



Hall of Residence VIII

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur



Date: 30/05/2023

First General Body Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

The meeting was held on 28 May 2023 at 06:00 pm in the TV room of hall VIII. The Warden in Charge, Hall of Residence VIII, chaired the meeting.

At the outset, HEC President welcomed all the members for the first General Body Meeting. After taking permission from the chair, the following agenda items were taken for discussion.

Agenda:

1- Discussion on HEC 2022-23 end-term report.

1.1 Issue of electricity bill during lockdown.

Electricity bills during the lockdown period were more than the bills, when the hall is running at full capacity. Residents of hall VIII who have graduated and left the campus their security deposit is still not released yet, although no dues have been issued to them. During the discussion the warden in charge raised question whether our hall has electricity meter? Is it functional? If so what were the readings for this month & previous one? The unreasonable amount of bill raises the question that whether the bills issue were based on "actual" electricity consumptions or some "estimated" consumption.

Warden in Charge said (A) since no one was residing in the hall during lockdown. There is no point of Hall Residents paying the bill. We will sort the matter with the higher authorities.

(B) Security deposit of the graduated student should be released.

(C) A member of hall staff should accompany the person during the electricity bill generation and hall office should keep record (Photos) of the meter readings.

(D) General body member should get clarity regarding the power consumption whether the electricity bill they are paying is of the electricity consumed in hall premises or also includes the electricity consumption outside the hall premises (nearby pole-lights, etc).

1.2 Flower show:

Ex-President said that we should request the organizers of flower show that the competition should be held among the halls only. Participation by Director's bungalow, Visitors Hostel (VH), etc. is not fair as they have higher budget and larger man power.

1.3 The incident of 6th September

One GBM member enquired about the status of police investigation regarding the September 06 incident.

Warden in Charge told that police carried out thorough investigation of the incident and they have ruled out the possibility of murder. Its seems that Mr. Prashant was in depression and took the extreme step of ending his life.

1.4 Account merger:

President HEC raised the issue of hall account being merged with institute one. Having individual Hall account gave autonomy and clarity regarding the expenses under various heads viz mess, maintenance etc.

Warden in Charge apprised the house that Institute is working on a policy of having project account for all the Halls and the above-mentioned issues will be resolved by that.

1.5 Remuneration to sanitation workers and gardeners:

Sanitation workers and gardeners will be remunerated for the extra work carried out by them, during scrap removal.

2. Budget discussion:

Hall President presented the HDF budget for the year 2023-24. Some items that went through detailed discussion are as follows.

2.1 A.C in music room

GBM argued that why A.C is required in music room, air coolers should suffice. How many people are using the music room, we have seen only outsiders using it. Why should we pay for the comfort of others? What about using the music room facility of student activity centre (SAC).

Acting cultural secretary argued back that why AC should be not there in the music room. I request the members to go and sit there for 5-10 minutes, they will realize its need. AC will make our music room soundproof, if we start using the cooler it will have its own music (noise). Those who have never stepped in the music room have no right to pass judgments regarding installing of AC.

Some GBM raised objection to the comments made by the Acting Cultural Secretary. Few proposed installing AC in sports room as well. As AC in the music room will bring out better artist, AC in sports room will bring out better performance/ sportsperson.

Warden in Charge Intervened and said that I agree the demand of AC in the music room is reasonable. Since there is disagreement among the members we can take up the matter in the next meeting, till then the Cultural Secretary can try convincing the General body members about its importance and impact on future endeavors of Music Club.

2.2 AC in Hall Office:

General body members argued that if AC is denied to music room than AC should not be there in other rooms including hall office. AC in Hall office is not justified for staff of two-three people, instead they should use Air coolers. If installed, it will be used from 09:00 am to 06:00 pm & there will be huge electricity bill apart from purchase cost. Residents are paying extra charge for using cooler, will the staff be charged for using AC?

President informed that hall office is already using air cooler but it is not effective at all. Usage of AC in hall office will result in increase of electricity bill of Rs 6 per month for each student during summers. (Calculations done using existing electricity charge of Rs 7 per unit; usage hours 10). Hall staff also looks after the functioning of guest rooms, that generates the revenue for the hall. We should consider this fact before making a decision. HEC is ready to shift the computer room AC (after repair) to hall office to minimize the expenditure.

Computer room AC will be repaired and shifted to hall office.

2.3 Purchase of Fogging machine:

General body member enquired about purchase of Fogging machine for the hall.

President replied that it is not much effective so we will go for spraying of HIT, and ensure that mosquito breeding is minimized by timely scrap removal, etc.

2.4 Gardening Budget:

Proposed budget under the head of gardening maintenance was more than sixty thousand (around twice the previous one). General body members enquired about the reason for such increase, since gardening secretary had left the meeting by that time, queries could not be answered.

As of now Forty thousand is allocated further discussion regarding the gardening budget could be taken in the next meeting.

General body members raised the query that costing of some items is not reasonable. President informed that these are the estimate and not the actual costs.

After taking inputs from the general body members necessary modifications were done, the approved budget in detail is attached at the end, its summary is given below.

S.No.	Head	Amount (in Rupees)
1.	Mess	67,700
2.	Maintenance	2,19,000
3.	Hall Office	10,3000
4.	Library	22,000
5.	Sports	72,500
6.	Cultural	1,44,000
7.	TV and Computer Room	23,500
8.	Gardening	40,000
9.	Canteen	22,000
	Total	7,13,700

Ex-President reminded that DCF should be utilized first (else, it lapses) before moving our hands on HDF.

Since Warden in charge had other commitments, he left the meeting at around 07:45 pm. After that following two items were taken for discussions.

3. Renovation of badminton court.

General body member enquired why no budget allocation is done for renovation of badminton courts.

President responded that the renovation of badminton court will be done by the DoIP.

4. Full fledged Juice counter in Mess:

General Body Member enquired about the status of full size juice counter in our mess which was also in the manifesto of mess secretary.

Mess secretary replied that we have initiated the process for the same, soon we are going to start the full fledge juice counter where residents could avail all kinds of juices.

President thanked all the members, for coming and sharing their valuable inputs.

The meeting was adjourned at 07:48 pm.