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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Curriculum feedback analysis and action taken report 2016-2017

Feedback Analysis

- Faculty suggested in the change the paper of BSW open course and restructuring of syllabus of MSW (Social Work) for 2018 admission.
- The Employers suggested in the addition of a field work in the syllabus to help the students inculcate the culture of the work nature.
- The stakeholders conveyed their satisfaction in the curriculum of BSW and MSW curriculum and suggested that suitable certificate courses can be added to their scheme of course in order to refine their abilities and meet the objectives that the course program offers.
- The parents suggested that though the course offers high quality information on the subject, the knowledge attained can be further creamed up with additional training for the students to inculcate leadership qualities in them which can direct their base of knowledge into practical work.
- The alumnae suggested that in order to reap the best interest from the students, the freshers can be provided with training or bridge programs to share the merits and worth of the course and its applicability in the world outside. This could be helpful as the students may feel disoriented hailing from different academic backgrounds and an induction or ice breaking session can be held to shake off all their inhibitions.
- The students suggested that conducting regular academic related camps can help them to streamline their syllabus and aid in better grasping of the concept discussed in their papers. This also has the additional benefit of improving their social skills as they get the first-hand experience of interacting with the society.
- Parents suggested that apart from the academic camps other camps of social relevance should also be held in order to engrave the mission of the course.



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Action Taken

- A committee was framed to gather and examine the suggestion from faculty and students for modification of the syllabus and the following alterations were suggested:
 1. No change in the content of the papers, but the topics is to be re-arranged to form a flow of the topics.
 2. SWIIC07-Social case work and social group work are to be added to the first semester from the second semester
 3. SW1C05-Personal and professional skills for social work
- The change in open course paper of semester III as **BSW 5 D02- Community Health** instead of SW 5 D02 Essential Legal Information was proposed and passed for confirmation to the authorized body of decision makers.
- Planned in the addition of Field Action Project in MSW III Semester (Field Action Project 20 Weight + Concurrent Field Work 20 Weight)
- A Certificate Course in Life Skill was introduced in the year 2017 that aimed at refining their soft skills and other valuable skills required to practice the objectives and results obtained from the course.
- Induction and training programs were already a part of the course program. Considering the alumnae's suggestion, a panel was appointed to scrutinize revision and necessary re-modeling of the objectives of the programs on a regular basis.



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These are the curriculum enrichment programs categorized by the department of social work:

Induction Programmes		
Programs	Category	Sem
INSPIRE	MSW	I
ENTHUSE	BSW	I
Exposure visits	MSW/BSW	I
Field Action Projects	MSW	III
⁵ Tribal/Rural camps	MSW/BSW	I

Training Programs		
Program	Category	Sem
Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)	MSW	I
Statistical Package for Social Analysis	MSW	IV

per student suggestion, the staff meeting discussed and analyzed their prospect of conducting academic camps related to the topics to be dealt in the syllabus and also pressed on the need to attain the confirmation of the respective authorities of the social groups intended to be visited. A group was framed including both the students and the teachers to plan the necessary action required for the camps.

Academic camps organized.-

- Attappady, Agaly Grama Panchayath-Tribal-3 Days
 - Edamunda Colony, Mananthawady-Tribal-5 Days
 - Vazhachal, Athirappilly Grama Panchayath-Tribal-3 Days
 - QSSS Kollam – 5 days
 - Parambikulam Tiger Reserve – 2 days
- **Changathikootam** was an initiative launched by the department of social work for the cause of betterment of the society and for developing values in the learners of the course.

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Curriculum feedback analysis and action taken report 2017-2018

Feedback Analysis

- The faculty suggested updating MSW and the syllabus of BSW for 2018 admission. The suggestion and alterations suggested were put forward after thorough inspection on the needs and merits in the previous BOS meeting for approval.
- The students suggested conducting an academic camp in a comparatively new social setting for the students to analyze and comprehend the subject at hand with a new perspective rather than depending on the data and experience of the previous year academic camps.
- The alumnae suggested conducting community service camps for gaining a factual insight on the problems faced by the community that could help the students to creatively build a methodology of interaction and applicatory level performance of the theoretical knowledge.
- The parents suggested better performing opportunities for the students in order to grip the concepts and understand the challenges in organizing camps. Such hosting can also aid them in getting acquainted with the society ensuring healthy community relations and a base for the employability factor.

