

Annexure iii

A REPORT ON THE PARENTS' MEET HELD IN CHENNAI ON 6.2.2016

Members Present:

1. Dr. M. J. Xavier, Pro Vice Chancellor
2. Dr. C. Joseph Kennady, Registrar
3. Dr. Robinson Smart, Director (Campus Life)
4. Dr. Albert Rajan, Deputy Registrar (SA)

The first parents' meet of the year 2016 was held at St. Christopher's College of Education, Chennai on 6.2.2016 from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

The meeting started with a word of prayer by one of the parents Mr. Thomas Jyothi. Around 140 parents from Chennai, Chengalpeta, Tambaram, Vellore and nearby places attended the meeting and 60 parents submitted the feedback forms.

The Registrar welcomed the gathering and conveyed New Year wishes to all. He explained the purpose of organizing such parents meeting in various places. He mentioned the fact that during the floods, the entire Karunya family offered prayers for immediate restoration of normal life in Chennai. A set of students and staff were sent to Chennai in 2 trucks with relief materials to help the flood relief activity along with SEESHA.

The Registrar further informed that Karunya has to follow certain regulations prescribed by the UGC, as it is deemed to be University. However, UGC has provided academic freedom. He also added that the officials of Karunya University visited various top institutions and then Choice Based Credit System has been introduced. This system provides the students maximum flexibility to choose subjects, time table and faculty. The UGC has also given a mandate to follow CBCS. Still, the streamlining is being carried out with the help of Pro Vice Chancellor. Besides these, various research projects to the tune of 11 crores of funds have been undertaken and the students are given training in carrying out research projects.

During this year 70-75% students have been placed and at the end of this academic year, all the eligible students will be placed. Each Mentor is taking care of 20-22 students and the mentoring system is going on well. Registrar advised the parents to visit "mykarunya" to monitor their ward's attendance, at least once in a week. He made an earnest request to parents not to provide costly mobiles for their wards. It was informed that in the last year, there was 100% admission for B. Tech. The support of parents was requested to ensure quality education.

Then the Pro-Vice Chancellor briefed about the usage of mobile phones, its positive and negative aspects. It was informed that the placement companies scrutinize the student's character through the social media and Net Troller. An unworthy profile may doom the future prospects of the students. However, proper counseling can mend the students. Once the problems of students/parents, are clearly known it could be solved immediately. He informed that the great concern is about students and their placement, so company based projects are given to students. Even though the students have more than 8 CGPA and are highly talented, still they could not succeed in the interview due to lack of soft skills. But Karunya is determined in raising leaders to face the competitive world. Hence, the kind cooperation of the parents was solicited.

Then the Pro VC and Registrar requested the gathering to express their opinions/suggestions (both appreciation and critical comments) in areas that need improvement for the development of the University and Student community. The details are as follows:

S. No.	Questions / Suggestions by parents	Reply given by the Management
1	Soft skills are completely lacking. MBA students lack the skill of Group discussion.	MBA will function in Coimbatore city from 2016-2017 and necessary revamping will be done by the Management.
2	Her ward is having arrear in II Maths paper and she is not able to understand Maths. In ladies hostel, incidents of theft of money, mobile phones, dress and shoe are happening. This should be curtailed.	This will be taken care of. Surveillance cameras will be fit in LH. Still parents should not provide costly mobile phones.
3	Faculty are awarding less internal marks and it is requested to increase internal marks.	Internal marks are awarded based on the student's subject knowledge only. Without attending classes regularly, the students cannot not score marks in internals. In foreign countries, 100% marks are awarded through internals.
4	a) Faculty are giving lectures with power point presentation, which is downloaded from the net, without any change. b) Request to offer internal marks liberally c) To arrange Govt. buses during holidays. d) SMS alerts are coming during industrial visits	There are two types of methods to teach the subjects - Activity based learning / Expression Learning. This reported problem will be rectified and set right by the faculty. This is not possible. Marks are given as per teh key provided by the faculty. Moreover, internal marks are not indicators for a student. Govt. buses are being arranged during holidays. Since, KU is a residential institution and has only 9 buses, it is not possible to spare KU buses. This has been noted and it will be set right. It is being planned to send SMS, if a ward is absent for more than 2 days.
5	The students have no time to go to hostel and be back during lunch time. If the ward reaches the class late, then she/he is unable to get attendance for 6th period.	It will be looked into.
6	a) My ward is showing good performance and got placement in Accenture. But, appointment order has not been received. b) Students are not sleeping during night. c) Insect bite in hostels	Chief Training and Placement Officer will be asked to speed up this process We are regularly using pesticide for this menace. Moreover, windows are covered with net which will avoid this insect.
7	a) OD has not been given for the students who were involved in Mega Play. b) Son got placement during final year. Seek your advice whether to continue higher studies or to go for job.	Attendance problem will be taken care of. Advice your ward to go for job; After one or two years, he/she can join any part time course to update knowledge.

