

A REPORT ON THE PARENTS MEET HELD IN RANCHI ON 24 May 2014

Members Present:

Dr.S.Sundar Manoharan, Vice Chancellor
Dr.C.Joseph Kennady, Registrar
Dr.Robinson Smart, Director (Campus Life)
Mr.J.Jebasingh, PRO

The parents meet in Ranchi was held at 2.30 pm on 24th May 2014 at Human Potential Development Centre, Church Road.

The meeting started with a word of prayer by Dr. Robinson Smart. Dr. Joseph Kennady, Registrar welcomed the gathering and greeted them on behalf of the Chancellor Dr. Paul Dhinakaran. Then, he briefed the gathering about the importance of the parents meeting. The Registrar encouraged the parents to express their opinions and valuable suggestions which may be helpful to serve the student community in a better way. He highlighted the steps that have been taken to enhance academic, hostel and spiritual activities. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. Sundar Manoharan was introduced by the Registrar.

Later, the Vice Chancellor addressed the parents. He underscored the rejuvenation in the academic sphere of Karunya University. Recently MoUs have been signed with Technion University, Ben-Gurion University, Hebrew University and other leading universities in Canada, etc. It has been planned to sign an MoU with Universities in China also. The Vice Chancellor added that improving the standard of academics has been given the highest priority.

The Vice Chancellor announced with pride that Karunya has successfully completed 10 years after attaining deemed university status in 2004. The Government of India has also awarded Minority Status to Karunya University. He mentioned that students from all over India and abroad are studying in Karunya. Among the North Indian students, those from Jharkhand are large in number. With such a potential, Karunya has aimed to produce 2000 engineers from Jharkhand by 2020.

The progress made in various aspects of the University was mentioned by the Vice Chancellor. As our country needs good scientists, new research facilities have been created. Care has been taken to appoint the best faculty. With added facilities, the Aerospace department has been given a facelift. In the area of health care, stem cell research is to be initiated.

The Vice Chancellor touched upon the Students Mentoring system which is functioning meticulously. Each mentor is allotted 22 students. The mentor monitors their attendance, academic performance and discipline throughout the year. Mentors have periodic contact with the parents. This has enabled the parents to know about the wellbeing and academic performance of their wards. As the mentors have a constant check over the attendance, academic performance and discipline of their mentees, the failures are less than 5% this year. The faculty are not doing policing work, but showing parental care.

The parents were also briefed about the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) which was introduced in Karunya from 2013-14 onwards. The new system is akin to that which is followed by IITs & NITs. Students can choose the subjects on their own and the courses are offered in such a way that the students get a good placement. Apart from regular class activities, value education, sports & games and various club activities are there for the benefit of students.

Out of 1300 students, 800 students have been placed this year. New companies are being added to the list due to the tireless striving of the Chief Placement and Training Officer. Some students are going abroad to pursue higher studies. The credits obtained at foreign countries through IAESTE are acknowledged by Karunya University. Owing to these factors, it is expected to have 100% placement in Karunya in 2016.

The Director (Campus Life) Dr. Smart briefed about the hostels and the details are given below: Hostels are called as residences, since it is like a home for the students. 11 hostels housed 8500 students. 4 students are accommodated in a room. Single rooms are allocated based on the academic performance. Uninterrupted power supply and water supply are provided to students. He highlighted that the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the students were catered to through the facilities such as chapel, gym, counseling, food, study hour, silence hour, sports complex, ATM centre, bank, hospital, etc.

Opinions/suggestions were sought from the parents by the Registrar so as to serve the student community better. Some of the complaints /suggestions given by the parents and the reply given by the management are given below:

S.No.	Questions / Suggestions by parents	Reply given by the Management
1	Is it possible to change the branch during second year?	The students are admitted in first year under Single Window Counseling. Once selected, the student will have to study for 4 years. All B. Tech programmes have equal weightage. As a policy, changing of branch is not possible.
2	Are the MBAø from KU getting placed?	95 MBA students have been placed this year. HR is an attractive area. Recently, The Hindu has sought the bio-data of 20 MBA students for placement.
3	Are there employment opportunities for EMT students?	EMT is a very good branch. Audio / video industries are appointing media students. Software companies have also recruited our EMT students. No institution is having EMT course and ours is a unique one.
4	Two sons were admitted in KU through KEE, one in CSE and other in FPE. Is there any scope for FPE students?	Not only does KU have excellent facilities in FPE, we also have good faculty. Internship and industrial interactions are being arranged for FPE students.
5	What is the admission procedure at KRIMHSS?	Applications can be obtained from the School and admission is done based on merit

6	How to monitor the attendance details of students?	VC asked the parents to keep track of their wards performance through Mykarunya. The user name is ward's reg. no and password is date of birth. The details of arrears, class attendance, etc can viewed.
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On behalf of the parents, one of the parents offered closing prayer. The meeting came to a close after tea and snacks were served to the parents.

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Cc to: The Vice Chancellor, KU - for kind information
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