Action taken

- The Board Approved the Submitted Scheme and Syllabus (2015 MSW and 2017 BSW) of University of Calicut for the Year 2018 – 2019 for Bachelor of Social Work Programme (BSW – CUCBCSS) and Master of Social Work Programme (MSW - CUCSS)
- Based on the student suggestion and certain limiting factors, an academic camp was organized to a tribal setting of Kollamkadavu, Agaly Panchayath for 5 Days. Though the place had been previously visited during 2014, it had to offer the changes caused in the span of time to study and analyze for the students.



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- As per alumnae opinion, a camp organized for community strengthening program for children in Kidangathu Hall. This helped the students to empathetically observe the ailing community, understand their issues and form necessary resolutions for the same adding to the learner's practical experience.
- Understanding the need of the parents, the department hosted 6 health checkup camps held in the academic year. This strengthened the student confidence and experience in conducting events of social prominence.
- Two events were conducted considering the need for experience and to elevate expertise in students:

Consano-Workshop held in Chalakudy (BETTER IF DETAILED)	Vimukthi'Nagaravarjana Mission- conducted in collaboration with the Excise department of Kerala for awareness against alcoholism in Model Boys High School, Irinjalakuda.
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Curriculum feedback analysis and action taken report 2018-2019

Feedback Analysis

- The faculty suggested adhering to the syllabus framed by the University of Calicut and base the syllabus propose the discussion focused on adopting the revised regulations, scheme and syllabus of MSW program.
- The parents suggested conducting ice breaking sessions for the newly joined students to brief them on the course, professional opportunities it offers and the outcomes they can harvest in the span of time after the course duration.
- The students suggested conducting interdisciplinary activities to comprehend the overlapping subject concepts and gain an upper hand on the technicalities of different social issues that require a joint venture to resolve.
- The teachers recommended visiting social sites of importance and commemorating days of importance for studying in depth the troubles faced by the society and how as learners of social work can creatively think and resolve the issues in the society.
- Considering the aftermath of the disastrous Kerala floods of 2018, the alumnae suggested it falls as the rightful duty of the department to hold awareness programs for the public to defend themselves from the wrath of nature and the means to overcome its consequences.

Action taken

- The Board approved the revised regulations schemes and syllabus of MSW program by the University Of Calicut effective from the academic year of 2018 onwards.
- The Department of Social Work organized an induction programme named as "**INSPIRE**" based on parent feedback and modifying the event methodology for 1st Semester students meeting the unique needs and professional identity development of social work students. Ms.Priya Antony, Consultant, Snehitha Project, Kudumbasree Mission, Thrissur and Ms.Ambi Joseph, Research Consultant, Kerala State Women Commission had sessions on topics **Motivation- An entry to Professional Social Work and Women empowerment** respectively.



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- The following seminars were conducted based on the needs of the students:
 - The Departments of Social Work and Zoology have organized an **Interdisciplinary National Seminar on Community Health Care**. The topics on Arbo Viral Diseases, Community Health Management, Decentralized Solid Waste Management and Green Protocol, A Road to Healthy Urban Environment and Food safety Management System were discussed in the seminar.
 - The department of Social Work organized a **national seminar on social Inclusion and Social Exclusion of Transgender population**. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr.Reni Thomas, Assistant professor in Psychiatric Social Work, St. John's Hospital, Bangalore.
- PRA and Rural Camp Conducted at Kollengode, Palakkad for the students to study and observe the hurdles faced by the community and investigate on how to overcome these issues.
- **Gone in A Heart Beat-** was conducted to promote a global culture of risk awareness and disaster reduction. This encouraged the citizens and governments to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations. Social work trainees conducted a rally by school students in Padiyur panchayath to create more awareness about Disaster Reduction activities in the community.

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Curriculum feedback analysis and action taken report 2019-2020

Feedback

- The teachers insisted that the syllabus undertakes its regular routine of updating and revision as per the current of trends in the educational field maintaining its quality and ensuring a profitable outcome for its aspirants.
- The students suggested inclusion of up to date topics in the syllabus and also advocated for the addition of certificate courses that can uplift their skills and promote an awareness of maximizing the technology for the society's benefit through the course.
- Unlike other subject, Social work projects are practical bound rather than theoretical. Considering this aspect, the teachers suggested to include visual aids and presentations by the student to document their findings. This also paves way for creative presentation of their dissertation topics
- The parents suggested better chances for the students to involve in the society and work for a betterment cause in the pandemic. This was a new phase of social transformation and deemed to have high potential of studying the behavioral patterns of the society.

