# **ALUMNI FEEDBACK 2018**

**DESIGN AND REVIEW OF SYLLABUS** 



St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Irinjalakuda

#### INTRODUCTION

A well-defined and goal oriented syllabus is the corner stone of any educational institution. Constant review of the same through structured feedback is essential to make it apt for enabling the students to appreciate their roles and responsibilities. St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda, a pioneering institution in the field of higher education in Kerala, envisions the critical growth of its students to help them excel in the competitive transformations for their overall developments. The college is always committed to maintain an up-to-date syllabus to offer a vibrant learning environment for internal and external sustainability of our students.

Hence, the college makes sure that the syllabus is well refined to ensure the overall development of the student so that they will be able to confront future conflicts and fluctuations with confidence. The syllabus is learner-centered with measurable objectives through proper feedback and assessments. Our syllabus is grounded on skills and systems conceptualising the content to assess the needs of contemporary society. Our educational system reflects our student's realistic needs with a blend of prescriptive and need oriented syllabus to assure up-to-date learning engagements.

The outcome of the structured syllabus and its efficiency for further improvements are collected from the feedbacks of the students and alumnus. Also, the feedbacks of the teachers and the staffs who are in constant effort to ameliorate the performance of the college for professional merit are also valued. The report of the structured feedback act as a yardstick to assess the efficacy of the current syllabus as well as to discuss the improvements needed to complement the competencies of the students. It acts as a constant motivation for the college to come back to the discussion table for further improvements to keep up an updated syllabus year after year. The vital observations from the feedback are put forth before the Academic Council Meeting and to the respective board of studies for syllabus revision and updates

#### **ALUMNI FEEDBACK REPORT 2018**

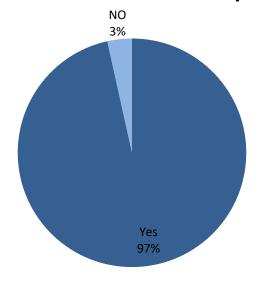
The alumni feedback report is our handbook of new suggestions and comments in the paths of improvement. The competencies that are needed to measure for preliminary recommendations are spotted out by our former students in a timely pattern. We investigate our alumni's conceptualisation of our syllabus and curriculum to grab the views for future recommendations. Thus, the students spotlighted their important perceptions on the course structure syllabus and the necessary improvements that are expected for the future students from their industry experiences. Structured feedback on design and review of syllabus was collected from stakeholders. Feedback form consist of statements to measure the agreement/disagreement in a five-point Likert scale. Results are expressed as percentages. Separate space was provided for specific comments.

We are glad to know that our overall syllabus and teaching practices are capable to improve and motivate our students from their feedbacks. They agree with the course designs as they are creative and dynamic to interact and follow. Although the alumni feedback supports and appreciates the existing teaching curriculum, we are still accountable to occupy the small suggestions from the alumni community. Their valuable views on the necessary improvements especially on the syllabus and teaching practices are taken for consideration at extreme care and importance.

Maintaining a curriculum that is flexible at the same time competent is a uniqueness that is much appraised among our alumni. The existing curriculum is comparatively rich as it addresses all the relevant subject related queries that arise in the minds of the learners. This essential feature has been applauded by all the stakeholders as it relevance doesn't seem to fade out over time.

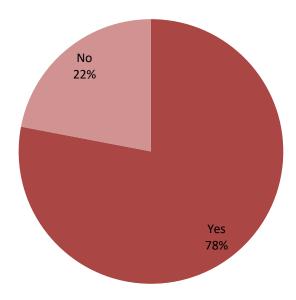
89% (As per the collected responses, the relevance and up-to-date feature of our curriculum helping to meet the expectations of the industry is widely appreciated among our respondents) of the respondents appreciated the syllabus stating that it's relevant and up-to-date to meet the expectations of the industry.

