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Symbiosis Law School, Pune

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ALUMNI COMMITTEE

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

2016-17

ANNUAL REPORT



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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students. In furtherance of the mandate, the committee organizes events where the alumni can meet and interact both in the city of Pune and in other cities. The committee also regularly engages with the Alumni through emails and on social media platforms to ensure that the alumni feel that they are still a part of the Symbiosis family. The Alumni Committee works in tandem with Alumni Cell as the aims and objectives of both are aligned together.

STRUCTURE

The committee members roughly are divided in two teams namely Networking Team and Lit Team at the beginning of the year and while all members contribute where they can for major events and the roles of some members may change during the course of the year this structure assigns primary responsibility and ensures that no task is left forgotten.

The Networking Team will ensure that that the college is in contact with as many of its alumni as possible and also shall be managing any social media, telephonic and email communication.

The Lit Team will ensure that the required information is available in proper form to communicate with the alumni at any given time in form of Newsletter and Bulletins.

It shall be noted that the members of the committee shall be divided on their preference (For example some members may not be comfortable talking on the phone but may be very good at written communication) and also depending on the work that they have done in the past. New members shall not be allotted until a week after their induction to ensure that they can make a choice after having understood the entire process.

The list below are the members of the committee:

Sr. No.	Name of Student	Position	Team	Year
1.	Rupali Sarda	Head	Lit and Networking	IV
2.	Shubham Bharti	Co-Head	Lit and Networking	III
3.	Prashansa Gokhale	Nominee Member	Lit	IV
4.	Saurav Agarwala	Nominee Member	Networking	III
5.	Saumya Srivastava	Member	Networking	II year



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6.	Ishwar Pratap Singh	Member	Lit	II year
7.	Disha Verma	Member	Lit	II year
8.	Mallik Chavali	Member	Lit	II year
9.	Gayatri Dabir	Member	Lit	II year
10.	Palak Chauhan	Member	Networking	II year
11.	Deeya Mittal	Member	Lit	I year
12.	Richa Gupta	Member	Networking	I year

KEY RESULT AREA

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- Organization of Events such Teachers' Day, Convocation High Tea, etc
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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND CONTINUOUS FUNCTIONS

- Annual Alumni Meet:

The Annual Alumni Meet is going to be hosted on the Good Friday weekend which is 16th April, 2017, as that weekend is a long weekend and shall allow the alumni to visit Pune and not affect their professional lives. This idea entails a Saturday and Sunday in Pune allowing them to spend time among themselves and fellow alumni and reminiscence their college days. There be an exclusive Alumni Meet Lunch on Sunday thereby concluding the Meet at a JW Marriott, S.B. Road.

- Vaave (Alumni Network)

Vaave which is a product of Cohendrz Co. which is based in Hyderabad. This product focuses on allowing networking among the SLS, Pune Alumni. The prototype of the product is ready and the content needed is also ready. It only requires the approval of the Branding team at Symbiosis Society.

- Alumni Connect-News Bulletin

Alumni Cell and Committee is launching this year quarterly bulletins which update the Alumni about College and fellow Alumni. The draft of month of July, August and September are ready and second quarter of October, November and December are ready.

- Alumni Nexus

As we had already collected the data for Alumni Connect, the content for Alumni Nexus is ready and we only left to place the same on the design template.

- Industrial Interactions

The Cell and Committee have created a google form which will facilitate the any cell, committee and faculty to contact Alumni's assistance in for guest lectures.

NEW INITIATIVES

- Alumni Connect- Alumni News Bulletin

This year, the committee, to keep the Alumni in the loop began the process of sending Alumni Connect which essentially covers the Alumni Achievements, College Achievements, Alumni Contributions, Ongoing Events and Upcoming Events.

- Entrepreneurial Bulletin



In creating a small ode to our alumni who haven't taken the traditional path, we are creating a section in Alumni Nexus, our newsletter, about their story, their inspiration for the venture and their vision. This will also help them promote their venture as it will be circulated among the alumni and other persons.

- Increasing Communication with Alumni

We have also tried increasing the interaction with Alumni by sending the greetings for all festivals and upcoming events. We also received positive feedback about the same from some alumni on the mail as they liked getting regular updates.

