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

IIPS has implemented the election for selecting Student Council body for each academic year. The Students' Council members and office bearers are selected by the fulltime regular students who are enrolled in various courses. A council member is selected from each of the masters' course and two from Ph.D. programme. The Council members comprise of eight students representing MA/MSc MBD, MPS and PhD programmes. Office bearers as General Secretary, Cultural Secretary, Sports Secretary, Medical Secretary and Welfare Secretary are selected from these council members.

Students are encouraged to play an active role in decision-making processes at the Institute. Students' council has the primary role of liaising with the Director, faculty and staff members, and students as a way of enhancing communication and student involvement in decision-making processes and their welfare. Student representatives conduct regular students' meetings/forums to receive and channel students' perspectives through appropriate decision-making channels.

Students' representative body is responsible for coordinating all the student-centered events at the Institute. It organizes the annual activities namely, study tours to places of importance, picnic, Foundation Day celebration, sports, New Year programme, students' farewell function, food festival, social service activities, etc. Students' Council representative is included in IQAC of the Institute.