

4.2. STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union of the College is a body which has student Office Bearers, representing all the students of the institution, guided by a team of staff advisors.

The Students Union is formed with the following objectives in mind:

- ▶ To serve as a link between the management and student community for an enriched campus life
- ▶ To bring out the students' talent to the forefront.
- ▶ To nurture leadership qualities among students.
- ▶ To motivate students to be responsible citizens.
- ▶ To promote integrity and fraternity among students by creating the right ambience for academic, cultural and social activities.

Formation of the Students' Union

The posts of the Office Bearers are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer for Shift I and II. The office bearers are duly elected in a democratic way by the students through election. The elections are conducted at the end of the academic year before Union Valediction is held. One student from each class is selected by their classmates as nominee for respective posts and four among them are chosen as candidates by the staff advisors. Students select their leaders through electronic polling.

The norms followed for the elections of both Shift I and II are:

- a. President is nominated by the students from the Second year UG programmes
- b. Vice-President is nominated by the students from the First year UG programmes
- c. Secretary is nominated by the students from the Second year UG programmes
- d. Treasurer is nominated by the students from the PG programmes
- e. The elections will be held electronically. The software for conducting election is developed in house by the students of Computer Science.

- f. A day will be fixed when all the students should go to the computer lab assigned for electronic voting to cast their electronic votes. All the students of all UG and PG programmes cast their votes.
- g. Once the voting is over the results will be announced by the Principal during next general assembly.
- h. There will be a **handing over ceremony** from the current office bearers to the elected office bears during the Union Valediction.
- i. The elected students will hold office from the following academic year.

Apart from the office bearers there are other committees to support and aid smooth functioning of the student's union. They are Extended Committee, Discipline Committee, Cultural Committee, Decoration Committee and Cleanliness Committee.

Functions

The focus of the union is to inculcate the Leadership Qualities, Team Spirit, Social Responsibilities, Managerial Skills, Discipline, Fatima Culture and the like among all the students. These standards and values are imparted through various events regularly. The main events conducted by the Union are

- Orientation Program for the Freshers
- Union Inauguration at the beginning of the academic year & Valediction at the end of the year
- Leadership Training for the representatives of all classes of UG and PG
- Intercollegiate cultural fest
- Observing and celebrating special days
- Union election
- Farewell Party for the outgoing students and thanks giving to staff

Orientation Program:

Orientation will be given to the freshers I UG and I PG on the day of their entry to the college. The Orientation program includes welcoming, campus tour and an introduction to Fatima Culture.

Union Inauguration:

The college students' union activities will begin with the formal inauguration every year. Eminent persons will be invited for the inauguration and they motivate the students through inaugural address. Investiture Ceremony is the vital part of the occasion in which the Secretary and the Principal will bestow responsibility upon the Union Office Bearers.

Leadership Training Programme:

Leadership training programme will be organised twice in a year for the representatives of all the classes of UG and PG. The main objective of this event is to bring out the talents hidden in them and to empower their leadership qualities.

Intercollegiate Cultural Fest (SPRINGS)

To inculcate managerial and organizational skills among students an Intercollegiate cultural fest, SPRINGS, is organized every year. The student union office bearers, different committee members and volunteers shoulder various responsibilities to organize this mega event.

Celebrations:

To bring about a harmonious living by understanding the multi-cultural reality, all religious festivals, such as Deepavali, Ramzan, Christmas, Pongal, are celebrated every year. These celebrations inculcate religious acceptance among students. College Functions like College Birthday, Farewell Party and General Functions like Teachers Day, Sports Day are also assisted by the Union

Mother Rose Fund:

Students are motivated to lend help to less fortunate. Every month students will contribute little amount towards Mother Rose Fund, which will be utilized to assist financial support to the economically backward students and to fulfil their basic needs.

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