## **Curriculum is Relevance and up-to-date**



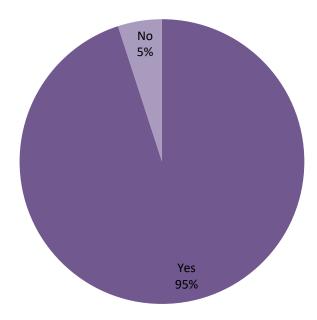
The syllabus was set to describe the course goals and is inculcated accommodating different assignments, seminars, reviews, exams and review sessions according to the changing industry demands. This might be another reason that 78% of the alumni respondents believe that the syllabus was appropriate to meet the gap between industry and academia. The notable fact is that the syllabus is rich with its theoretical and practical sessions.

## **Syllabus Meet Industry-Academia Gap**

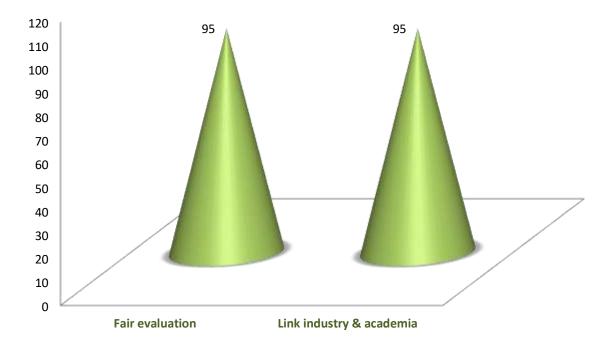


The syllabus is also capable to leave the space for students to acquire potential growth according to their reading and learning acumen skills. We provide necessary platforms to explore the students to grab further knowledge through references from sources like libraries and other information systems. These are the prime reason that 95 percent of the alumni's agrees that the learning resources in the library support the curriculum and were adequate and appropriate to meet the expectations. We are happy to know that our previous students are well satisfied with the facilities. There will be a constant effort to improve the facilities year after year.

# **Library Support Curriculum**

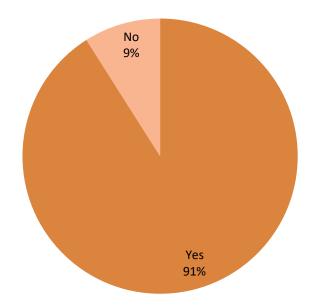


Exams and internal assessments keep the track of progress of our student's performances time to time. The college's efforts on exam schedules and internal valuations are cantered to prepare our students for semesters and reduce their study load. Therefore, we were always in adequate attention for exams and internals facilitating constant learning. 95% of the respondents who participated in the survey stated that the examination and internal evaluation system was fair and transparent. There are a high number of respondents (95%) who openly passed the comments that the course curriculum was relevant to their job or future aspirations.



The college has its mission of the overall student growth rather than the educational excellence. St Josephs has always prioritised its student's personality development along with their curriculum and job excellence. The foundation of any society is its youth population and understanding the importance of tomorrows budding youths, we promote our students to value and respect human emotions and services. The course curriculum fulfilled the expectations of the students and is capable to develop their personality. We are happy that 91% of the alumni's of the survey aggress with us and 94% recommended that there is no need of change in any subject or modules. Still, the fever suggestions of the other 6% of the alumni community are also under consideration to review before the board.

### **Need of Curriculum Revision**



Even though 77% of the alumni respondents states that there needn't any improvement in the teaching and learning process, considering the other huge percentages, the board realise that there are still some areas that are needed to be reviewed. The valuable suggestions of the students regarding their expectations to further enhancement will also brought before the review committee to improve the satisfaction level of the students. The noted points like more laboratory experience, approachability towards the teachers and smart classes will be presented before the panel for improvements.

We are satisfied that our institution offered the platform for its students to acquire some extra skills along with their educational encouragements. 24% has developed their language skills and 21% is bound to be ethical and will value human emotions in their working environments. The most important skills like leadership and employability are secured by 17 and 19 respectively. 10% of the respondents are focused to carve their soft skills for the industry and another 9% developed their entrepreneur skills to facilitate new business strategies.

We are overwhelmed that our student highly appreciate our efforts and has taken the academic years for a fruitful future. We assure that the continuous effort of the college for proper improvements will be done at each point of time. The valuable efforts of our alumni's who are our well wishes of the college is highly appreciated. We value the ideas and thoughts put forth by every Josephite who is sited around the globe, representing the quality of our institution by the promotion of their skills and abilities to advancements of various organizations