1. Title of the Best Practice

International Collaborations

2. The Context

St Joseph's College of Commerce welcomes collaborations with other international universities with an aim to expand, strengthen interdisciplinary deliberations, research in field of Commerce and Management. It believes students' vibrant potentials benefit from such patnership. With a focus on innovative ways in order to add value to students' learning, the college aims at collaborations with standard international institutes to broaden its varied aspects. For last many years, selected group of students have been invited from international institutes to share their teaching-learning processes as well as an outer exposure with our students and so is the vice versa. Such kind of activity certainly motivates students and encourages them to develop a holistic attitude towards life.

Objectives of the Practice

- The goal of partnering with international universities is to foster promotion academic collaboration for both faculty and graduate students.
- To Create contacts between the students, faculty of the partnered universities for distribution of information for research at each institution.
- Develop resources that aid in the creation of global outlook amongst students.
- Such periodic meeting evaluate activities & work that spell success about the three facets of life - Ability, Motivation and Attitude among students & faculties..
- To develop and increase cultural awareness for mutual benefits and joint endeavours.
- To encourage our students for a holistic approach of exploring their capabilities and prospects in life by international collaboration with Universities, Institutions and NGOs.

3. The Practice

International academic collaborations with Swansea University, Wales, UK; ESDES, France; Kobe College, Japan; and Dulles University, USA gives a global outlook to the students for lifelong ventures. It provides an holistic framework for combined efforts, effective engagements, and

address areas of possible co-operations and collaborative efforts in graduation, under graduation, research ,cultural exchange, dual degree programs..

A group of selected students from the college visit mentioned Universities along with faculty members. They witness and try to learn the academic culture as well as further learning possibilities at a global level. Likewise, students from these International Universities visit St. Joseph's College of Commerce and learn not only the academic teaching-learning practices in the college but also experience cultural cuisines, the cultural programmes, shopping experiences in India. Such exchange programs enlarge both the Universities students' vision not only for their individual possibilities but also global challenges. This further gets intensified with the collaborations of NGOs. It has been observed that collaborations with few NGOs such as U & I, Bhumi, etc. encourage social role and responsibilities among students.

4. Challenging issues

In pursuit of better future of its students, St. Josephs College of Commerce has been on a continuous mission instrumental for the forging collaborations in relevant disciplines with other Global Universities. Sometimes few challenges met were

- Assessing the quality of Foreign Universities as per our students' requirement.
- Establishing the communication to Foreign Universities for the fruitful outcome.
- Technical challenges at the time of framing MOUs.
- Crisis of students' enthusiasm in the selection process.

5. Evidence of Success

Students, who have been part of the selection processes and witnessed the academia of foreign universities, have shown a holistic approach towards life; be it professional or personal. They have shown marked difference in comparison to other students in terms approachability, relationships and perseverance in matters related to academics, and co-curricular activities. They exhibit pro-activeness, positive attitude, bringing an extra edge to their work in terms of quality. These are some of the highlights found in our students which itself paves the path of success for them.

6. Resources Required

- Investment in intellectual and knowledge propagators.
- Monitoring department with professionals to keep a keen eye on students' potentials.
- Qualified professionals to communicate with Institutions abroad.
- Qualified teachers to train selected learners in their problem zone.

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