

## Queen Mary's College (A)

### Staff & Old Student Association (QMC-SOSA)

When QMC-OSA was defunct as per the communication received on 27.09.2013, it was renamed as QMC-AA on 28.08.2014 with a resolution that all original memorandum of OSA will be followed as it is in the memorandum prepared at the time of inception of OSA. But QMC-AA had modified and brought two new by-laws:

1. Only alumni members could be the executive members (by-law of QMC-AA) and as president and
2. Public donations will be collected to meet out the expenses of Association.

This was opposed by most of the staff alumni which includes former joint directors, Principals, Head of Departments and also opposed by the existing staff members. Hence as per the direction of the higher officials QMC-SOSA was started.

It was resolved in 09.10.2015 to block the SB-account of QMC-AA and recognize **QMC\_SOSA as the official association of the college**. Hence it was decided to Consider QMC-AA as an independent body functioning outside QMC campus which cannot use QMC premises for meetings.

Inappropriate collection of donations in the name of QMC and using the funds by QMC-AA has to be curtailed. This could be achieved by notifying in the college website that **QMC-AA is an independent body and the college is not responsible for any donations given to the said body (QMC-AA)**.

It was unanimously agreed that the existing SB/Account, FD for endowment should be continued and maintained by QMC-SOSA. These accounts should not be terminated, clubbed or changed in any form in the future.

Since the QMC-AA members are claiming the funds in AA accounts. As per the direction of Higher Education Secretary (meeting on May 2018) the amount could be transferred to AA provided that the donor gives the willingness in writing since the original donation was given towards the centenary celebration of QMC.

College day and convocation day prizes are met from the annual subscriptions of students for the past three years and the interest from the endowment (fixed deposits) were

not touched. It is suggested and accepted by the executive members that the SB account of OSA and the interest from FD had to be used for the welfare of the students.

As this issue was raised, QMC-AA continuously approached the DCE, JD-Planning and made complaints about QMC-SOSA and college authorities. Several meetings were held with Thiru.Rajendra Rathnu (Former Director), Tmt.Madumathi (Former Director), Dr. (Tmt.) Manjula (Former Director) and former joint Directors. All the former Directors stressed that only Principal can handle financial matters and other administrative procedures.

But no consensus was arrived. A meeting was held at secretariat in the presence of Higher Education Secretary Thiru.Sunil Paliwal, Dr.Manjula, Director and Collegiate Education, Dr. S. Santhi, Principal and President of SOSA, Queen Mary's College (A), Dr.Charumathi, Principal, Bharathi Women's College (A), Dr.R.Bhavani, Secretary, SOSA, Dr.S.Karpagam, Treasurer, SOSA, Dr. N.Jansirani and Dr.Eswari Ramesh Executive member. QMC along with some members of QMC-AA, Mrs.Uma Manivannan, Mrs.Shanthi & others. Briefing was given on the way fund collected during the centenary celebrations and following solutions were suggested by the Higher Education Secretary.

- **It was decided that QMC-SOSA and QMC-AA will function separately.**
- **QMC-SOSA will function in the campus Queen Mary's College (A), Mylapore, Chennai – 4. QMC-AA will function at a different address and if wanted or requested permission will be given on the discretion of the college Principal.**
- There was a claim on the fund collected from both the sides QMC-SOSA and QMC-AA.
- SOSA claimed being the fund donated in the name of Queen Mary's College for welfare of the Students.
- QMC-AA claims as it was collected by them (fund raising team formed during the centenary celebrations) and to be used to meet out the expenses of the Association.
- **Finally Higher Education Secretary suggested on condition that it could be transferred to either QMC SOSA or QMC-AA as per the desecration and willingness of the donors.**