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Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Loyola College, Chennai

2017-18

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Annual Report 2017-18

This is yet another eventful year for the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Loyola College, IQAC organized two days of reflection on *Loyola in Higher Education, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* as an orientation for the academic year 2017-18.

Loyola in Higher Education – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow – Two Days of Reflection

13th&14th June, 2017



UGC EXPERT COMMITTEE VISIT 20TH& 21ST JULY 2017

IQAC prepared a comprehensive report of the college for the last five years to get the Extension of Autonomy Status to Loyola College. IQAC successfully organized the visit of UGC expert committee to evaluate the academic attainments of the college for the extension of autonomy status.



Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath, who was the Chairperson of the committee, appreciated the documentation done by the IQAC and the overall coordination of the Expert Committee visit to Loyola. The committee has commended so positively with high appreciation for various best practices of Loyola and recommended the extension of autonomous status till 2021.

The college was ranked 2nd in India in the category of colleges by NIRF.



The IQAC organized meetings with alumni, academic and administrative staff to appreciate and thank their laudable contributions towards securing the 2nd Rank.

Springboard – Leadership

5 SESSIONS OF SPRINGBOARD A LEADERSHIP PROGRAM WAS ORGANIZED DURING THE YEAR BY IQAC.

The First session on the topic “Discover a Leader in You” by Rev.Fr. A. Louie Albert, S.J. – Director, School of Service Learning was conducted on 17th August 2017. The second session of Springboard on the topic “Integrity – Need of the Hour” by Dr. Bernard D’Sami – Coordinator, LISSTAR. The Third Session of Springboard was on the theme “Creative Learning by Applying Smart Solutions” by C.A. Parag Kapadia, Proprietor Kapital Konnect. The Fourth Session of Springboard on “Effective Communication” by Ms. Yazhini, Ms. Christina, and Mr. Kiran, Counselors. The Fifth Session and the Valedictory function of Springboard on “Quality A Way of Life” by Dr. E.S. Sivashankar, Global Director, Kusakabe Kikai Co. LTD, Osaka Japan, Chairman – CKIPL India.



Open Forum



The first Open Forum for the academic year 2017-18 was conducted on 29th August 2017. 113 Students from Shift-I and 144 students from Shift-II attended the Open forum. The second Open Forum for the academic year 2017-18 was conducted on 24th January 2018. 109 students from Shift-I and 140 students from Shift-II attended the Open Forum. All officials of the college were present to listen to the queries of the students and provided the platform to have an interface between students and administrators. General concerns were raised by the students from both shifts presented to the management and officials were asked to take appropriate actions. IQAC made the follow up on the action taken on the report of open forum and the action taken report was presented to the students.

AQAR: was submitted on 7th September 2017 to NAAC.

NIRF 2018A report was submitted to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for India Ranking 2018 on 4th December 2017.

All India Survey of Higher Education, (AISHE) was submitted on 5th February 2018

Week Survey- The Week Survey was submitted on 20th March 2018.

India Today - The MDRA India Today Survey was submitted on 14th February 2018.

The UGC sponsored State Level Seminar on Quality Assurance and Accreditation was organized on 2nd March, 2018.



IQAC Coordinators and Extended IQAC members from 36 institutions and 42 Extended IQAC members of Loyola attended the seminar. The seminar gave an opportunity to IQAC coordinators and Extended IQAC members to deliberate on building a quality culture in Higher Education institutions and to get a better understanding of the new

framework and process of NAAC accreditation. Dr. A. Xavier Mahimairaj, IQAC Coordinator, Loyola College and the Convener of the seminar explained the Dynamics of the seminar. Rev. Fr. Christie P. Maria Joseph, S.J., Director, LIBA. The chief guest of the seminar enlightened the participants on "Challenges and Opportunities

in Higher Education in India." Dr. B.S. Ponmudiraj, Deputy (Academic) Northern Region & Regional Coordinator (i/c), Eastern Region, NAAC, Bangalore explained the "New Methodology of NAAC Assessment to Nurture Quality Assurance and Enhancement in Higher Education Institutions". The erudite panelists shared their insights on building a quality culture in higher education institution viz Dr. L.S. Ganesh, Professor, Department of Management Studies, IIT, Madras spoke on "Building Quality Culture in Curriculum Development and Evaluation", Dr. Sridhar Ganesh, Managing Director & CEO, Adrenalin eSystems Limited, enlightened us on "Building Quality Culture in our approaches of Teaching and Learning Methodologies." and Dr. T. Thyagarajan, Professor, Department of Instrumentation Engineering, MIT Campus, Anna University,

shared his thoughts on "Building Quality Culture in Research and Governance". The participants were highly appreciative of the one-day deliberation on the theme.

Various feedback mechanisms were administered by IQAC viz Staff Evaluation, Staff Appraisal, Feedback from parents and outgoing students. These reports were collated and given to the management to take appropriate steps to enhance the quality of the performance of the college.

Through various measures, IQAC continues to be an important component of Loyola which ensures quality and continuous improvement in all aspects of the college. It places on record its sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the extended IQAC members, Quality circle members and the core team of IQAC for their dedicated service.

Extended IQAC Meeting

The IQAC regularly meeting with the External IQAC members of each department each academic year. One meeting was conducted on 3rd July 2017 and another meeting was conducted on 23rd January 2018.

Orientation for Younger Staff

The IQAC conducted an orientation program for the younger staff on 15th July 2018 on the theme "Experience of the College as an autonomous institution". This program was conducted to give the younger staff of the institution the knowledge and the awareness of the Autonomous status of a college. The session was steered by Dr. Bernard D'Sami, Coordinator LISSTAR, who was also the previous IQAC Coordinator.

Staff Assessment 2017-18

The Staff Assessment for all students for the Odd semester was conducted between 21st and 28th October 2017. The Staff Assessment for all students and Exit Poll for the final year students for the Even Semester was conducted between 5th and 13th April 2018.

Stock Verification 2017-18

The Annual Exercise of Stock verification was conducted by the IQAC on 9th April for Arts and Commerce Departments and on 12th April 2018 for the departments of Sciences. The departments were informed earlier and were prepared for the visit by the staff deputed by the IQAC office.

Message from the Coordinator

Internal Quality Assurance System is a step towards Excellence. The IQAC of Loyola organizes orientation programs for faculty, administrative staff, and quality circle members. It conducts open forums to provide an interface between students and officials of the college. It conducts staff assessment and exit poll to provide valuable feedback for quality sustenance and improvement in teaching, learning and research experiences in the college. It documents and reports various activities of the college for various higher education requirements. A continuous follow up has been made on infrastructural resources of the college to assure adequate, appropriate and better facilities to assure conducive and enabling environment for teaching, learning and research. Through all these measures IQAC happens to be one of the important components of the college which ensures quality and continuous improvement in all the units/aspects of the college. The IQAC places it on record its gratitude to the management, staff, students, funding agencies and parents for their support to the IQAC in fulfilling quality sustenance and maintenance at Loyola. A word of appreciation and thanks goes to Mr. Shane Aurel D'Rozario, Assistant and Mr. A. Anthony Samy, Record Clerk in IQAC for his dedicated service to the office.

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