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### Internal Academic Audit Observations & Suggestions

**Department: Political Science**

**Academic Year: 2022-23 (from July 2022 to September 2023)**

#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

##### **1. Implementation of Undergraduate Curriculum Framework:**

The Department of Political Science at Miranda House has successfully implemented the Undergraduate Curriculum Framework (UGCF) under the National Education Policy, 2020. This accomplishment reflects our commitment to staying aligned with evolving educational paradigms and providing students with a robust academic foundation.

##### **2. Increased Enrollment:**

The department experienced a significant surge in student enrollment for the offered Value Added Courses (VAC) and Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC). This highlights the relevance and popularity of our supplementary courses, contributing to a comprehensive and enriched learning experience for our students.

##### **3. Faculty Development and Pedagogical Innovation:**

Our faculty demonstrated a proactive approach to professional development by incorporating new pedagogical styles. Regular participation and successful completion of faculty development courses, particularly focusing on multifaceted teaching methodologies and IT skills, underscore our dedication to delivering high-quality education.

##### **4. Holistic Education:**

The department successfully organized regular conferences, seminars, workshops, and training programs, showcasing adaptability and resilience in the face of changing academic landscapes. Inclusivity remains a key priority, with ongoing efforts to provide financial assistance to students, ensuring that education is accessible to all.

##### **5. Collaborations and Educational Extensions:**

The department conducted immersion programs with the Universities of Hull, York, and



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Wisconsin Eau Claire. The department also facilitated educational trips to Gandhi Bhawan, Ambedkar Centre, Jindal Global University, etc., providing students with valuable learning opportunities and firsthand experiences.

### 6. Mentor Mentee System and Wellbeing:

The department's commitment to holistic student development is evident through the sustained efforts of peer group mentoring and *Samwad* platforms for group discussions. The department's Mentor-Mentee system has refined itself. The department is sensitive to the mental health of the students. For this, the department conducts seminars and workshops that relate to the issues around mental health, create awareness, and inspire courage, hope, and resilience. These initiatives aim to foster a supportive environment and enhance the overall educational experience for our students.

### 7. Initiatives Anchored in the Department:

The Department of Political Science has anchored three enterprising initiatives:

- I. Policy Centre and Gender Lab (PCGL)
- II. TULA – Miranda House Consumer Consultative Centre (MHCCC)
- III. Agamy - The Mentor Mentee Society for Social Outreach

Additionally, this year, the department introduced the Vidhik Sahayata Kendra: Legal Aid Centre to further broaden the scope of our academic initiatives.

#### *Initiatives Highlights:*

- Agamy (Mentor Mentee Society for Social Outreach) extended reach through online mentoring sessions, connecting with students in remote government schools to strengthen competencies and impart life skills.
- VSK: Legal Aid Centre organized day-long court trips to provide students with practical exposure to legal perspectives.
- MHCCC-TULA, and the PCGL continued to offer platforms for student researchers to address pertinent issues in consumer rights, gender, and policy concerns through workshops and field trips.

### 8. Faculty Profile Enhancement

In a noteworthy development, the department's faculty profile has undergone a substantial upgrade following recent promotions and recruitments. As of September 1, 2023, the department proudly boasts an augmented faculty composition, reflecting increased academic expertise and strength. The current configuration includes:



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### Professors:

Prof. Jayashree Pillai  
Prof. Purnima Roy  
Prof. Bijayalaxmi Nanda  
Prof. Hena Singh

### Associate Professors:

Dr. Krishna Kusuma Subha  
Dr. Namrata Singh  
Dr. Pushpa Singh

### Assistant Professors:

Dr. Skylab Sahu  
Dr. Rajni Kumari  
Dr. Sonali Chitalkar  
Dr. Rashmi Gopi  
Dr. Shruti Sharma Sethi  
Dr. Meena Kumari  
Dr. Surabhi  
Mr. Dushyant Kumar

The enhancement of the faculty profile serves to augment not only the academic prowess but also significantly contributes to the overall strength of the department. The expanded team, comprising seasoned professors and dynamic educators, strategically places the department for sustained excellence and continuous growth.

## **SUGGESTIONS:**

These audit suggestions aim to guide the Department of Political Science at Miranda House towards addressing challenges, seizing opportunities, and strategically planning for a robust and innovative academic future.

### **Challenges:**

The Department of Political Science at Miranda House confronts challenges in adapting to dynamic educational paradigms outlined by the National Education Policy, 2020. Sustaining the current surge in student enrollment, integrating evolving technologies into pedagogical practices, and ensuring financial assistance for inclusive education are some of the challenges to overcome. The management of global collaborations and the



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maintenance of effective mentorship programs amid evolving student needs demand continuous effort and strategic planning.

### **Opportunities:**

Despite challenges, promising opportunities emerge for the department. The shifting educational landscape provides room for the integration of disciplines creating interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to teaching and research. There is huge potential to leverage digital education and virtual platforms for enhanced accessibility. Expanding global research collaborations, strengthening offline and online mentoring system, and introduction of Legal Literacy Cell are avenues for diversifying academic horizons and staying at the forefront of educational innovation.

### **Future Plans:**

Looking forward, the department envisions a holistic approach that embraces emerging disciplines, leverages digital platforms, and expands global collaborations. Prioritizing continuous professional development for faculty, developing sustainable financial assistance models, and fostering a research-intensive environment are integral components of the envisioned future. This strategic outlook aims not only for academic excellence but active participation in policy discussions, addressing contemporary issues in consumer rights, gender, and public policy, through PCGL, Legal Literacy Cell, TULA, and Agamy. The Department of Political Science at Miranda House remains committed to leveraging opportunities, overcoming challenges, and evolving as a dynamic center for innovative learning and impactful research.

### **Conclusion**

The Department of Political Science at Miranda House remains committed to academic excellence, innovative teaching methodologies, and holistic student development. This audit reflects our continuous efforts to adapt, enhance, and enrich the academic journey of our students.

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