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The college student council is a body constituted by students to develop leadership and engage in initiatives that benefit the students, the college and the wider society. The functioning of the student council is based on parliamentary procedures and provides a structure through which students can debate issues of concern. The student council is structured to ensure that students are involved in the affairs of the college and are in constant interaction with the college authorities.

Objectives

- To enable effective communication among students, management and staff
- To foster an environment, conducive to educational and personal development
- To identify and resolve issues faced by students in the college
- To promote companionship and respect among students
- To assist management and staff in the functioning of the college
- To represent student views on issues of broad concern
- To organize social events for students
- To assist with the planning and execution of events and extracurricular activities
- To cultivate essential skills in students, such as participation in democratic processes, meetings, negotiations and problem-solving

Policy Statements

- All activities of the student council are carried out strictly in consultation with the Principal and the Union Director
- The student council is dedicated to representing the interests and welfare of the students, creating a positive and inclusive campus environment
- The student council serves as the official voice of the students, advocating for their concerns and needs to the college administration, staff and external stakeholders
- The student council is responsible for planning, organizing and executing a variety of cultural, educational and social events that enrich campus life
- The student council manages its finances responsibly, ensuring that funds are used effectively to support student activities and initiatives while maintaining transparency and accountability in financial matters

Implementation

The primary role of the student council is to collaborate closely with management, staff and parents, while regularly consulting with students. This ensures that the views of the student



body are represented to the college administration, ultimately benefiting both the college and its students. Students are elected to the student council through a parliamentary mode of election. Once the university sets a date for the election of student council representatives, the college distributes nomination forms. Nominations must be submitted within a reasonable timeframe prior to the election, as specified by the university. All voting must be conducted by secret ballot and vote counting should be supervised by the class teacher. In certain situations, it may be necessary to dissolve the student council before the end of its term. Such circumstances include:

- Breach of conduct: When a significant number of council members are involved in serious breaches of the college's code of conduct
- Election irregularities: When serious irregularities are detected in the election process
- Endangering welfare: When the council's activities pose a risk to the welfare of staff or students
- Financial misconduct: When there are serious financial irregularities

Student council is integral to the fabric of a higher education institution. It empowers students, fosters a sense of community and ensures that the student body's voice is heard in the institutional decision-making processes. Effective policies governing these bodies are essential to their success, ensuring that they operate transparently, democratically and in the best interests of the student population they represent.