FOSS Club Establishment Proposal

Date: 17.11.2023

Dear Sir,

We are writing to introduce ourselves, Subroto Banerjee and Vishal Kashyap, as the appointed leaders of the FOSS (Free and Open Source Software) Club at our esteemed institute. This initiative is a non-profit endeavour supported by FOSS United, with the primary objective of fostering a culture of Free and Open Source software within our institution We are proud to be among the pioneer batch of FOSS clubs, which also includes institutions such as IIT Kharagpur, and twelve other prestigious institutions.

Your support and recognition will play a pivotal role in the success of our initiative and will contribute significantly to the growth of the FOSS culture within our institution. We believe that by working together, we can empower our students with valuable skills and knowledge in the realm of open-source technology.

Requirements from the college:

1. We request that the institute formally recognize Dr. Sanjay Chatterji as the faculty advisor and fund supervisor for our club.
2. We kindly request permission from the campus administration to conduct our activities within the premises.

It is important to note that **no financial support from the institution is required for our activities**. We have attached the necessary supporting documents for your reference.
FOSS United will exclusively provide the necessary financial support for each club activity.

Club Activities :

1. **Awareness**: Educate students and faculty about the advantages and opportunities presented by FOSS.
2. **Skill Development**: Provide hands-on experience in software development, project management, and collaboration through FOSS projects.
3. **Promotion**: Advocate for the adoption and use of FOSS tools and technologies within the campus.
4. **Community Building**: Foster a community of like-minded individuals passionate about software freedom and innovation.

It is important to note that these events and activities will be organised by the appointed FOSS Club Leads i.e Subroto Banerjee and Vishal Kashyap under the supervision of faculty advisor.

Several forthcoming events scheduled in the near future :

1. **FOSS 101** : A session designed to acquaint students with the realm of Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) and the open-source community.
2. **Linux Installation Fest** : An informative session focused on Linux, encompassing its historical background, advantages, and installation procedures.
3. **Monthly FOSS Contributions celebration** : A program to award the best contribution to FOSS by the individuals of our college.

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Conclusion:

In conclusion, establishing a FOSS Club on our campus represents a significant stride toward a future where knowledge is free, accessible, and readily shared. This endeavour will empower our students with skills, knowledge, and opportunities that extend beyond the boundaries of traditional curriculum. We humbly request the support and cooperation of the college administration in bringing this vision to fruition.

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(Subroto Banerjee)

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