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### 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 officebearers are selected by the fulltime regular students 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 participate actively in decision-making processes at the Institute. Students' council has the primary role of liaising with the Director, faculty and staff members, and students to enhance communication and student involvement in decision-making processes and their welfare. Student representatives conduct regular meetings/forums to receive and channel students' perspectives through appropriate decision-making channels.

The students' representative body coordinates all the student-centred events at the Institute. It organizes the annual activities, namely, study tours to places of importance, picnics, Foundation Day celebrations, sports, New Year programmes, students' farewell functions, food festivals, social service activities, etc. Students' Council representative is included in IQAC of the Institute.

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### 5.3.3 - Number of sports and cultural events / competitions organised by the institution during the year

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