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STUDENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09/02/2016

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Thyagarajan, Director IIT Delhi.

Dean, Student Affairs welcomed the newly appointed officiating director of IIT Delhi into the third SAC meeting of the academic year 2015-16.

SAC General Secretary made the following announcements:

1. SAC announced an increase in the student proxy quota:

- from 4 GB/month to 10 GB/month for all B.Tech students.
- from 6 GB/month to 12 GB/month for all post graduate students.

SAC thanked CSC for this welcome step and requested CSC to implement the changes at the earliest possible. (The changes have been implemented before finalisation of these minutes.)

2. The 'Start a Change' campaign was launched by SAC for the first time ever to reach out to student community directly, identify problems and suggest solutions to student problems. The campaign had received over 200 responses over a span of 2 weeks. Some of the suggestions such as installation of wifi routers in hostels and pre-approval of CV points had already been taken up. Other suggestions by the students such as online hospital announcements were also being resolved. General Secretary, SAC thanked all student members of SAC for the success of this first of a kind initiative.

The following agenda points were taken up in the meeting:

1. Approval of minutes of SAC meeting dated 03/08/2015 and follow-up of approved points

The minutes were circulated among all members and no comments were received.

Follow-up of approved points:

1.1. Opening of new night canteens in the boys and girls hostel areas

Dean, Infrastructure suggested that the Himadri guest house could be used as the location for the operation of a proper restaurant catering to the girls hostels. However, the Dean, Student Affairs informed the council that plans for the night canteen in the girls hostel and other hostels had been finalised and approved in the previous meetings and the same was sent to Dean, Infra for implementation.

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In view of the above, it was requested and agreed to create a night canteen area of 200-300 sq. ft. in the lawn area at the back of Himadri at the earliest possible.

Action: Dean, Infrastructure

1.2. Construction of studio for students community radio in Student Activity Centre

Dean, Student Affairs informed the council that the application for license to broadcast could be filed only after the studio had been built. Dean, Infrastructure shared the progress in the matter by informing the council members that a budget estimate had already been prepared for the construction of the studio in the SAC building.

All council members expressed their eagerness in having the studio ready at the earliest possible since it would not only serve as an operating centre for the students community radio, but would also be utilised extensively for recording purposes by students (e.g. musical recordings).

Therefore, owing to the urgent requirements of the studio for ongoing and planned student activities (including the planned students community radio), Dean Infrastructure assured the committee that the construction of the studio would be completed at the earliest possible, preferably before the next SAC meeting.

Action: Dean, Infrastructure

1.3. Installation of wifi in hostel common rooms

A Senior System Programmer, representing CSC as a special invitee, informed the council that CSC was ready to install and implement wifi in hostel common rooms by March 15, 2016. All council members welcomed the efforts of CSC and expressed hope that wifi would become operational in all hostel common rooms by March 15, 2016.

Action: Head, CSC

1.4. Bicycle Sharing System on campus

Project head, Bicycle Sharing system told the council that a pilot version would be conducted the following month with two stations in place. Requirements for online implementation were complete and hardware-software integration part was pending after which the pilot installation will be made at already existing bicycle stands in the campus.

Action: Project heads, Bicycle Sharing system

2. Update on the Lecture Hall Complex facilities (Food Court, Student Lounge)

General Secretary, SAC requested Dean, Infrastructure to update the council about the status of complete handover of the LHC to IIT Delhi for full utilisation by students (including setting up of the food court and student lounges).

Dean Infrastructure informed the council that a chemistry laboratory was currently under construction, and finishing work was being done. The inauguration would soon take place which would include handing over of the complete LHC by CPWD to IIT administration. Further clearances for fire, security etc. were in process and everything was expected to be ready in a couple of months.

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Dean Student Affairs told the council that vendors had been identified for the food court area and just needed a go-ahead from the council. Further, laying of proper utilities (electricity connections, wash basins, water supply lines, garbage disposal system etc.) was required before any food outlet could be made operational.

General Secretary, BSW enquired about the student lounges and when they could be opened to the students, to which Dean, Academics reassured that it would be done as soon as the security issue was sorted.

3. Approval of the community radio guidelines

SAC General Secretary informed the council that a draft of operating guidelines for IITD-CR committee had been prepared by the student team and was approved by Associate Dean, Events and all General Secretaries. It was decided that the draft be circulated electronically along with the minutes to all SAC members for comments (to be provided within a week of circulation) after which the operating guidelines (with modifications as required according to comments received) would stand approved.

Action: General Secretary, SAC

4. Issues concerning the IITD hospital

General Secretary, SAC informed the council that the students complained of long waiting hours in the IITD Hospital and also unavailability of staff specially during the weekends. An online portal for fixing appointments in the IIT Delhi hospital along with an increase in number of doctor positions was suggested to fix the issues.

Head, Hospital Services informed the council that two vacancies existed there and 1 more would exist after August. They had a requirement of 16 doctors but they cannot be filled up immediately.

President, BRCA pointed out that it were an academic emergency for the students, not a medical emergency and an online system for the same should be looked into.

House Secretary, Himadri complained about the lack of specialist doctors in the IIT Delhi hospital and that patients had to wait for over a month's time for check-up. Deputy Director, Operations assured the council that this problem would be looked into and a solution would be implemented at the earliest.

Action: Head, Hospital Services

5. Mandatory online manifesto for posts of General Secretaries

SAC General Secretary proposed that online submissions of manifestos should be made compulsory for the posts of General Secretaries.

Dean Student Affairs told the council that this had already been discussed and the deadline should not be too strict because Friday elections is erratic. However, efforts will be made to make these manifestos online.

On 1.10.2014

6. Cementing the shortcut from girls' hostels to LHC

Dean, Infrastructure informed the council that this is not possible at this stage as New technology block construction would be started in some time and whole area would be cordoned.

7. Any other issue with the permission of the chair

i.) Dean Infrastructure congratulated the NSS on the recycling campaign they had undertaken, however he pointed out that the collection process is not sustainable because the boxes used for collection were fabricated out of cardboard and hence were not strong enough to last more than ten days. Also were being used as dustbins and not serving the purpose they had been installed for.

NSS General Secretary informed the council that the permanent designs had been completed and submitted to the Institute Engineer already, and these would be installed as soon as possible around campus, especially in the blocks.

ii.) Dean Infrastructure informed the council that as the hostels are old, a team is currently working on revamping the hostels completely including new furniture, and electric fittings etc. They would take two hostels at a time, wing wise to improve the overall atmosphere and ambience.

The council congratulated Dean Infrastructure for the 3000 windows that had been equipped with mosquito nets already.

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