be discontinuing the practice. Moreover, the students suggested the use of similarity tools to inhibit the plagiarism of assignments between the three campuses offering the program. This was acknowledged by the department and will be inculcated as a practice. Finally, the students requested that the aptitude training provided to the students should be started in the 4th semester

itself as from 5th semester onwards the students start sitting for placements already. The Dean accepted this suggestion as well to aid the students further with their placements.

The University Level Student Council Representatives of *CHRIST, Bannerghatta Road Campus* began with their appreciation for the university and brought up one of their major academic concern with respect to the deadlines for mid-semester exams and CIA 3, as the gap between these two CIAs is nominal compared to the gap between CIA 1 and 2. If distributed appropriately, it will give the students ample time to prepare. The Controller of Examinations considered this request and stated that the schedule will be modified in the next academic year.

The University Level Student Council Representatives of *CHRIST, Kengeri Campus* expressed their gratitude as the inception of many new departments has promoted a holistic educational environment on-campus. An important concern was regarding the need for a girls hostel for undergraduate students as the campus is situated on a functional national highway toward the outskirts of the city. The campus director, Fr. Benny suggested that as of now, the undergraduate students should be motivated to stay in the hostels outside college as the continuation of the existing system in place. Due to many interrelated factors, the building of a girls hostel inside campus will have to be looked into later.

The University Level Student Council Representatives of *CHRIST, Yeshwanthpur Campus* expressed their gratitude towards the warm welcome they received from the students and the management. The Council Representatives put forward the request if books from *CHRIST, Bangalore Central campus* can be made more accessible to *Yeshwanthpur Campus*. The library in-charge agreed that more books can be put based on the demands of the students. Moreover, the registrar said that the *Central Campus* has ample books that can be sent daily to *Yeshwanthpur campus* based on their needs and demands. The logistics can surely be facilitated.

The request for more guest lectures, seminars, and workshops for mathematics was accepted by the management.



The council also brought up a few *general concerns* that were addressed by the management to improve the regular functioning and infrastructure of the institution. The first suggestion was to include students in the Curriculum Development Committee to bring in the valued perspectives of the student. This was accepted by Fr VC and it was assured that this practice will be implemented. Secondly, there was a request for more freshetarias to be setup on campus to promote healthier eating options for the students, which was also positively acknowledged by the management. Moreover, many students requested for better lighting on the footpath in front of campus that leads to the Dairy Circle bus stop, as at night the area is extremely dark. It was assured that some action would be taken to add streetlights on the road after communicating with all necessary authorities. The management also assured that they will

take all the necessary actions towards making the campus more inclusive through the means of suggestions brought by the council members.

The meeting was concluded with Daksh updates which included the final announcements of the dates, that is, 27 and 28 January, 2023. The first day will be completely offline and the second day will be hybrid. Guest speakers are already being approached and 9000+ schools across India would be invited for the same with 95+ institutes from Bengaluru. Parshwa Turakhia expressed words of gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Dr Johny Joseph, Management, Faculty, Committees, Student Council members, and the BHM Department support staff present. The meeting adjourned by 5:30 PM.