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STUDENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL

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Minutes of SAC Meeting held on 26.08.2014

The meeting was chaired by Prof. R.K. Shevgaonkar, Director IIT Delhi. The following agenda points were discussed

1. **Approval of the minutes of meeting held on 29.04.2014**
2. **Proposal of a new student cell for efficient alumni interaction under Dean of Alumni Affairs and International Programmes (AAIP)**

The Dean Alumni Affairs briefed the council about the ongoing activities regarding alumni affairs and international students in the institute. After this, a presentation was made by Mr. Prateek Sharma and Miss Khushboo Soni, overall student coordinators, AAIP. They proposed the formation of new Alumni Student Communication Cell (ASCC) with an objective of providing better alumni interaction to students, raising funds for various co-curricular activities inside the campus and for acclimatization of international students in the campus.

- a) SAC decided that ASCC should focus on alumni interaction only and the international students should be left out of its purview as the Foreign Student Advisor is responsible for international students.
- b) The BSW General Secretary and the BRCA General Secretary told the council that alumni interaction events are organized during their respective board festivals. Also, some hostels have the post of "Hostel Alumni Secretary" with the purpose of organizing interaction events with hostel alumni. It was recommended that there should be no duplication in the efforts in contacting alumni.

3. **Inclusion of incoming maintenance secretary in the electorate for the elections of the BHM General Secretary**

The SAC General Secretary informed the council that in 2014 SAC elections, only the incoming House and incoming Mess Secretary formed the electorate for General Secretary, BHM elections and maintenance secretary was not allowed to vote during the elections. Probably there was a typographical error in the last constitutional review of BHM because of which the maintenance secretary was missed. The maintenance secretary is an integral part of BHM and had the right to vote before last elections.

- a) SAC decided that the maintenance Secretary will again be a part of electorate for the elections of BHM general secretary from next elections.

4. **Recommendation for centralization of no dues forms for different laboratories in all departments as currently followed in the Chemical Engineering Department**

At present B. Tech students have to get no dues forms signed by over 40 laboratories in charges in some departments at a time when they have not visited majority of those labs during their tenure. These creates a lot of hassles for both the students and the lab in charges.

- a) A feasible solution could be if all the laboratories in the department send a list of only the defaulters to the Head of Department (HoD) office. The student could get the no

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dues from signed centrally from the HOD office. This model is being followed in the Chemical Engineering Department at present

Action: Heads of all departments through Dean (Academics)

- b) It was also decided to look into the possibility of making the no dues form system completely online in future.

Student Volunteer: General Secretary, BSW

5. Formation Access of internal websites like Moodle and Web Based Academic Management System(WBAMS) from outside the campus

The SAC General Secretary suggested that the web based academic management system and Moodle can be made accessible for outside the campus due to issues faced by day scholars who are unable to cope up with hostel residents in matters like getting homework notifications, uploading assignments. Also the hostel residents face issues during the semester break during which the system becomes inaccessible from outside the campus.

- a) SAC decided that the WBAMS and Moodle could be made accessible from outside the campus provided that there are no security issues with the same.

Action: Head, Computer Services Centre (CSC)

6. Extension of Library Timings to 24*7

The SAC General Secretary informed the council about the shortage of reading spaces in the institute area. A long term solution to the problem would be the reading room being constructed in the new academic building. In the short term, a solution was proposed to increase the library timing to 24*7.

- a) SAC decided that the complete library would be open till 12:00 AM as in done at present. After 12:00 AM, only the top floor of the library shall be available to the students for studying.
- b) Prof. B.D. Gupta, professor in charge, library informed the council that this would require for sanctioning of more manpower and for installation of an RFID system on the second floor. The administration agreed to both the demands.

Action: Prof. B.D. Gupta, Professor In charge, Library

7. Reduction of LAN Ban timings by 1 hour

The SAC General Secretary proposed reduction of the LAN Ban time from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM instead of the present time of 1:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

- a) The proposal was denied by SAC on the grounds that five hours of LAN Ban had been introduced in the welfare of the students and anyone interested in working online can come to the institute area to work.

8. Setting up of Wi Fi connections in the hostel common rooms

The SAC General Secretary suggested for setting up Wi-Fi access points in the hostels common areas like hostel mess, common room, TV room etc.

- a) SAC agreed that the Wi-Fi connections may be setup. However these routers would work for the same time as the Local Area Network (LAN) in the hostels. Hence, they would be not be operational from 1:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

Action: Head, Computer Services Centre (CSC)

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9. Increasing the frequency and number of buses from hostel to institute areas

The SAC General Secretary proposed the implementation of shuttle bus service in the campus from SAC circle in the hostel area. However, it was figured out that such a system would not be very beneficial for hostels like Jwalamukhi, Girnar and Udaigiri which are relatively far away from SAC circle.

- a. SAC decided that the route of the buses operating will be altered such that 2 buses start simultaneously from Nilgiri and Jwalamukhi hostel.

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- b. The administration shall look into the prospect of buying more buses.

10. Presenting the Minutes of meeting of Associate Deans (Events) with all General Secretaries regarding with hostel residents in matters like getting homework notifications, uploading assignments

Following were the decisions approved by SAC in this regard

- a) The mentors would be allowed to meet the mentees before 10:00 PM in only in the common areas in hostels. Chairman, Proctorial team and the hostel warden would be provided with a list of mentors and may decide to allocate a specific time for such meetings.
- b) The freshers would be allowed to attend workshops and participate in freshers only team events after the first three weeks in IIT Delhi.
- c) At present, freshers are not allowed to participate in group activities before Rendezvous. This rule was put into place when Rendezvous was organized in September whereas now it is organized in October. Hence, it was decided that freshers would be allowed to voluntarily participate in team events in SAC board and CAIC but only after minor 1.

11. Any other issue with the permission of the Chair

- a. The General Secretary, BSA informed the council that due to the disciplinary action on more than 350 students of 2013 entry batch, they are not allowed to represent IIT Delhi. While the students understand the degree of their mistake and repent it, the inter IIT sports contingent is at great loss because of the above ruling as skilled players are unable to participate. This will adversely affect the performance of IIT Delhi in the Inter IIT Sports meet this year and the sports culture in the institute in the long run. The clause of the "non-representation of IIT Delhi" was present in the disciplinary committee action because of a senate ruling which states that this clause would be added as additional punishment in any institute level disciplinary action.

It was decided that a request to reconsider the above clause may be made to the disciplinary committee. It may also be requested that some alternate form of punishment (like more number of NSS hours, other social work, and participation in NGO etc.) may be considered by the disciplinary committee.

- b. The issue of sanitation problem arising from lack of wash basins at Southy and Rakesh Cafeteria was brought up. The council decide that the issue may be referred to dean infrastructure for necessary action.

Action: Dean Infrastructure

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c. The institute lift in MS building does not work for 24 hours a day and this causes problems to the students working late night in labs. It was recommended that at least 1 out of the 4 lifts in the institute area could be made available for 24 hours.

Action: Dean Infrastructure

d. The setup of Air Conditioners in the new reading rooms in block V may kindly be expedited. The issue was discussed and approved in the last SAC meeting.

Action: Dean Infrastructure

e. The issue of poor drinking water quality in the Multi-storey building and the academic blocks was raised. It was decided that a detailed list of locations with poor water quality will be submitted by General Secretary, SAC to the administration and new water purifiers will be installed at required locations.

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