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## **CRITERIA 5**

### **Student Support and Progression**

#### **5.4.1 Report on the Alumni Association**

*Submitted to*

**The National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC)**

**2021**



## **Report of Activities of St. Anthony's College Shillong Alumni Association held between 2016 and 2021**

### **Annual General Assembly**

#### *Seventh Annual General Assembly held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016:*

The inaugural assembly of the 7<sup>th</sup> AGA was hosted by Rajni Khyriem, a past pupil of the College and an Assistant Professor. The programme started off by a prayer from Fr Saji Stephen, the Delegate and was followed by the welcome address by Brig. William Sturgeon, the President of the Association. Then the President invited Prof. K.L.Syiemiong, Secretary to present the report of the 6<sup>th</sup> AGA and the activities of the Association. After some discussion and deliberations the House unanimously passed the Secretary's report.

The Secretary's report was followed by the release of the Alumni News Letter which was compiled and edited by the Students of the Department of Mass Media under the supervision of Ms. Rosemary Ishorari. This was followed by the presentation of the audited Treasurer's report by Mr. Kiron Joshi, Treasurer of the Association. After a brief discussion, the report was accepted and passed by the House.

This was followed by a Song Performance by the B.A. (Evening) Students.

This was followed by a Treasure-Hunting Game Session hosted by Prof. Thyanswer Challam and Prof. Etawanda Saiborne for which all the alumni participated and had a wonderful time of fun and laughter where the senior-most Alumni blend in with the younger Alumni as they networked with each other and also at the same time engross themselves in the treasure-hunting.

This performance was followed by a dance performance from the Mama Magret Girl Hostellers. This was followed by words of exhortation by the Principal of the College, Br. Dr Albert L Dkhar encouraging the Association to continue the good work and contribution for the growth of the College. This was followed by a dance performance by one of the B.A. (Evening College) Student. This was followed by another song performance by the Final Semester B.A. (Evening College) Students. This was followed by sharing of nostalgic moments by the senior Alumni members namely Mr. Kiron Joshi, Mr. Billy Domes of their times spend in the College. This was followed by another dance performance by the Stephen Hall Boys Hostellers.

Then after it, follows a Vote of Thanks by Mr. K.L.Syiemiong, the then Secretary of the Alumni Association. This was followed by Dinner alongside with the performances of a Live Band (for which some of the band members are past pupils of the College). This was followed by a DJ performance for jam session.

*Eighth Annual General Assembly held on 24th November 2018:*

The inaugural assembly of the 8<sup>th</sup> AGA was hosted by Rajni Khyriem and Raju Paul, past pupils of the College. The programme started off by a Saxophone recital by Prof. Shangliang, HOD of Music Department of the College. This was followed a Welcome Prayer by Dr.Fr. Joby Joseph, Delegate of the Alumni Association. Then the President of the Association, Brig. W.B. Sturgeon welcomes the gathering to the meet after which he invited Asst. Prof. Kesterlee Syiemiong, Secretary to present the report of the 7<sup>th</sup> AGA and the activities of the Association. After some discussion and deliberations the House unanimously passed the Secretary's report.

The Secretary's report was followed by the presentation of the audited Treasurer's report by Mr. Kiron Joshi, Treasurer of the Association. After a brief discussion, the report was accepted and passed by the House.

The President proceeded to dissolve the present Executive body to pave the way for the election of the new Executive body in accordance with the Constitution of the Association.

The Election Commission was constituted with Fr. Joby Joseph as Chairman with two nominees from the House. The election process result in the election of the following new Executive Members of the Association:

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| President        | Mr. Billy Domes         |
| Vice President   | Dr. R N Bhuyan          |
| Secretary        | Mr. Kesterlee Syiemiong |
| Joint Secretary  | Mr. Raju Paul           |
| Treasurer        | Mr. Stevens G Giri      |
| Delegate         | Dr. Fr Joby Joseph SDB  |
| Executive Member | Ms. Iban Mawrie         |
| Executive Member | Mr. Deep Gurung         |
| Executive Member | Ms. Aparmita Das        |
| Executive Member | Mr. Eden B Marbaniang   |
| Executive Member | Ms. Deitilang Syiem     |
| Executive Member | Mr. Sushil Chhetri      |
| Executive Member | Ms. Ibanroilin Nongrum  |

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| Executive Member | Ms. Phidakerlin Warjri |
| Executive Member | Ms. Rajni Khyriem      |
| Executive Member | Ms. Aindrila Mazumdar  |

The AGA unanimously elected the following members of the Association as advisers:

Brig. William Sturgeon

Mr. Pilgrim K Lakiang

Mr. Kiron Joshi

Mr. George Pariat

After the election of the New Executive Body,

The election was followed by an Entertainment Performance by a senior alumni member of the College, Mr. Phom Lyttan, famously known as “Elvis of Shillong” moving the crowd with his rendition of Elvis songs. This was followed by some Games for the attended alumni members. This was followed by a short video clip taking the alumni members back to the college and its growth.

