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5.3.2 *Presence of an active Student Council & representation of students on academic & administrative bodies/committees of the institution.*

At the University, the existence and activities of the Student Council are foundational to both institutional development and the welfare of its student body. Playing an essential role, the Council is instrumental in supporting and enhancing the well-being of students, not just within the confines of the institution but extending its influence outside of it as well. The process for selecting office-bearers is meticulously carried out each year, with a keen focus on promoting gender equality, thereby ensuring that both men and women have equal opportunities to serve and represent their peers. Our University has two gender champions to promote gender equality.

The University has allocated a dedicated office to support the Council's smooth functioning. Adding to its influence within the University's governance, a student representative or research scholar appointed directly by the Vice-Chancellor takes on the significant role of being one of the eighteen members of the IQAC.

The active participation of student representatives in the IQAC and other critical decision-making committees, including the Anti-Ragging Committee, Anti-Drug Abuse Committee, Students' Redressal Committee, and Board of Studies, is a testament to the University's commitment to integrating student voices in its governance. This involvement ensures that student perspectives and needs are considered in the institution's decision-making processes, fostering a more inclusive and responsive educational setting.

Moreover, the Student Council's collaboration with the YWD and the Centre for Physical Education in organizing a week-long extravaganza of cultural and sports events, known as MANO Day, is a highlight of every academic year. Festivals like Pongal and Onam, National celebrations like Independence Day and Republic Day and Special days like Teachers Day, Women's Day, Science Day and National Sports Day are cherished. Students are essential in the hostel administration as representatives and members, and Hostel Day is celebrated annually. These events are a testament to the Council's commitment to administrative excellence and the promotion of extracurricular

engagement among students, thereby contributing to a well-rounded university experience.

In addition to the university-wide Student Council, there are department-specific student councils such as the Chimara Association, Mano Computer Association, and CJF Students Council. These specialized councils, representing the departments of Animal Science, Computer Science, and Criminology, respectively, play a crucial role in addressing students' unique needs and interests within their specific fields of study, further exemplifying the Council's dedication to catering to the diverse student body. However, the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly impacted the Council's activities. The lockdown restrictions rendered the election process unfeasible, leading to the decision that the council members from the previous year would continue in their roles. Additionally, the pandemic necessitated the suspension of the much-anticipated MANO Day activities during the review year, underscoring the profound effects of the global health crisis on the traditional functions and events of the Student Council. Despite these challenges, the Council's commitment to supporting student welfare and contributing to institutional development remains unwavering, highlighting its adaptability and resilience in the face of adversity.

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SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS

S.N	Document(s)	Link to the Document(s)
1	Students Council	https://msuniv.ac.in/naac/criterion5/5321.pdf
2	Representatives of Students	https://msuniv.ac.in/naac/criterion5/5322.pdf