- News Ideas of the meet

We have taken the input of alumni and also involved them in the planning process with respect to the meet so as to ensure maximum participation and higher networking opportunities. We are organising a panel discussion in JW Marriott, on an ongoing legal topic of Professional Legal Education and Purview of Bar Council of India and the panellists are alumni from different walks of life which will help create networking opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increasing social media presence

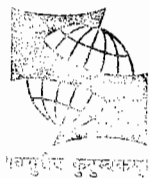
The committee also need to increase on its social media presence which is not as active as can be expected. All major college activities have to be announced on the alumni Facebook page as it is the easiest way to keep the alumni informed. This can be done by dedicating one member of the committee with updating the social media every week, preferably a second or third year.

- Lex-et and College Publication Distribution

Any publication of college shall be mailed and posted to Alumni and their offices as it would make them aware of our progress and growth. This initiative was initially their as target in this year's objective which we could perform. The distribution of Lex-Et will also make alumni aware of talents available in college and increase the probability of internship and placement opportunities.

- Chapter City wise reunions

In the survey conducted by committee in the beginning of the academic year regarding the organization of Alumni Meet, more than the majority preferred city-wise reunions as it boosts their networking in the city and also creates contact with fellow alumni in the same city. In the year of 2015-2016, a Bombay reunion proved successful and the



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feedback received for the same helped us understand the increasing need for city wise reunions.

- Lack of Association with Cell

One the most important activities we were not able to execute is to have at least one industry interaction session in collaboration with one of the cell of the college every month. This year, we facilitated the process of acquiring of resource persons by sending Google Forms to all committees with respect to their needs regarding the topics, subject, period, timing, etc. But we had no response for the same. Next year, the committee must create a calendar of events about the same, so as ensure availability of resource person and also, ease in the process of acquiring the resource person as one would be aware their dead line.



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COMPOSITION

Head- Ishwar Pratap Singh

Co-head- Saumya Srivastava

Members (2016-17):

1. Aastha saumya
2. Sarika Soumya
3. Ashwathi Vaakiyal
4. Laksh Manocha
5. Param Gupta
6. Abhishek Panwar
7. Suryakant Maithni
8. Dewang Chauhan
9. Shatakshi Tripathi
10. Sahil Kataria

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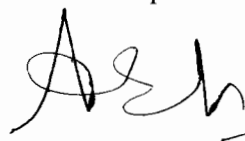
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The Annual Alumni Nexus was a huge success especially because of the new addition- The Entrepreneur Bulletin, which was appreciated by several alumni.

- Industrial Interactions

The Cell and Committee created a google form which facilitated any cell, committee and faculty to contact Alumni's assistance in for guest lectures. We further collaborated with the Academic and Research Committee with providing them with resource people from our alumni network for their weekly Gyan Darshan. We also sent out mails for Case studies pertaining to certain important legal issues and received a good response for the same.

OBJECTIVES FOR COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 2017-18

- Synchronisation of Committee with placement Cell: The Committee would work closely with the placement cell to enable best possible internships and placement prospects for students. This would be done by having two members for co-ordination with the placement cell as stated above. Further the Vice President of Alumni activities, Advait Tambe also a Core Committee member of the placement cell would make the synchronisation seamless.
- Launching an Alumni Directory: Our institution has produced about 10,000 alumni, spread across the globe. An alumni directory would make our database more accessible for alumni, boosting interaction between them.
- Chapter Reunions: The city reunion held in Mumbai was a great success. Alumni through feedback forms have indicated that they would like to have more city based interactions. This time the city reunion could be held in a major city such as Delhi. There is a high concentration of alumni in such cities which shall make the event a success.



- Increased Social Media presence: The Alumni Network needs to be more active on social media in the increasingly digital environment. Existing handles of Vaave and facebook need to be updated more often. Handles on other platforms such as twitter and snapchat should be created and updated in a timely fashion.
- Knowledge Program: The institution has a vast treasure trove of alumni excelling in different fields of study. The Alumni Committee could collaborate with other cells in college to bring in a speaker or have him address the audience through Video Chat. This would be meaningful and knowledgeable for the students. One member in the Committee would work with all cells to coordinate with them and help find alumni as per the requirements of each cell/programme.
- Monthly Alumni Bulletin: The Committee proposes to have a bulletin sent via mail to all alumni every month. This bulletin would contain information such as achievements of alumni, activities in college and other important updates. This would keep the alumni involved and up to date with all important events and activities.
- Outbound, overnight Alumni Meet: The Committee successfully organised a panel discussion cum Alumni Meet at J.W. Marriott last term. Taking the legacy forward we propose to have an outbound trip with families as was the vision of our director, Gurple Ma'am. A familial interaction of alumni will make the meet more special and memorable. The venue could be an area near Pune with a panel discussion or talk by an eminent jurist.
- Alumni Portal reach and impact: The committee had setup an alumni portal, powered by VAAVE which has not increased the attendance of the alumni meet. The same should be communicated to the VAAVE team. Subsequently if it fails to give desired results, we propose to shift vendor or scrap the portal as a an unnecessary splurge of funds.

