

Minutes of GBM- Term bill

Following is a list of all the concerns that were raised in the meeting by the students:

- Most of the concerns pertain to the junior members in residence but we all need to put forward a collective approach as general student body to hold the authorities accountable and answerable.
- Explanation with regard to the increase in Mess Bill
- Explanation for sudden hike in room rent
- Rent charged for vacation period
- Concern regarding non-uniform charges
- Differences in charges levied on medical and mess facilities
- Why garden/electricity/water fee charged separately to non residence students
- Chapel subscription- Suggestions over alternative naming as well as explanation of the charge
- IT fee- no subscription of g meet or zoom- using normal accounts of teachers.
- Question over Library fee
- Question notion- paying double fee in comparison to what other DU colleges charge
- Question over does development and establishment fee includes garden etc.
- No transparency with regards to bill.
- No procedure listed out for refund if student vacates now since they are being charged room rent till August
- No estimated cost
- Amount told after facilities availed.
- Clarity on how to avail refund and if any deadline is present
- Students forced to stay on leave but still charged.
- Clarify on where the charges are going
- New students applying for rez should have a clarity as to what exactly will they be charged.

Suggested Recommendations/Solutions:

- Asking for a differentiation among various Fee Heads
- Requesting to clearly outline the process of refund seeking if a student vacates now or for those who have been overcharged, along with a generous deadline
- Clear communication with regard to if there would be another bill for resident junior members or if this amount would suffice till end of semester
- Seeking the process of calculating the Room Rents and Mess Bill to understand the differential charging and remedy any error
- Seeking explanation over the sudden hike in the Room Rents and Mess Fee
- Asking for the fate of the Initial Mess Deposit and the Caution Money with respect to when they would be returned
- Requesting an extension in the payment deadline to facilitate the arranging of funds since the charges are very high
- Requesting a facility to pay the fee in instalments considering that a lot of families have been hit by the pandemic and hence it is difficult to arrange these funds as a one-time payment
- Request to utilise some other Residence related funds like JCR and others to decrease the charges being imposed on the student community
- Providing an estimate charge and headings that the Resident Junior Members would have to pay in the next academic year so that students can make an informed choice about whether to apply or not since the finances play a major role in any such decision.

Plan of Action to be Followed:

We would be drafting a letter considering all the issues in mind and collect the signatures of First Year Junior Members to mail the same to the administration with all the issues, problems as well as recommendations and requests.