**Sri Siddhartha Dental College**

**5.3.2.** Presence of Student Council and its activities for Institutional development and student welfare.

The Sri Siddhartha Dental College - Student Council represents the students of SSDC and serves as a platform for students to voice out their opinion and suggestions to create a better learning environment. Student council plays a vital role in developing, promoting of student activities, improving quality of student’s life and fostering greater interaction with the students and well-being of the students.

1. A Student Council will set its own objectives like-
* To enhance communication between students, staff and management.
* To promote an environment conducive to educational and personal and overall development
* To promote friendship and respect among junior and senior pupils
* To support the management and staff in the overall development of the college
* To represent the views of the students on matters of general concern to them.
1. Interaction of student council with the teachers, principal and management.

i) The Student Council and the Management

The college shall establish and maintain procedures for the purpose of informing about the activities in the college at the time of joining by organizing the orientation day programs..

The college shall encourage and help students to set up a Student Council and shall assist a Student Council and actively involve them in various curricular and co-curricular activities of the college though out their stay in the college.

The college shall draw up rules for the establishment of a Student Council which shall provide for the selection of members and the dissolution of a Council.

The college will have a role in considering the rules governing meetings of the Student Council, and the conduct of its affairs.

Management will give active support to the student council. This could involve designating a student advisor in the college to communicate with the Council and assisting the Council in drawing up a constitution and in planning and organizing its activities.

ii) The Student Council and the Principal

The role of the Principal is of central importance in the establishment and operation of a Student Council. In Assisting the Management in the development of college policy, and in working with teachers and to implement it at the day-to-day level, the Principal is centrally placed in all aspects of the college’s operations.

In the initial stages, the Principal, together with the other teachers, will assist in the development of a Student Council in several ways, for example, by discussing with students the role of a Student Council and the role of individual representatives on the Council and by advising on an appropriate constitution or statement of objectives. As the Council develops and begins to expand its role, the Principal will assist in guiding the Council’s development, so as to allow for a constructive and purposeful Council.

More generally, the Principal can promote a college culture which recognises the potentially valuable input that students can make, through a Student Council, in the overall development of the college.

iii) The Student Council and Teachers

Developing spirit of partnership and co-operation between a Student Council and teachers has benefits for both. The Student Council can play an important role in recognising and supporting the work of teachers. Similarly, the interest and support of teachers will be of great value to the Student Council, particularly during the early stages of its development.

It is generally desirable for a member of the teaching staff to attend the meeting of the Council. The support and guidance offered by a teacher will be very useful to a Council when planning its activities, and help to build a co- operative and good working relationship between the students and staff of the college.

c) Other activities

sports and cultural events are organized once every year. Students participate in the various sporting events, such as, cricket , kabaddi, athletics, javelin throw, discuss throw, badminton along with cultural events like dancing, singing, face painting, rangoli competitions, ethnic day celebrations, onam celebrations, ayudhapooja celebrations making these events an opportunity for the students to reveal their hidden talents. These events enable them to strengthen the bond and kin-ship among the junior and senior students as well as the teaching and non teaching staff.

In addition to the above mentioned events, the Student Council of SSDC also plays an active role during the College Graduation ceremony and Oral Health checkup and treatment Camps organized by SSDC.