8	<p>a) Daughter was sick during 3 occasions; SEESHA hospital treatment is poor and the Doctors are not able to diagnose the cause for the disease</p> <p>b) Transport facility to be provided at the railway station, since the buses are crowded when they reach the Rly. Station</p>	<p>It will be taken up with Director, SEESHA Hospital and strive hard to improve the service.</p> <p>The request will be looked into</p>
9	SEESHA treatment is poor and the Doctors are not diagnosing the problem.	It will be taken up with Director, SEESHA Hospital and strive hard to improve the service.
10	Her daughter is satisfied with teaching. Transformation is good in character and nature. Now she is interested to do social works also.	Thanked for the kind words
11	<p>a) Class strength is too much in III Civil (above 200).</p> <p>b) Arrange Inplant training / Internship</p> <p>c) Placement opportunities for Civil students</p> <p>d) SEESHA treatment to be improved</p>	It will be looked into.
12	His ward is having shyness so he could not perform in Soft Skill Development.	Lot of opportunities are there to develop soft skills. Advice the students to utilise the opportunities.
13	Parent conveyed his happiness about the performance of daughter.	Noted
14	His son got good marks in +2. During first year, he was little dull and got arrears during II year. Please give extra coaching.	Advised the parent to contact his Mentor to know the exact problem and find a remedy. The administration will also discuss with the Mentor
15	<p>a) Karunya is maintaining students discipline and I thank the management. Since Mentors act as local parents of the ward, it is possible to meet the Mentors and call over mobile.</p> <p>b) To curb the menace of Insect bite</p>	<p>Advised to call the mentors after 5 pm or to correspond with them via email.</p> <p>Wire mesh is provided in each room. The students should maintain their rooms neat and tidy.</p>
16	I got admission for my daughter by God's mercy without any money. Though there are many colleges in Chennai, my ward preferred to join in Karunya only. Faculty are good and praying for students. I really appreciate the Management for carrying out flood relief at Chennai	Thanked for the kind words
17	My ward is involved in NSS activities. During III Year, he failed in one subject. Internal exam (Maths) papers are not assessed by the faculty. Mentor did not know about the students.	Feedback system for Mentor will be implemented shortly. Recently, Karunya has received award from District Collector for NSS activities.
18	Mess to be improved. 75% foods served are good. Arrange to provide roast during morning.	International food contractor will provide food from next academic year.

	Faculty are not teaching Physics upto the standard	Taken note of it
19	Wifi is not working in hostels	Bandwidth increased periodically and firewall system improved.
20	a) GATE coaching timings and venue are informed by SMS in the last minute b) Arrange shopping trip once in a month for girls	We will improve this in future. Now, M/s. Shree Kannan Departmental store is functioning in the LH campus.
21	Student's escort system should be lenient.	Parents can send authorization letter for self-escort from II year onwards.
22	Arrange to take Aadhar card for students	University will try to organize a camp for this
23	Study hour to be maintained strictly	We are maintaining and it will be maintained.
24	Advise the faculty to conduct Physics subject as interesting one.	Will be taken care of.

Later, the Director (Campus Life) thanked all the parents. Karunya placement brochures were distributed to all parents. A request was made to the parents to collect B. Tech applications at a concessional rate. 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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