



Hall of Residence VIII

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur



Minutes of the 4th Open Mess meeting

The meeting was convened in the TV room on 28th October, 2017 at 16:00 HRS and was chaired by the Warden-in-charge & the mess Warden. The meeting was adjourned at 18:05 HRS. The attendance is attached. The mess Warden expressed his dissent about the participation of the hall residents in open meetings which has been a concern since last couple of years (except a very few).

Agenda 1: Introducing a proper system of meeting

Saurav Bhattacharjee

As it is an agenda that is directly connected with all the hall residents' concerns, this agenda was deferred to be discussed in the next open HEC meeting.

Agenda 2: Bringing available seasonal vegetables & other feasible changes in the menu

Saurav Bhattacharjee, Tapas Kumar Nahak and Kapyakala Anjibabu

The mess secretary informed the house about the survey report for the feedback of changed items in the september-menu and the current market price of almost all the vegetables and described the mess menu proposed by mess committee to be put on trial for two weeks 6th November onwards with several changes (the link for the proposed menu is attached) which includes seasonal vegetables like cabbage, cauliflower and etc. Changes were done as per the suggestions given by the respondents and survey results only. Arhar Dal tadka was also brought in with two recipes-old and new-as many people liked the new recipe introduced by one of the mess committee members and agendors - Kapyakala Anjibabu.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B8BpWc8NIy10Q1hWV25JRVJJNms>

Agenda 3: Introducing bifurcated special dinner system on Thursday dinners

Saurav Bhattacharjee

The agendor requested the house to take into consideration this proposal that if a bifurcated special meal system can be introduced on Thursday dinner as that is treated as a special meal. This bifurcation will ensure residents paying a good sum for food of their choice. The house appreciated the idea and mess warden advised the mess secretary to finalize and settle the 15th August BDMR calculation within 3rd November, 2017 first and then to implement this policy which can be of significant benefit.

Agenda 4: Introducing a monthly contract system for veg and non veg supply in mess

Saurav Bhattacharjee

The house was informed about the loss that a mess incurs in the daily basis purchase system in comparison to that of a monthly contract system which can significantly reduce the BDMR especially in summer months. The Wardens advised to go slow regarding this issue as now it is winter and to carefully form a proper contract agreement first wherein the terms & conditions of purchase, cancellation of contract and most importantly, of returning items of dissatisfactory quality to the supplier itself must be drafted with caution so that in future, no dispute can/may arise from this route.

Agenda 5: Wasted food and BDMR-boards to be installed in mess

Saurav Bhattacharjee

The Mess Secretary informed the house that the mess committee is working on it and soon boards relating wasted food to BDMR (monthly, quarterly, bi-annually and yearly relation) will be installed in the mess soon. The house appreciated the idea very much and also opined that there is a necessity to make the residents aware and alert so as to result in lesser wastage.

Agenda 6: Changing the cold storage in mess

Saurav Bhattacharjee

The agendor informed the house about the poor condition of the existing cold storage and about how many times even after complaining, the DoIP guys just came, saw and went back without repairing it. So, as there is a necessity to change it with a new 5-star one which can also help us in saving a lot of power as cold storage consumes most of electricity in the hall.

The house decided to go with an application to DoIP and DoSA regarding changing this asap which will be forwarded by the Wardens as it is of utmost importance. The President also informed the house that he had already mailed the DoIP and DoSA for this issue with pictorial evidence of tomatoes eaten by rats.

Any other issue with the permission of the chair:

One of the GBM expressed his concerns with the quality of the soya bean served and the red chilli powder; to clarify this the mess manager was called for a short stint and briefed about after which he was advised to make a subtle changes to make things more tasty and edibly hygienic. The mess manager also clarified that no powders are being bought from market, most of them (e.g. Red Chilli Powder, Turmeric Powder, Jeera Powder) are hand-made in our mess only which is why there can be no concerns regarding chemicals being mixed in the powder.

Also, the mess manager clarified that some new utensils are required to be bought as soon as possible. The house including the present HEC members made it clear that anything related to mess or maintenance was, is and will be of top priority.



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Annexure: Attendance list for the 4th Open Mess Meeting

Serial No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. A.V. Ravishankar Sharma	Warden-in-charge
2	Dr. Priyanka Ghosh	Mess Warden
3	Saurav Bhattacharjee	President
4	Dipanjan Dey	Mess Secretary
5	Abhi Mukherjee	GBM
6	Manab Mukherjee	GBM/Mess Committee Member
7	S.Srinivasu	GBM
8	K.Anjibabu	GBM/Mess Committee Member

This is to inform that some committee members (Swadesh Pal, Suvankar Paul, Sandip Chowdhury, Sougata Mardanya, Saikat Nil Chakraborty, Sarbojit Roy) informed that they will not be present due to their personal problems. One of the mess committee members resigned just after the mess committee meeting due to his personal problems.