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REPORT- ALUMNI MEET 2017

Symbiosis law school, Pune's annual alumni meet 2017 was held on 16th of April 2017 at 12 PM at the JW Marriot hotel, Pune.

The event was attended by around 75 alumni from across the country.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Gurpur who not only made everyone feel at home but also spoke about things like the homecoming of the alumni, the encroached level of collaboration and some other aspects of the college proposing some things that consolidate the alumni and not only the college. She also informed the former student show the college has been taking strides and has risen as above many other colleges, beaming as the top private college. Ma'am also purposed a stronger forum that stands in support and solidarity for each other.

The lighting of the lamp was followed by an interesting feature this year, which was a panel discussion on "Professional legal education and the purview of the Bar Council of India". Chaired by some of the oldest and most revered of our alumni consisting of:

- Diya Uday
- Manavendra Mishra
- Sampath Bulusu
- Vishal Kumar
- Suyash Mohan Guru
- Amit Singh Sethi
- Jinamoni Bhavsar

The discussion, amongst some of our most profound and learned alumni threw light on various viewpoints and aspects of the functioning of the Bar Council of India. This enlightened the crowd with some constructive criticism on the workings of the Bar Council of India.

The discussion was moderated by Sampath Bulusu who opened the discussion with a simple question, "Is the Bar Council of India doing a lot already or does it need to do more?"

It was strongly recommended that changes were required to be made, and there is a need to re-look and re-tune the processes and the functioning of the Bar Council so that the problems and issues

faced can be solved in a systematic and proper manner. The very inception and reason of inception was briefly stated and reiterated with the working of the Bar Council of India, how it provides Independence to lawyers, which was previously upto the Courts. It was said that changes needed to be made so that we do not digress from this very ideology.

Another panelist quoted Roscoe Pound, "There are 3 ideas involved in a profession, organisation, learning and a spirit of public service."

She questioned whether we should be generating visionaries by now or just people doing their jobs. Hence leading to the question of whether the Bar Council of India is the best place to decide about a lawyers' education.

It was then pointed out that we should relook at the intricacies of the Advocates Act 1961 and how the Bar Council of India should enforce proper regulation with more coherence in directions given by the Bar Council of India Manvendra.

An alumnus and a former faculty discussed how the *Mahipal Ranas case* opened the debate on the requirements for an advocate. The question of no relation between theory and practical or the Importance of Theory, clinical education and the nuts & bolts of law was then addressed by the panel.

An anecdote was cited where, when the Bar Council of India laid down some changes in the teaching course of law, where a typographical error led to accountability becoming accountancy which had to be followed by everybody in the country and led to many problems.

It was also noticed that the Bar Council of India is an electorate body and that makes the member more inclined towards votes rather than work. A new system to make it more efficient was recommended.

It was recommended that a Legal Education Bill should be passed by the parliament, giving a clear dichotomy for lawyers going in the different branches of law.

Someone also pointed out that Symbiosis should start a course for drafting as drafting quality of new lawyers has deteriorated immensely due to inefficient training in the same. An alumni outreach group was recommended which is not material support but something as little as an advisory channel that should be appointed for the implementation of this course. The panel discussion concluded with many recommendations and a 2 minutes silence for a few friends lost in recent times.



Following which the 7th edition of the newsletter "Alumni Nexus" was also released.

