

EWING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (A Christian Minority Institution of the Church of North India) (An Autonomous Constituent College of University of Allahabad)

7.3.1: Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust:

In 2004, the college administration deliberated on modifying the election process for formation of student representative body in the college. The idea was to bring innovation in the student election process and bring it at par with student bodies in various institutions of higher learning across India. The additional advantage estimated was minimization of external interference from political and non-political agencies. This would in turn enhance peace and order and over all discipline on campus. A full concept paper was prepared and the form of the student representation was proposed to be changed from the direct elections of the student body to indirect election so as to elect all members of the student executive. A referendum was conducted in 2005 among students to find out whether the students preferred students' union over students' council. Students voted in favour of students' union and elections were conducted accordingly. Later in the same year, Lyngdoh Committee was appointed by the top Court in 2005 to recommend measures for the regulation of student body elections in India. When the Committee, headed by former Chief Election Commissioner JS Lyngdoh, gave a Report, it was directed by the Court that the Report be implemented as an interim measure in all higher educational institutions. Ever since then, Ewing Christian College has been following the provisions of the Lyngdoh Commission for formation of students' union. The provisions of the Lyngdoh Commission are both student-friendly and institution-friendly and have proved vital in establishing a more conducive environment for continuance of teaching-learning activities on campus.