**Minutes of Meeting**

**President Sir’s Interactive session with the students of SRMAP**

**Meeting Date:** 29th November 2023

**Meeting Time:** 3:20PM - 5:00PM

**Venue**: A.P.J Abdul Kalam Auditorium

**Attendees**:

1. Registrar
2. CFAO
3. Director, Student Affairs
4. Director, CLM
5. Director, ITKM
6. Director, Communications
7. Asst. Director, Academics
8. Student Council
9. Sports Council
10. About 500 students and other teaching/non-teaching staff

**Agenda**: Addressing student concerns and taking their feedbacks

**Discussions**:

The following points were raised by students during the session with regards to various fields.

**Academics:**

* **Lack of equipment and resources in the Eshwari School of Liberal Arts laboratories**: The President assured the students that he would work to provide the necessary equipment and resources.
* **Absence of guest lectures and industry connections which would help the students gain experience, Students expressed concerns regarding the lack of interactions with industry professionals on-campus making them feel isolated in terms of tech-industry connection:** The President acknowledged the importance of industry connect and extended his support for resolving the issue at the earliest.
* **Lack of frequent technical events, tech-fests and tech competition in comparison with other institutions:** The President acknowledged the importance of more tech oriented activities on campus and suggested the authorities have more such activities on campus.
* Concerns were raised by students regarding the OD/Attendance process and their unanswered queries for the same.
* **Absence of a channel of proper communication between students and administration:** The president recommended that students address their concerns and feedback directly to the administration.
* **Suggestion for a Student Teaching Assistant program:** The President stated that he would consider the student's suggestion for a Student Teaching Assistant program.
* **More practical approaches for delivery of certain courses rather than conventional theoretical approaches:** The President praised the query being raised and mentioned the importance of practical based / hands-on learning for certain courses while aligning it with the vision of SRM University AP.
* **Concerns regarding improper internal assessments and unstructured manner for conducting CLAs**:The President suggested that the Academic Administration structure and decide the dates for conducting internal assessments at the beginning of each semester to avoid the delay in internal assessments to the last moment, just before final examinations.

**Hostels:**

* **Voiced concerns about the unsatisfactory mess conditions, citing the food's quality :** The President expressed his concerns about the mess conditions and said that he would look into the matter.
* **Poor AC and Wifi services:** The President assured the students that he would work to improve the AC and Wifi services in the hostels.
* **Lack of common study places for group studies in Hostels:** The President noted the issue while expressing his concerns regarding the misuse of such facilities by hostel students.
* **Lack of a stationary shop:** The need of a stationary shop was brought into President sir’s notice as students need it for multiple purposes like photostat and lamination. The President agreed with the students that there is a need for a stationary shop on campus. He said that he would look into this issue.
* **Lack of a proper pharmacy and medical facilities:** The President agreed with the students that there is a need for a proper pharmacy on campus. He said that he would look into this issue.

**Sports:**

* **Lack of sports equipment and support from the Sports Directorate:** The President said that he would work to improve the sports facilities and support on campus.
* **Lack of planned gymnasium and gym equipment:** The President agreed with the students that there is a need for a planned gymnasium and more gym equipment. He said that he would look into this issue.
* **Poor ventilation and cooling facilities in JC Bose block:** The President instructed the Director of CLM to provide Air Conditioning service to the research scholars beyond 5:30 pm.
* **Lack of a wooden base or carpet for the badminton court:** Concerns related to equipment for badminton were raised for which no solution is proposed even after 1.5 years of continuous requests.The President instructed the Sports Official to take note of the students' request for a wooden base or carpet for the badminton court.

**Other issues:**

* **Poor connectivity to Mangalagiri due to poor roads:** The President assured the students that he would continue to work with the government to improve the connectivity to Mangalagiri.
* **Limited quantity and few choices in the night canteen:** The President said that he would work to improve the menu and extend the hours of the night canteen.
* **Lack of maintenance of ground, cricket pitch & nets and equipment:** The President said that he would work to improve the maintenance of the sports facilities.
* **Delay in scholarship payment for Immersion Programs**: Scholarship payment of Rs. 25000 from IRHS Directorate which was promised to a student since August was not awarded. The President instructed the CFAO to look into the delay in scholarship payment.
* **Lack of enough space for day scholars to have lunch:** This is a major concern of all day scholars as they do not get sufficient space to have their lunch as all the few places available are crowded. The President said that he would look into the possibility of expanding the cafeteria in S-Block.
* **Poor living conditions in Sri City for residents**: The President expressed his concerns about the living conditions in Sri City and said that he would look into the matter.
* **Poor delivery of ISES and ISCP courses:** The President said that he would look into the concerns raised by the students about the delivery of ISES and ISCP courses.
* **Election of Student Council instead of Nomination:**  The President expressed his concerns over the query by mentioning the consequences of the same including political division among students, formation of political groups within campus and election of unqualified candidates based on their connections.

**President sir’s responses:**

President sir acknowledged the concerns raised by the students and assured them that he would work to address them. He noted down the specific points raised and instructed the relevant authorities to take action. He also encouraged the students to continue to share their feedback with him directly. President sir further shared his email address to the students asking them to write to him in case of any unanswered concerns / complaints and suggestions.

Overall, the interactive session was a positive step towards improving the student experience at SRM University AP. The President's willingness to listen to the students and address their concerns is encouraging.

**Action items:**

* Director of CLM has to spread awareness about the CLM Helpdesk portal.
* Directorate of sports to provide a few extra buses to the students who want to practice sports after 5:30pm.
* Directorate of Sports to have a wooden base or carpet for badminton court.
* Director of CLM to extend snacks time till 6pm.
* Director CLM to resolve the night canteen issue.
* Director CLM to resolve the AC issues for research scholars and students working late night.
* CFAO to resolve the stipend issues of a PhD Scholar.

**Next Meeting:** Another interactive session will be held in the near future.

**Adjournment time**: 5:00 pm

**Meeting Minutes recorded by:** Sanjana Maini , Student Council General Secretary