

Equal Opportunity Cell Meeting Minutes

Date: 16/09/2015

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Venue: Panel Room 1

Members Attended:

1. Rev. Fr. Josekutty P D, Principal

2. Rev. Augustine George, Vice Principal

3. Rev. Fr. Lijo P Thomas, Financial Administrator

4. Rev. Fr. Emmanuel P J, Director, Center for Jayantian Extension Services

5. Dr. Aloysius Edward, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management

6. Dr. Calistus Jude, Dean, Faculty of Science

7. Dr. Gopakumar AV, Dean, Faculty of Humanities

8. Prof Mary Jacob, Coordinator Equal Opportunity Cell

9. Prof. Madhumathi, Coordinator Women Empowerment Cell

10. Administrative Staff- Mr. Arun

11. Dr. Jonas Richard, HoD, Department of Social Work

12. Dr. Sreedhar P D, Coordinator, NSS

13. Dr. Alice Aloysius, College Counselor

Agenda:

The meeting began with the Chairman, Rev. Fr. Josekutty addressed the members of the Equal Opportunity Cell and expressed his pleasure at the work done by them in the previous weeks.

Next, Prof. Mary Jacob, the Coordinator of Equal Opportunity Cell addressed the session by giving an overview of the work undertaken and completed by the cell.

The plant pots kept on either side of the corridor were removed to provide more space and for easy movement. The same was followed in the staircases also. The wider staircases became more spacious due to the removal of pots of decorative plants. She explained that this would avoid falling or disturbance for the individuals with disabilities. She mentioned the multiple vestibules the building has that can be utilized for emergency exits. She recommended that the elevators at every block could be used for effortless movement. She added that the provision of ramps both fixed and portable ones and access to vehicles near to the building entrance which will be helpful for the disabled students.

Prof. Mary Jacob answered the question raised by Dr. Sreedhar P D regarding the opportunities provided to students other than the disabled. The coordinator replied that there are several grants that are provided to students. She named a few of the grants including Jayantian Upliftment Grant, Jayantian Talent Grant and Jayantian Achievement Grant. She stressed that these grants were introduced years ago to provide equal opportunity to students without discriminating against anyone on the basis of caste, language or religion.

College Counsellor, Dr. Alice Aloysius detailed the various counselling sessions conducted for all students without looking at their backgrounds for their overall development.

The college counsellor, Dr. Alice Aloysius reminded the gathering of the availability of medical facilities available at Kristu Jayanti. However, she put forth a request for a better and faster medical service through an association with any nearby hospital for getting medical attention for disabled students, specifically.

The minutes of the October 22, 2014 equal opportunity cell meeting was approved.

The equal opportunity cell coordinator, Prof. Mary Jacob requested for the handrails and grab handles at the selected areas for them to climb or walk effortlessly.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.