This year's alumni outreach awards for the support and special achievements were presented to

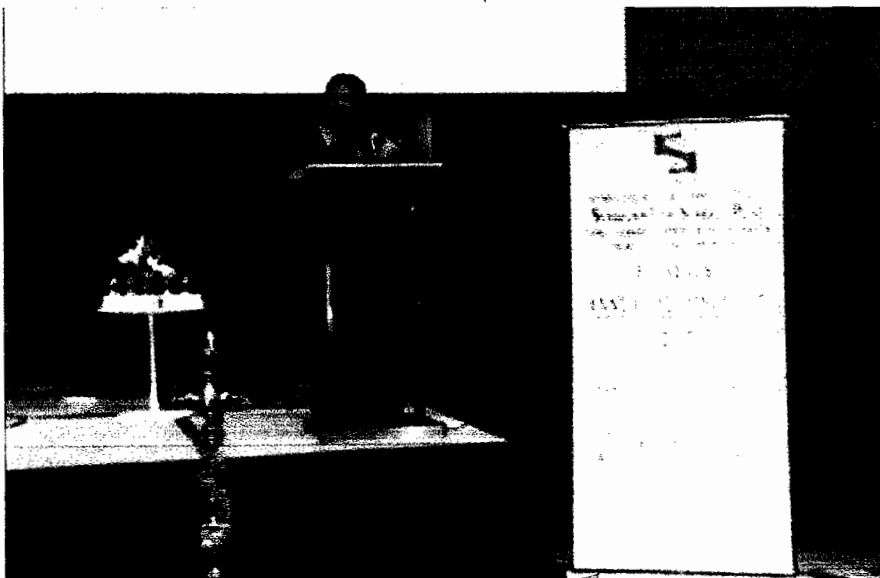
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- Mr. Sampath Bulusu-
- Miss Diya Uday
- Mr. Harshad Bhadbade
- Mr. Rahul Kothari
- Ms. Jyotsna Banerjee

Alumni Achievers

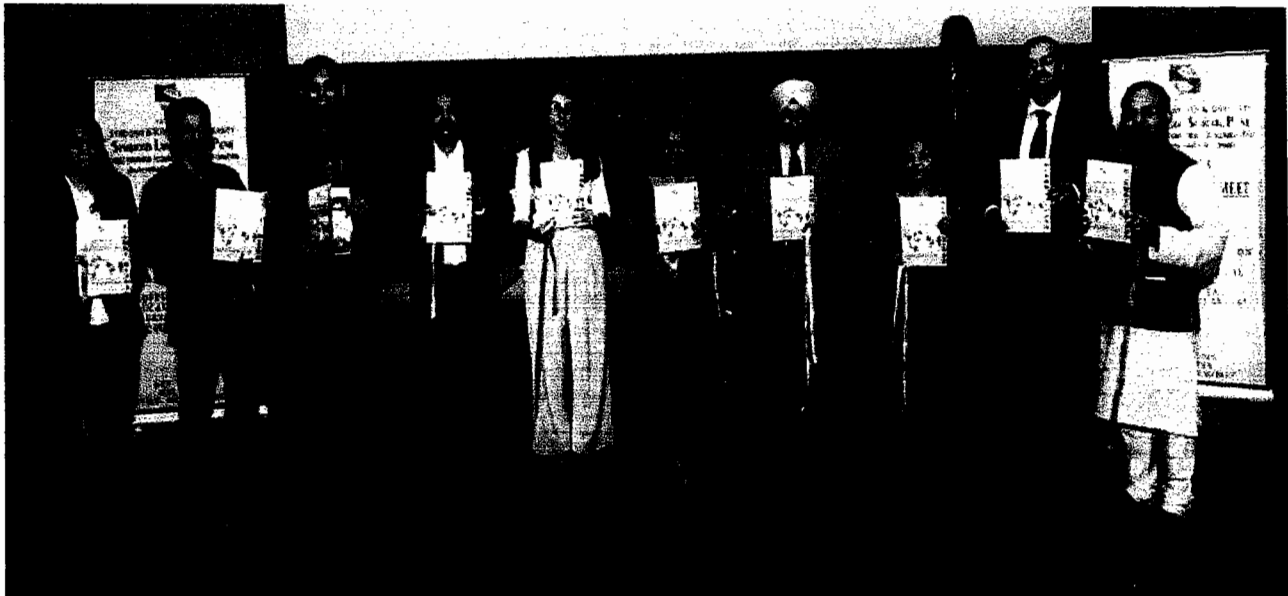
- Mr. Amol Ghatpande
- Mr. Ashish Philip

This was followed by an appetising lunch after which the alumni also got coffee mugs featuring the new law school building on it. After the lunch, the event ended on a happy note with some people visiting old memories as they took a tour of the old SB road campus, not very far from the venue.



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