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Date: 25/08/2011

The first HAB meeting of session 2011-12 was held on 25th August 2011 at 5:30 PM in the SAC conference room. The following members were present in the meeting:

Dr. S. Ghosh, Chairman, HAB
Prof. B.K. Patel, DOSA
Dr. Biplab Mondal, Warden, Manas
Dr. A. Verma, Warden, Siang
Dr. B. Pradhan, Warden, Kapili
Dr. S. Mallick, Warden, Dibang
Dr. A.K. Sharma, Associate Warden, Dibang
Dr. H.B. Kaushik, Warden, Brahmaputra
Ms. S. Iqbal, Warden, Subansiri
Dr. B.G. Jagannathan, Associate Warden, Subansiri
Dr. K. Kalita, Associate Warden, Barak
Dr. D.K. Singh, Warden, Kameng
Dr. S. Kanagaraj, Associate Warden, Brahmaputra
Mr. D.J. Sarma, Assistant Registrar, Students Affairs
Mr. Anubhav Jeph, General Secretary, HAB
Mr. Abhishek Sayana, Joint Secretary, HAB
Mr. H. Agrawal, General Secretary, Kapili
Mr. A. Rathi, General Secretary, Kameng
Mr. N.K. Sharma, General Secretary, Barak
Mr. V. Chauhan, General Secretary, Umiam
Mr. A.S. Rathore, General Secretary, Manas
Mr. A. Chouksey, General Secretary, Dihing
Mr. V. Yadav, General Secretary, Dibang
Mr. S. Mandal, General Secretary, Siang
Mr. S. Kotasthane, MMC Convener, Kapili
Ms. A. Saini, MMC Convener, Subansiri
Ms. Minal Jain, Cultural Secretary, Subansiri
Mr. J. Garg, MMC Convener, Barak
Mr. Y. Sikdar, MMC Convener, Siang
Mr. R. Anurag, MMC Convener, Kameng
Mr. Jaspreet Singh, MMC Convener, Manas
Mr. Krishna Bordeori, Invitee & Vice-President, Students Gymkhana
Mr. Shailendra Jain, Invitee & Welfare Secretary, Students Gymkhana



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Following were the agenda of the meeting

1. Issues related to Mess

- Possibility of Roti Maker for every hostel
- Introduction of hair net and gloves for mess workers.
- Possibility of standardizing raw food items used in mess
- Provisions of space for dumping wasted food in mess.
- Introduction of coupon System for extra items in mess

2. Issues related to Maintenance

- Possibility of providing Washing Machine on every floor in hostel
- Making provision of Mosquito Net in windows of hostel rooms.
- Introduction of Printing And Scanning Facility In stationary shops of each hostel.
- Introduction of Mini- CC in every hostel

3. General issues

- Introduction of Flag for every hostel
- Review of the Hostel Rules and Regulations

4. Any other matter

The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. **Issues related to Mess**

- **Possibility of Roti Maker for every hostel**

The general secretary, HAB made a presentation regarding utility of a Roti maker and impressed upon the need of introducing the same. The proposal was agreed upon by the members in principle. However, it was decided that given the high price of the equipment, the pros and cons of purchasing it should be discussed elaborately in the SAC meeting before taking a final decision. The student representatives were, therefore, asked to prepare a proposal with necessary documentations such as the specifications and the prices offered by various vendors offering this equipment, for onward submission to the SAC.

- **Introduction of hair net and gloves For mess workers**

The general secretary, HAB informed the members that introduction of such accessories for mess workers are necessary to maintain the hygiene. However, since provision of such accessories is not part of the current mess contracts, the members opined that the idea can be implemented by providing the accessories to the mess workers from the HMC budget of each hostel. If the implementation of the idea is found to be successful, it may be incorporated in the next mess contract.

- **Possibility of standardizing raw food items in mess**

The general secretary, HAB informed the members that during inspections of the kitchens of various hostels, it was found that certain items like rice, cooking oil and spices in almost all hostels did not have the ISI mark. The student representatives opined that the caterers should be given punishment due to such lapse and that the brand names for each raw food item should be specified so that a uniform standard on quality of food items can be maintained across the hostels. The convener, hostel services committee, informed that since the nature of the lapse is not uniform across hostels, it should be handled by the HMC. He also informed that specifying any particular brand for any item is not encouraged by the institute in general. However, it was decided that regular inspections of the hostel kitchens are to be done in order to check whether the caterers are complying with the terms and conditions of their contracts. It was also reported that due to a crisis of milk in the local market, the students are apprehensive about the quality of milk that has been served lately. In order to circumvent such situations, it was proposed that a central contract with a supplier may be made so that uninterrupted supply of milk to the hostel caterers is ensured. It was

decided that the proposal would be forwarded to the SAC for their consideration.

