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STUDENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL

No. IITD/SAC/21/2013/ISTA-
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Dated:

Minutes of the SAC Meeting held on 29.04.2013

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

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 21.02.2013

2. Drinking water issues on campus

- a. The issues regarding the dearth of accessible potable water in the academic area was raised for a second time to the Council. Proper demarcation of drinking and non-drinking sources, difference in the taste of water across all sources and the use of the few sources for drinking as well as cleaning purposes was also raised.
- b. The Dean of Student Affairs said that 25 RO systems had already been procured and installed in all the hostels and one was to be installed in the student canteen as well.
- c. A proper inspection of all existing drinking water sources has been done by SAC representatives and a report is being submitted to Dean, Infrastructure.

3. Security issues on campus:

- a. The SAC G Sec raised the issue of boys not being allowed beyond Himadri circle after 11 PM. The issue was informed to have been resolved earlier and all the security guards had been briefed about the absence of any such rule.
- b. A presentation was made by Captain Yadav, raising the following points
 - I. An online feedback on Security in IIT Delhi was conducted in April and the analysis of the data collected was presented to the Council. The report also included suggestions made by the students
 - II. Captain Yadav announced the formation of a new 'Environmental Health and Lab Safety Unit' and wanted to take the water system problem into its ambit.
 - III. The issue of the Kailash gate opening after 11 PM was raised through the survey and otherwise and Capt. Yadav, the Director and the Dean had no objections to it. It was decided they would sit with the Warden and decide upon a course of action.
 - IV. Other points raised during the presentation were that a security guard was removed after complaints against him were verified, a

few guards were trained for anti-terrorism activities and a workshop on the sensitization of the female guards was conducted.

- V. Students were asked to take to avoid a few things like taking care of their belongings, locking their bicycles, keeping motorized vehicles on campus, smoking and consuming alcohol, using abusive language, gate-crashing weddings, indecent public behavior early morning, vandalism during Holi, eating late night off-campus, littering with coffee cups and feeding dogs. The faculty members of the council supported the concerns raised.
- VI. Captain Yadav also mentioned new changes in the system and future plans they have regarding parking problems near the main building, reducing thefts, bicycle banks, RFID cards and even a panic button for students.

4. Issues with pricing and quality standards in student canteens and kiosks

The SAC G Sec initiated the discussion on the fluctuating quality and increasing prices in the student canteens and proposed a committee of students be formed to monitor the same. The motion was accepted and a committee of students has been formed since the meeting for the same.

5. Other issues

- a. Dog menace on campus:
 - I. The issue was raised and the administration commented that many of the dogs had already been neutered.
 - II. Since then IIT Delhi has collaborated with an NGO called Neighbourhood Woof for help on the issue. They have successfully sterilized over hundred dogs in the campus so far.
- b. Library and Reading Room related issues
 - I. Motion for number of charging points in the library to be increased. The action has been taken since the meeting
 - II. AC in the Reading Room shuts after library closes. The issue has been pursued by the SAC G Sec since then ending up with staff problems.
- c. Problems faced by New Vindhyachal and Nalanda residents:
 - I. Problems related to water cooler and cycle stand was raised by the representative. So far the construction of the cycle stand has been completed but the installation of water cooler is still pending.
 - II. It was proposed to that the free medical treatment should be extended to the children and spouse of married scholars but the Deputy Director pointed out that this would create a lot of issues including the married scholars demanding the same for their parents which not be possible because of budget constraints. The married student representative was asked to confirm whether other IITs have this facility.
- d. SAC representatives as permanent members –

The Dean of Students pointed out that because of the lack of any permanent record of SAC representatives it was not feasible to make them permanent members.

e. Open meetings with hostel residents-

It was proposed that open meeting with the hostel residents be made compulsory for all house secretaries. While the Dean of Students encouraged the students to do so, he told that because of difficulty of ensuring whether such meeting took place, this cannot be made compulsory.

f. One candidate one nomination-

It was decided that one person would be allowed to contest for the post of only one General Secretary from next elections to avoid having elections multiple times if the same candidate gets elected to more than one position.

Maheep Singh
(General Secretary, SAC)

All Members

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