

Minutes of Hostel Council Meeting

IIT Goa Hostel Council

Time and Venue

November 24, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room

Members of The Meeting

- Dr. Anirudha Ambekar (Warden Boys' Hostel)
- Dr. Kuntal Deka (Assistant Warden Boys' Hostel)
- Dr. Sabiha Hashami (Warden Girls' Hostel)
- Himanshu (General Secretary Hostel Affairs)
- Piyush Doke (Mess Secretary)
- Vishrut Maheshwari (Maintenance Secretary)
- Shivangi Sharma (Girls' Representative)

Agenda of the Meeting

1. Internet

- (a) Discussion on Wi-fi speed and connectivity issues.
- (b) Update on work progress in providing LAN facility.

2. Hostel Rules

- (a) Time Restriction in hostel rules.
- (b) Opening Roof of hostel.

3. Mess

- (a) Proposed Fine
- (b) Mess Advance compensation
- (c) Mess Equipment

4. Maintenance

- (a) Water Cooler shifting
- (b) Water tank cleaning

5. Initiatives and Plans

- (a) Night Canteen
- (b) Guest Accommodation
- (c) Xerox/Stationary Shop

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Points discussed related to the Internet

- (a) The issue of slow speed is well known to the concerned members and they are trying their best to resolve it.
- (b) It was informed that the current ISP i.e NKN is free and is supposed to provide a speed of 1 Gbps.
- (c) When the NKN link fails, BSNL network is put into use which is supposed to provide a speed upto 100Mbps and it is paid. The plan to change the ISP was considered but it may not be cost effective as it is paid and requires a lot of procedures. Still if required, the ISP will be changed.
- (d) Update regarding installation of LAN has been addressed to the concerned department and it has been informed to us that the work will soon continue and LAN will hopefully be up by the start of the next semester.
- (e) Regarding connectivity issues, we were informed to request the students to update their machine drivers and software so that their machine works smoothly. It may be a problem in the machine that might be preventing it from getting a good connection.
- (f) Still if the problem regarding connectivity persists, it will be looked after by the CITS team.

2. Points discussed related to Hostel Rules

- (a) The complaint regarding the time restriction has been brought to the notice of the wardens and it is learned that a meeting has been scheduled with the SAC members regarding this issue to come to a better solution.
- (b) As of now, the restriction is 11:00 pm in the night. If a student wishes to leave the campus after this, then he/she will have to take approval from the warden.
- (c) In case a student arrives late at the campus, he/she will have to enter his/her name in the **late entry register** (Action will be taken if something untoward happens while a student is outside the hostel after 11:00 pm).
- (d) About opening the roof of the campus, several factors regarding the safety and security of the students were taken into consideration and it was concluded that the roof will not be opened until appropriate safety measures are provided.

3. Points discussed related to Mess

- (a) It was informed that the proposed fine will be levied on the current mess service provider.
- (b) The topic regarding mess advance taken at the beginning of the semester was discussed. The price per day of the mess contractor per student was quoted as Rs 108.
- (c) If this amount is less than what was assumed, advance will be adjusted. But if the fee was overspent, students will have to pay extra.
- (d) The Mess Secretary has given a list of all the equipment required for the mess. The equipment which are a bare necessity and can be transfered to the new mess will be considered for the order.
- (e) Rest of the equipment which are immobile and not a necessity will be ordered when the new mess starts.

4. Points discussed related to Maintenance

- (a) The issue of water coolers was discussed and it was informed that two water coolers are sufficient for the residents of the hostels.
- (b) It was later decided that for convenience, one water cooler may be shifted to second floor of both the blocks and one will be left on the ground floor. The Maintenance secretary is supposed to keep a follow up regarding this issue.
- (c) The cleaning of water tanks was proposed due to repeated clogging of taps and pipelines and it was informed that this will soon be looked after.

5. Points discussed related to Initiatives and Plans

- (a) A night canteen has been planned to set up in the new mess area and the caterer for that canteen will be decided later. If the students have any suggestions regarding, they can provide contacts to the mess secretary.
- (b) The issue regarding guests was discussed in the meeting and it was informed that as per the rules, students are not allowed to invite guests to their rooms without permission from the authorities.

- (c) New rules regarding this issue will soon be formulated.
- (d) A request for guest rooms in the hostels was made and it was welcomed by the warden and it was decided that soon guests will be allowed to stay in that room as per the guest charges.
- (e) A discussion regarding a new xerox/stationary shop was held and it was decided that we can request the management to set up such a shop in the hostel premises.