This was followed by a few words from the Principal of the College, Dr. Br. Albert L Dkhar where he had spoken about how the alumni is considered to be one of the pillars that strengthen the growth of the College and he encourages each and every alumni to continue giving their right and left hands to support the college in whatever capacity that they can.

This was followed by the release of the Alumni Newsletter- In Touch which was released by Fr. Saji Stephen, Dr. Br. Albert L Dkhar and Mr. Billy Domes together. This was followed by the felicitation of Dr. Br. Albert L Dkhar for his support to the ongoing project of the Alumni i.e. the B.A and B.Com Evening College Programme.

This was followed further by further Games Session for the alumni including a Musical Performance by Moksh (Mrinal Paul), a rapper who also happens to be a alumni of the college.

The meet was followed up by a Bike Stunt Performance at the College BasketBall Court enthralling all the attended alumni members.

This was followed by Dinner alongside with the performances of a Live Band (for which some of the band members are past pupils of the College). This was followed by a DJ performance for jam session.

### **Farewell Programme for the out-going Third Year/Final Semester Students**

The other Annual programme conducted by the Association is in organizing the Annual Farewell Programme to the out-going third year students at the end of the

year. This programme is meant not only to bid the students farewell but most importantly this event enables SACSAA to get an opportunity to interact with the future alumni of the College and members of SACSAA. This programme helps the Association to gain more visibility among the students in order to attract them to it also reaching out to them to share ideas through which the Association can then reach out to the society and bring out changes that will impact the society and make a difference. Such farewell programmes are successfully organised in 2013, 2014 and 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

### **B.A. Pass Course (Evening Course)-A Flag Ship Programme of the SACSAA:**

The members of SACSAA have long felt the need to concretely contribute to “making a difference” in the society. After many deliberations and discussions among the members and the management of the College, the Association and the College Management decided to start a B.A. Pass Course as an Evening Section for special category students. The programme is meant for economically challenged students and those who have not scored enough marks. The aim of this programme is to give these students an opportunity to make a career for themselves. Besides, the usual B.A. Course, the students are also encouraged to join a Technical Course in the day time at Don Bosco Technical School, Shillong to help them develop socially relevant skills.

A moderate course fee of Rs 5000/- per year is charged, which would be reimbursed in case the student passes the final exam of the University and has a required minimum attendance percentage. Three batches of students are presently undertaking the course. The first batch (2014 session) successfully completed their graduation for which one of them attained 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in the Annual University BA Pass Course. The second batch (2015 session) also successfully completed their graduation. The third batch (2016 session) with about 22 students is presently in sixth semester. The fourth batch (2017 session) with about 49 students is presently in fourth semester.

SACSAA would like to acknowledge the one hundred percent involvement of the Principal Dr (Br) Albert L Dkhar to ensure that the programme takes off and being sustainable. He has been actively involved in monitoring the attendance and classes of the students (for which some classes are taken by him with regards to History subject). Rev Fr Saji Stephen and Rev. (Dr) Fr Joby Joseph have been dynamically involved in the logistics of running this course. They have been actively involved in rigorous selection process of the students and in managing the finance related to the course. The Faculty of B.A. (Evening Course) with their selfless dedication has helped to bring a change to the lives of these students. The office staff has also contributed to make this programme a success.

### **B.Com Evening Course:**

Continuing with its flagship programme, the Association also has a B.Com evening course (2016 session) with strength of 14 students in the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester and a strength of 8 students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (2017 session). The programme is meant for economically challenged students and those who have not scored enough marks.

#### **Strength of the Association:**

There are about 3876 members registered with the Association. Since 2013, the Association together with the College decided to register the passing out students to SACSAA during their final year at the time of collection of their admit cards for the final exam. Students pay an amount of Rs 250/- as a one-time membership fee. This is the only member fee collected from an alumnus. This has greatly increased the membership of the association. With regards to membership, the Executive Committee also decided to create a database of the alumni and hence a person was employed to input data to enable the creation of such a database. The process is still going on. I would also like to inform the members that the membership fee has been the only source of income for the association which primarily goes to the funding of the flagship programme of the Association mentioned above.

#### **Meeting Minds Guiding Lives:**

This is one of the Annual Program of the Association. This is a career counselling programme conducted by the Association for the benefit of the third year students of the College. In this programme, experts from different fields are called and the students are given the opportunity to listen and interact with the experts. The students are given the exposure to job openings, prospects in higher education, future career planning and others. Our programme each was organised in the year 2013 and 2014. We however could not organise this program in 2015 to 2018 due to many prior engagements of the students and the organizing team were not able to conduct the programme.

#### **Miscellaneous Activities:**

The Office bearers of SACSAA from time to time have been involved in the various activities of the College. The Association also have their Executive meetings often to discuss and deliberate on the various activities and events to be organised by the Association.



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Declaration:

*I hereby declare that the details and information given above are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.*



Principal

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