- **Provisions of space for dumping wasted food in mess**

It was pointed out that substantial amount of food is wasted by the boarders and a check on this is required. The general secretary, HAB proposed that the wastage can be contained if self-service is implemented where a student has to go by him(her)self for a re-fill instead of the present system where service boys do the same and the plates with food wastes should be kept in the respective containers by the students themselves. He cited the example of Manas hostel in this regard. However, he pointed out that the implementation of the later part i.e. the students themselves will go and keep the plates and food wastes in the containers would not be possible due to lack of provision for dumping food wastes in the mess. After deliberations, however, it was opined that awareness for the boarders is required first to contain wastage of food. To this effect, it was proposed to start a 'save food' awareness campaign at the individual hostel level through campaigning. Also, it was decided that the HMCs would explore possibilities to manage the wasted food efficiently.

- **Introduction of coupon systems for special items in mess**

The proposal was discussed at length. However, it was pointed out that such a system may create divisions among the students based upon the affordability. The idea, therefore, was dropped.

2. Issues related to Maintenance

- **Possibility of providing Washing Machine on every floor of the hostel**

Given the increasing demand, it was proposed that one washing machine may be provided on every floor of the hostel and that the students be allowed to operate. It was decided that the individual HMC should decide on the numbers and the mode of operation.

- **Making provisions of mosquito net in window of hostel rooms**

It was felt that mosquito nets are necessary in the windows of hostel rooms as insects keep on entering during rainy season in particular. It was decided that an estimate on the total cost

including installations are to be prepared and forwarded to the SAC for consideration.

- **Introduction of Printing And Scanning Facility In Stationary shops of each hostel**

It was decided that the decision should be taken by individual HMC and that the HMC should negotiate with the particular vendor.

- **Introduction of Mini- CC in every Hostel**

It was proposed that a Mini-computer centre in each hostel, with internet facilities be introduced in each hostel as this would benefit the students who wish to access computer facilities and internet access at odd hours. The DOSA informed that the facilities in the computer center are available till late at night and that the students may take advantage of that. He also informed that the internet access in hostels are restricted at night as per senate decision and that this proposal is in contradiction to the senate decision. Therefore, this proposal can only be made to the senate for consideration. It was finally decided that the current facilities in the institute should be sufficient to serve the purposes.

3. General issues

- **Introduction of flag for every hostel**

This proposal was discussed and rejected sighting reasons that this can bring unnecessary drifts amongst the students on the basis of their hostels.

- **Review of Hostel Rules and Regulations**

The document ‘Hostel Rules and Regulations’ available at <http://shiloi.iitg.ernet.in/~sa/rules/General%20Rules%20for%20Hostel%20Residents.pdf> was reviewed in order to iron out the discrepancies. The following modifications were suggested:

1. The restrictions on intra-hostel and inter-hostel movements of homogeneous inmates would be dropped. The restrictions on the movements of heterogeneous inmates will remain.
2. The rule regarding “silent hours” would remain as it is in accordance to the guidelines of the honourable Supreme Court of India. However, for continuance of programmes after “silent

hours” involving sounds beyond the tolerance limit set by the honourable Supreme court , permission from the authority has to be taken.

3. The rule regarding restrictions on timing of going out of or coming in to the campus does not come under jurisdiction of HAB. This rule, therefore, is to be dropped.
4. For streamlining the inter-hostel movements of heterogeneous inmates, it was decided that heterogeneous inmates will only be allowed in the Common Room or Library Room of a hostel before 10:00 PM . Extensions of such stay, due to any inter or intra-college festival would require prior approval from the warden of the hostel where the individual wishes to extend his/her stay. Such an approval would not be against a group of students, rather would be against the names of individual students. Further, it was recommended that registers exclusively for recording time of entry and time of exit of all heterogeneous inmates would be kept in hostels and that all heterogeneous inmates have to record their entry and exit times.

4. Any other matter: None

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