

K. J. SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND COMMERCE

(AUTONOMOUS)

CRITERION 5 - STUDENT SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION

WRITE UP

5.3.2 Describe the Student Council's activities and students' role in academic and administrative bodies/committees

K.J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce (Autonomous) has a **very dynamic and vibrant Student Council**. The Students' Council Committee of the College comprises of the **Chairman (Principal), the Appointed Incharge (Coordinator) and Chairpersons of NSS, NCC and Sports**. In addition to these teaching staff members, a group of students who are **academically sound** and also **good in co-curricular activities** are selected as members. For this, the Chairpersons of NSS, NCC , SPORTS and CULTURAL FORUM are requested to nominate three good students in their respective activities preference wise, to be considered as members of the Students' Council. The **Academic Toppers of the College** from every subject are also considered. Care is taken that at least one student from each class is selected i.e.: there will be at least **one student from FYBA/SYBA/TYBA and FYBCOM /SYBCOM / TYBCOM** and also **MCOM-I /MCOM-II**. This ensures that, every class is correctly represented. Also, as per requirement, **two lady students and also student from backward class** are to be included in the Students' Council. Thus, there is a perfect representation of **academic excellence, excellence in co-curricular activities, all classes and all categories of students** in the Students' Council.

Then, from these selected members, **one student** is elected as our **General Secretary**, who will also be our **University Representative**. The **University Representative** is a **link between university and college regarding students' activities**.

For this, the necessary **voting** is to be done by filling the **form of election** and one member is to be duly elected as per procedure.

Roles of the Student Council

1. To officially represent all the students in the Institute.
2. To identify and help solve problems encountered by students in the Institute.
3. To communicate its opinion to the Institute administration on any subject that concerns students.
4. To promote and encourage the involvement of students in organizing Institute activities and also at the University level.

Responsibilities of the Student Council

1. To promote the interests of students among the Institute administration, staff and parents.
2. To inform students about any subject that concerns them
3. To identify and help solve problems encountered by students in the Institute.
4. To consult students on any issue of importance.
5. To organize educational and recreational activities for students.
6. To participate in developing the Institute's educational projects and to promote it to students
7. To encourage students to participate in all students related activities.
8. To propose activities to the Institute administration that would improve the overall development of the students.

Students are also represented in various academic and administrative committees in the college. Two students are nominated in the College Development Committee constituted as per the Section 97 of Maharashtra Public University Act 2016, two student representatives in Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), two student representatives in Governing Body and also, two students in every Subject Board (BOS) and contribute in designing the students centric curriculum, various college associations are also managed and executed by the students.