St. Stephen's College Mathematics Department Student-Faculty Committee Minutes (January-April'21)

Online via Google Meet 2.30 p.m. 18th February, 2021

Teachers present:

- 1. Dr (Ms.) Radha Mohan(H.O.D)
- 2. Ms Archana Chopra
- 3. Dr (Ms.) Jaspreet Kaur

Student representatives present;

- 1. Shubham Belwal 3rd year
- 2. Sashank Vaibhaw and Judit Lalichan- 2nd year
- Arati Jose and Ayan Ahmed-1st year

The following issues were raised by the student representatives:

3rd Year (Semester VI)

This semester, due to online classes, the third year students had couple of difficulties. As the college plans to allow third years to come on campus for theory classes from March, students wanted the time table to be such that 50% of the classes in a week happen in 3-4 days so that students need not have to travel on all the 6 days. To this, it was told that it's difficult to change the time table at this point of the semester but the teachers would talk to each other and try to take the classes accordingly. After this, a professor mentioned about the problem with classes in blended mode and how it would be difficult to manage the class owing to board clearance fact and internet issues. Also, there were some issues to which there were no clear response but the professor reassured that she would talk to the required person and inform the students about it. The issues were:-

- Whether 66.67% attendance would be required to sit for the examination this semester owing to online classes.
- Would negative Covid-19 reports be mandatory for attending offline classes once, college allows third year students to attend classes in offline mode.
- Whether the examination would be offline or in blended mode to which a professor mentioned that the university would release the notification at least 2 weeks prior to the dates accordingly.
- How and when the students graduating this year would be required to return their college laptops as they would require it during the examinations.
- Whether or not convocation ceremony would be held for the third year students.
- Would fee exemption be considered for students with financial problems.
- Further, they wanted information about whether Residence applications would re-open in case college
 completely reopens for third years, with priority being given to those who might not be able to afford
 accommodation outside.

2nd Year (Semester IV)

This Semester, due to online classes, there were some issues faced. Firstly, due to poor wifi network in the college premises, the class is not clear and teacher's voice generally lags or the video is unclear or screen sharing does not take place. This wastes a lot of time and at the end of an hour, the class has to be ultimately rescheduled. To this, a professor told that she would talk about the issue with the IT department of the college and figure out a solution. After this, the committee was informed that students should sometimes switch on their camera in the online classes and complained of lack of enthusiasm in students this semester due to online classes. To this, the second year class representatives responded by telling that they would talk to their class to interact and show enthusiasm towards the lecture.

1st Year (Semester I)

The first year students did not face much difficulty in this semester except for the fact that there are two/three teachers sharing a paper which makes the time table hectic but the professors assured them that the course is such that they need to divide it and that, the first years would get to interact with the department well in this manner.

Also, as there are few Students who have Internet issues and/or do not have a laptop and are going through financial crunch, the committee decided to help them by contacting them and providing any assistance they need. The meeting was adjourned at 3.15 p.m.

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