

KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (KISS) Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar - 751024 (Declared under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)

5.3.2 Student Council

Q: Presence of Student Council and its activities for institutional development and student welfare.

Describe the Student Council and its activities for institutional development and student welfare within a maximum of 500 words

A: Activities of the Students' Council

- KISS-DU has a fully functional nominated Students' Council.
- The Council represents the student's matters at the institutional level.
- Council members are co-opted into various university policy-making/decision-making bodies like IQAC, the Academic Council, different mandatory cells, and the Board of Studies.
- Its members play an essential role in hostel and mess committees to address fellow students' problems.
- Council members facilitate the process of curriculum feedback for the improvement of the Curriculum.
- In its pursuit of holistic education, the university prioritises curricular and extracurricular activities and the student representatives from various Societies play an important role in coordinating the activities.
- The authorities hold regular talks with members of the council who have been co-opted into various societies and committees.
- The Council members facilitate the student exchange programmes as mentioned under various MoUs and collaborations with various national and international bodies. The International Relations Office coordinates for overseas exchange programmes.
- The Training and Placement Cell is giving career guidance and getting involved in the placement of the students. Members of the council also motivate the students to opt for career guidance. It facilitates the internship programme in consultation with the Deans.
- The Centre for Indigenous Innovation Entrepreneurship in consultation with the Director of the Centre coordinates all entrepreneurial and start-up activities and the members of the Council are also involved in the process.
- As an active member of the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Education members of the Students' Council are involved in various activities as mentioned in the IIC calendar.
- Members of the Council also inspire students to join NSS, Youth Red Cross and Rovers Rangers for taking up extension and outreach activities and to render voluntary service in five adopted villages as per the guidelines of Unnat Bharat Abhijan Programme.
- A Wellness Centre takes care of lifestyle issues through counselling and guidance. Here also the council members act as peer-counselling play an important role by being a channel of communication between the Wellness Centre and the students.
- During the Covid pandemic, the members of the Council in partnership with NSS had contributed in spreading awareness regarding Covid-19 and distributed masks and sanitisers among the needy population, besides, distributing dry food items during lockdown phases. They also taught underprivileged children during the pandemic in order to ensure seamless education for them