Faculty Development Policy Manual
Marian College Kuttikkanam
(Autonomous)
1.0 Policy

Marian always believes that best faculty makes best students. Hence she is committed to creating faculty of global standards. Therefore the management is always ready to support faculty development programs and initiatives in order to empower and assist faculty members to excel in teaching and training and become more effective and talented in the concerned profession. Faculty development is a shared responsibility between the faculty members and the college.

All the faculty members are strongly encouraged to pursue PhD if not awarded within Five years after joining in Marian. All the promotion and other recognitions shall be strictly based on the quality and performance of the faculty. In the UGC and University promotions and appointments to higher levels the research and publications other quality measures will be taken into account.

2.0 Guiding Principles

Marian is committed to supporting continuous learning for faculty members through faculty development initiatives related to; excellence in teaching learning, research, consultancy and extension thereby transforming faculty members into thought leaders to make Marian college a knowledge center.

3.0 Faculty Development Provisions

3.1 Training and Development

Professional qualification is always a benchmark of quality. Hence all the faculty members shall have PhD, either during the time of appointment or within five years of the joining at Marian. The management shall consider the highest qualification of the faculty in all the promotions, appointments to higher cadre etc. The management is committed to give maximum incentives in the pursuit of higher studies of the faculty.
The faculty also shall involve in publishing scholarly articles and research findings in reputed journals. It is the responsibility of the Faculty Development Council (FDC) of the college to organize training/input sessions for the entire Marian faculty by eminent scholars from reputed national/international institutions. There shall be a minimum of four such programmes in an academic year. Feedback from the faculty should be obtained by the council and mechanisms to assess the impact should be developed by the council. The Chair of the FDC shall ensure the minimum number of training/input sessions and their impact assessment.

3.2. Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance/ encouragement to faculty shall be provided for the following:

a) Presenting research papers in national and international seminars
b) Publishing research papers in national and international journals
c) Authoring academic books
d) Visiting institutions of excellence at the national and international level
e) Attending Faculty Development Programmes Organized by top level institutions in India (for eg. IIMs, IITs etc)

3.3 Recognizing Scholarly contributions

In order to encourage scholarly contributions of faculty members, Marian is committed to devote half a day as ‘Faculty Development Day’ twice a year, one in the middle (September) and the other at the end (March) of each academic year. The day will be celebrated under the auspice of FDC. In a public meeting, the scholarly contributions of the following type are recognized.

a) Acquiring additional degrees such as Ph.D., M.Phil. Post graduate degrees etc.
b) Papers presented in national/international journals
c) Publishing research papers in national and international journals
d) Authoring academic books
e) Delivering academic lectures as resource persons outside the college
f) Moderating paper presentations in a state/national/international seminars
g) Any other academic contributions which the FDC consider necessary to be honored and recognized.

3.4 Leave
All the leave related rules of the affiliating university and of the government will be strictly followed by the management. However all the faculty may try their level best the following opportunity to be availed whenever possible. Marian is encouraging faculties to avail all eligible leaves such as FIP leave, casual leave, commuted leave etc for their research/training and development needs. Where ever required the provision of substitute teachers for taking classes during the period of leave availed by a faculty shall be provided. Leave Without Allowance (LWA)/ Deputation shall also be availed by the faculty for working abroad for a period not exceeding three years. In order to get LWA/ Deputation, the teacher concerned has to give an undertaking to the management that his/her experience abroad will be utilized for improving the academic environment of Marian college and within one year of his/her return, the teacher has to submit a comprehensive report in MAAP about what he/she has done in Marian to improve the academic environment along with its impact assessment.

4 Faculty Development Fund
The college shall maintain Faculty Development Fund to which the management contributes a fixed amount every year. Contributions from alumni and well-wishers can also be obtained. An amount of Rs. 200 per student at the time of admission may be collected for this purpose.

5 Implementation

5.1 Faculty Development Council
The implementations of Faculty Development Provisions vest with Faculty Development Council (FDC). The FDC consists of the following members:
1. Manager
2. Principal (Ex-Officio)
3. Chair Research Committee (Ex-Officio)
4. IQAC Co-Coordinator (Ex-Officio)

5. One member from each Discipline – Commerce, Management, English, Social Work, Computer Science. For the selection of these members the provisions given under 3.2 and 3.3 shall be taken as the parameters. Applications shall be called from the faculty members for being included in the FDC. Those who get the highest points from each discipline shall be selected and the one who gets the highest points among those selected shall be appointed the Chair of the Council.

5.2 Frequency of meeting

The FDC shall meet on every last working day of a month. If the last working happens to be a holiday the immediate previous working day shall be the day of meeting. It is the responsibility of the Chair of FDC to see that the meeting is convened and its minutes are kept. If any of the members fails to attend the meeting consecutively for three months, his/her membership in the council gets automatically terminated and is not eligible for applying again.

5.3 Tenure of the Council

The tenure of the members of the council shall be three years and are eligible to apply again for being included in the council.

5.4 Presentation of FDP report in the MAAP

It is mandatory to present a comprehensive FDP report along with its impact assessment in the MAAP every year. Depends on the availability of fund, more provisions shall be incorporated every year. The inclusion of more provisions will be discussed and finalized in the MAAP.

5.5 Procedures

To get financial assistance as mentioned under clause 3.2, one should apply to the FDC in the prescribed format. In the application form there shall be provision to write a minimum of 200 words as to how the college will benefit if the financial assistance is provided for 3.2 (d) and (e). The scholarly contributions as mentioned under 3.3 shall be honored even if the faculty concerned has not applied to FDC.
5.6 Review of the FDP policy

The FDP policy shall undergo reviewed whenever found necessary, may be once in every three years. The review shall be made by the FDC and the same shall be submitted to the Governing Board for approval.