

5.3.2 Presence of an active Student Council & representation of students in Academic & Administrative bodies/committees of the institution

Response:

The Student Council of Arul Anandar College is a vibrant body constituted with the aim of promoting democracy in the academic ambience and developing leadership skills among students, both men and women.

The Student Council

The Student Council encompasses student representatives elected by the students through digital voting at the start of every academic year. The Council includes Fine Arts Secretaries, Sports Secretaries, Association Secretaries, Department Secretaries and Part V Secretaries maintaining **gender equity**.

Leadership Training Programme

Professional Soft Skill Trainers are invited to train the elected representatives every year. The programme identifies and unearths the hidden potentials in the students and evolves them as prospective leaders.

Representation in Academic and Administrative Bodies

Members of the Student Council function as links between the student community and the academia, representing their views and suggestions to the members in the following academic and administrative bodies:

- Planning and Evaluation Committee
- Internal Quality Assurance Cell
- Research Council and Ethics Committee
- Anti – Ragging Squad
- Internal Complaints Committee
- Magazine Committee
- Fine Arts Committee
- Sports and Games Committee

Roles and Responsibilities

The Council is encouraged to involve in the lead events and celebrations of the College. They are of great assistance to the officials in maintaining the discipline and general conduct of the students. It further conducts various **cultural, academic and outreach programs**, manifesting their organizational calibre and leadership skills.

The representatives of the various departments also conduct all the programmes and competitions initiated by their parent departments.

The Student Council annually organises the following programmes under the chairmanship of the Principal and the guidance of the Dean for Student Affairs and Dean for Women Students Affairs:

Student Council Inauguration and Valediction,

CAMP FEST [Inter departmental Cultural Competitions],

Sports Day,

Teacher's Day Celebration,

Christmas Celebration,

Pongal Celebration,

Women's Day and Association Activities.

Central and State Government Programmes

Student Initiatives and Campaigns

Student leaders of the Council serve as representatives of Part – V Extension units and actively engage in creating awareness among the students and public on **environmental, health and social issues and concerns**. They also create awareness on the **importance of voting, communal harmony, literacy for all, preservation of nature**, etc by way of signature campaigns, exhibitions, rallies and street play.

Besides the initiatives of the campus, the student's Council also extends its helping hand to the needy at times of **natural calamities**. They reach out to the affected areas and provide them with feasible assistance. The Council extends its service to the nearby villages by conducting

Health and Medical camps and Veterinary Camps .They also create awareness among the masses on the ill-effects of plastics, segregation of waste materials and planting of trees.