Action Taken Report

- Understanding the need of modifications associated with the syllabus, the BOS have approved and carried on with the inclusion of certain contents in the course of UG and PG, and added Field Action Project
- With feedback taken from the students, The Board of Social Work of St. Joseph's College considered including courses with the curriculum accordingly from the appendix.
- Students Administrative Body (SAB) of the department suggested the inclusion of following online certificate courses for PG (MSW).
 - Certificate course in media and social work for first year PG.
 - Certificate course in CSR for second year PG.
 - Certificate course in Life Skills in BSW second years as a noncredit for 2020 admission onwards



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- During the comprehensive VIVA of Research Dissertation of Final year, the PG students must include the Visual Aids and other presentations in VIVA VOCE for 2020 admission onwards.
- As per the suggestions from the parents, the staff and the students held an online meeting to discuss the ways in which they can volunteer for a social cause and distributed food kits and sanitizers with brochures containing the instructions to outlive the pandemic.

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Curriculum feedback analysis and action taken report 2020-21

Feedback Analysis

- Students suggested in revising the syllabus for BSW and MSW course papers. They identified areas that had fallen out of the recent educational trends and suggested replacing them with new versions.
- The faculty advocated mapping the Po, Co and PSO's of the course for target-oriented teaching and for opting more suitable means of explaining the concept. This can also help the students to comprehend the concepts and design strategies for outcome-oriented learning.
- The alumnae suggested conducting value added courses online due to lockdown constraints yet for not compensating with the quality of the education. They also suggested in bringing new courses for the students that can equip with them with the future expectations of the working sector.
- The employers suggested in focusing more on the expertise of the students equipping them for the work-related issues they will face as they enter into the professional stream. Conducting on-site visits are a great way of imparting first-hand knowledge on the realm of interest for the students. This helps them to be confident in their ways and creative utilize the options they have.
- The students insisted on conducting seminars of academic relevance as this can aid them in understanding their concepts in the syllabus and further open up ways to indulge in research. Seminars are also a mode of interacting with resource persons of a different caliber and perspectives that can make the students appreciate a broader spectrum of acceptance of the variations in the society.



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Action Taken

- The Board of studies studied the syllabus of both UG and PG social work and the identified areas that needed modifications and omissions. A blueprint of the necessary changes was noted and a panel was formed to evaluate the draft.
- The teachers and dignitaries deeply studied the syllabus of both PG and UG and examined and categorized the topics based on PO, PSO and CO. In the BOS meeting, the modules and their outcomes were approved by the subject experts and uploaded in the college website for reference.. Faculty also evaluated the Employability /Entrepreneurship Skill development potential of courses. Professional Ethics, Gender, Human Values, Environment and Sustainability in the curriculum were also identified.
- A preliminary form containing the suggestion for compatible Certificate Courses were gathered and the BOS suggested that it can be conducted online for UG and PG Course.
- According to the employer suggestion, the department of social work organized academic visits to non-governmental agencies where the students were expected to interact and observe the issue of the inmates and form an appropriate conclusion. The list of agencies visited during the year are s follows:
 - KISMAT(Kerala interstate migrants alliance for transformation, Thrissur
 - KIDS(kottapuram integrated development society), Kottappuram
 - VSS(Vincentian service society), Angamaly
 - Kerala Mahima Sanakya Society, Nilambur
 - Kattappana Municipality, Idukki
- Considering the limitations of conducting a seminar offline for the students interact directly with the resource persons, the department decided to conduct webinars ensuring the availability of network and resource persons. The following webinars were conducted based on the student needs:
 - Travail 2021- webinar on Role of Social Workers during the Period of Covid-19 pandemic. It consisted of sessions by Ambi Josephs, Psychotherapist, BET psychotherapy foundation, Aluva
Dr. Remya M- Social Worker, Sree Chithra Tribal institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthaapuram.
 - State level webinar on 'Atrocities against Women and Legal Rights'. The resource persons included: Mrs. Rohini Muthoor(Gender Trainer), Adv. Sudha (Advocate and social worker), Adv. Asha Unnithan (Advocate, High Court of Kerala)

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