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Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting for SC/ST

Ref. No.: ADYPU/RO/Committee/2022/323

Date: May 10, 2023

Venue: Conference Room, ADYPU

Members Present:

1. Prof. Hridaysh Deshpande (Chairperson)
2. Dr. Sunny Thomas (Member)
3. Dr. Sachin Rajas (Member)
4. Dr. Bhausahab Londhe (Member)
5. Adv. Sambhaji Mohite (Member)
6. Ms. Shital Solanki (Member)
7. Mr. Aditya Khole (Member)
8. Ms. Pranali Thorat (Member)
9. Dr. Muthu Sankar Aathi (Ex-Officio Coordinator)
10. Mr. Raymond Paul (Member Secretary)

Members Absent:

- Mr. Sachin Shelar (Member)

Agenda:

1. Review of progress on initiatives discussed in December 2022 meeting.
2. Evaluation of SC/ST student participation in university activities.
3. Planning for future programs to be conducted in the 2023–2024 academic year.

Proceedings:

1. Welcome and Review of Last Meeting:

- The meeting began at 10:30 AM with the Chairperson welcoming the members and reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting held in December 2022.
- The committee confirmed the accuracy of the previous minutes.





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2. Progress in Initiatives:

- **Awareness Seminars:** Dr. Muthu Sankar Aathi reported that two awareness seminars on SC/ST welfare schemes were successfully conducted in March and April 2023, with good participation from students.
- **Legal Counseling:** Adv. Sambhaji Mohite shared that a legal counseling session was organized in April, with 15 students availing themselves of the service. Plans are in place to make this a quarterly event.
- **Peer Mentorship Program:** Ms. Shital Solanki reported that the peer mentorship program is in its initial stages. She highlighted that more volunteers are needed from senior students to make the program effective.

3. Evaluation of SC/ST Student Participation:

- **Dr. Sachin Rajas** presented a report indicating that SC/ST students' participation in university activities, including academic and extracurricular programs, has increased compared to the previous year.
- **Mr. Aditya Khole** suggested increasing promotional efforts to involve more students from these communities.

4. Planning for Future Programs:

- It was agreed that more workshops on leadership development and skill-building would be organized for SC/ST students in the upcoming academic year.
- **Ms. Pranali Thorat** suggested starting an internship support initiative to help SC/ST students secure internships in their respective fields.

5. Conclusion and Next Steps:

- The Chairperson appreciated the progress made and encouraged the committee to continue its efforts in creating a supportive environment for SC/ST students.
- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 2023.


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Ref. No.: ADYPU/RO/Committee/2022/323

Date: December 5, 2022

Venue: Vice Chancellor's Office, ADYPU

Members Present:

1. Prof. Hridaysh Deshpande (Chairperson)
2. Dr. Sunny Thomas (Member)
3. Dr. Sachin Rajas (Member)
4. Dr. Bhausahab Londhe (Member)
5. Adv. Sambhaji Mohite (Member)
6. Ms. Shital Solanki (Member)
7. Mr. Sachin Shelar (Member)
8. Mr. Aditya Khole (Member)
9. Ms. Pranali Thorat (Member)
10. Dr. Muthu Sankar Aathi (Ex-Officio Coordinator)
11. Mr. Raymond Paul (Member Secretary)

Agenda:

1. Introduction and Welcome by Chairperson.
2. Discussion on the objectives of the Advisory Committee for SC/ST.
3. Review of SC/ST student support policies.
4. Suggestions for future initiatives for the academic year 2023.

Proceedings:

1. Welcome Address:

- The meeting began at 10:00 AM with Prof. Hridaysh Deshpande welcoming the committee members and explaining the purpose of constituting the Advisory Committee as per UGC guidelines.

2. Objectives of the Committee:

- The Chairperson reiterated the role of the committee in safeguarding the interests of SC/ST students and staff, ensuring compliance with UGC regulations, and overseeing the activities of the SC/ST Cell.





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3. Support Policies Review:

- Dr. Muthu Sankar Aathi, Ex-Officio Coordinator, presented a report on the current support mechanisms for SC/ST students, such as scholarships, academic guidance, and mentorship programs.
- It was noted that there is a need for more focused outreach to SC/ST students to raise awareness about available resources.

4. Suggestions for Future Initiatives:

- **Dr. Sunny Thomas** suggested organizing awareness seminars on SC/ST welfare schemes.
- **Adv. Sambhaji Mohite** proposed providing legal counseling services to SC/ST students facing any form of discrimination.
- **Ms. Shital Solanki** recommended the initiation of peer mentorship programs to guide SC/ST students in academic and personal matters.

5. Conclusion and Next Steps:

- It was decided that a formal action plan will be drafted for the next meeting, focusing on implementing the proposed initiatives.
- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 2023.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 PM with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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