7.2 Best Practices

Best Practice-I

Title of the Practice: A Felicitation Of Meritorious Students

Goals:

- To identify the best performing of students.
- To motivate students for achieving excellence in both curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- To motivate teachers for guiding students for excellent achievement.

Context:

The practice of felicitation of meritorious students has been introduced in our college long back since year 2003. Earlier it was just an event to appreciate the students who score 90 percentage and more in respective subjects in the university exams. At the initial stage the number of students was meagre, to say, it was not more than five. Year by year our students impressed by the felicitation of such outstanding performers in academic, sports and cultural activities and they felt extremely hopeful of achieving the same. They are motivated by the few and the number grew more than 100 in just five years. Then the cut-off standard was enhanced to 95 percentages. Even this was not impossible for our students. During this academic year about 68 students of our college have secured 95 percentage and above. So, along with the students, teachers also have been felicitated with "Letter of Appreciation" from the college.

Objectives:

- To felicitate the students for their excellent performance.
- To bring about changes in the learning process.
- To recognize the service of the dedicated teachers.

The Practice:

This best practice has created an urge in the students to perform well in their curricular and extra-curricular activities. This has given a chance to our college for the first time to get the 7th Rank in BA in the year 2006 for the Karnataka University, Dharwad. It was a booster for all the teachers and students. Since then, the practice was made the hall mark of our institution; faculty was consistently guiding the students in that direction. It is worth to mention that, our six students of B.Com III & IV Sem secured 100 marks in Corporate Accounting, two from B.Com II Sem in Financial Accounting and one student from B.Sc. II Sem secured 100 out of 100 in Mathematics. Totally 09 students are Centum Scorers in our college. During the academic year 2017-18 six students of our college are selected as University Blues in Cycling and Kabaddi.

Obstacles:

- Identifying the parameters for the excellent performance.
- Large number of students.
- Fixing the cut-off standard.
- Resource mobilization.

Strategies adopted to overcome the obstacles:

- Since all the students are engaged in different activities like inter-collegiate competitions, sports and cultural events, most of them achieve success. So, the expert committee of our college developed the parameters to identify the excellent performer.
- When the number of achievers exceeded more than 100, the standard was set to 95 marks.

Resources for cash prizes and funds for providing to students with certificates and shawls/bouquets & mementos were mobilized from alumni, faculty, patrons and out of college funds.

Impact of the practice:

The practice of felicitation to students and faculty members has changed the entire climate in our campus. The attitude of students was changed and they adopted well developed reading habits. They have become more conscious and studious. The rank a student got was the incremental growth and is the result of advanced facilities in all the spheres of the college and such practices. This created awareness among the students. Even in sports our students achieved a commendable performance. Our college has produced 127 University Blues, since its inceptions and it has become Champion for 26 times in Valley Ball, 27 times in Kabaddi, 03 times in Cricket and Cycling respectively.

Resources required:

Our college is practicing this activity since 2003. It requires lot of efforts from both the students as well as the teachers. For scoring high marks students need to attend extra marathon work in their fields. It needed extra coaching. Hence, the college arranged for special lecture series, student seminars, student exchange programmes, field visits, study tours, research projects and competitions. This requires more funds for honorarium and TA/DA for trainers, experts and resource persons. It also requires quality infrastructure. The available infrastructure in the college is upgraded.

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