



# Council Of Students for Hostel Affairs Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Rutuj Jugade | Convener



The 2<sup>nd</sup> special meeting of COSHA 2016-17 was held on Tuesday, 26 July. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Attendance sheet has been attached in a separate document.

1. Confirmation of minutes
  - The minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> special meeting of COSHA 2015-16 were presented in the COSHA and the same were accepted by the members.
2. Announcements and Remarks
  - The new members of the committee present in the meeting were asked to introduce themselves.
  - Members were informed about the new COSHA website and requested to forward their details to the Convener, COSHA.
  - The new structure of COSHA was informed to the committee.
3. Hall Allocation Policy
  - There were several last minute challenges that came up during the course of the summers. The Convener, COSHA, expecting some more changes in the exact numbers in some of the Halls, asked that the item be deferred, and the committee agreed.
4. Issue of canteens not following CEMMC rules
  - Mr. Amit Ranjan pointed out that the canteens' menus are not consistent with CEMMC guidelines and the food quality and hygiene as well are not up to the mark.
  - Mr. Ranjan added that the CEMMC, to solve this problem had agreed to pay surprise visits to the halls with the cooperation of HEC's. HEC's were requested to confirm with the canteens.
  - The Hall Presidents were asked to request CEMMC for filing up the open slots for shops in their halls. Further, Mr. Ranjan pointed out that if required, we could have some shops in some common area instead of specific halls.
  - Ms. Vijeta Anand, a general body member, asked about the expected date for GH-1 canteen to be functional. Mr. Ranjan answered that the Hall-1 canteen owner shall soon open a canteen in GH-1 as well. Further, he added that the offer for Bru Café was up for consideration.
5. The issue of NRA tower
  - The issue of water quality was settled stating that quality checks suggested that even tap water was potable.
  - The procedure of shed near mess is being followed.
  - The PIC declined the request for AC for storages due to 2 major reasons:
    - a) The residents would be shifting soon.



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- b) Site visit suggested that having a window AC there was not feasible. The alternative of deep freezers was given as a possible solution.
- The issue was deferred to allow time for collecting more opinions from the general body of NRA-T.
6. To consider the proposal regarding Centralized Mess Committee
- The proposed composition involved mess secretaries of all the halls, the President, Students' Gymkhana and the Convener, COSHA.
  - The mandate of the committee was to address issues common across the messes of several halls, including keeping a record of items in mess (food and other), keeping track of price and quality to maintain efficient mess services at minimum price.
  - A suggestion was made to conduct market surveys to control price hikes.
  - A question was raised regarding the provision of centralised purchasing for the messes of all the halls. It was decided that this issue would be taken up later.
  - Mr. Amit Ranjan and Mr. Siddhant Naik suggested that a general body member from each hall should be included for more transparency. The general body member was advised to be the ex- Mess Secretary or someone from the mess committee, but some members felt the need to have representation apart from the HECs. The President suggested that any one of them may attend the first meeting and a decision shall be taken accordingly.
7. Proposal of uniform dates for HEC elections
- The President informed the committee that August 21-27 were the tentative dates for HEC elections in this semester. This was suggested keeping in mind the Gymkhana calendar .
  - The President further clarified that the election would end before the start of SnT code with a few hours of gap to avoid clashes with the code of conduct.
  - After thorough discussion, a structure was proposed for the EC of the halls:
    - a) The EC of each Hall will involve a maximum of 20 members with 20% of the decided members being the members nominated by the CEO, Students' Gymkhana with the minimum of such representatives being 1.
    - b) In case of major grievances, any reporting done by the CEO, Students' Gymkhana and/or his/her nominee to the Chairman, CoW\* should keep the warden in loop for example, if the reporting is done through mail, the warden must be sent the mail in CC.
    - c) The final deciding authority in case of matters where no one warden has the complete pervue, rests in the hands of Chairman, CoW\*.
  - The decision regarding the nominees of CEO, Students' Gymkhana being residents of the hall in consideration or not or if both type of members to be included was to be decided on the mailing list.



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8. Discussion on pre-conduction report of General Championship 2016/17
- The President mentioned that Melange may be scrapped if the new structure proposed for the event is not tried and tested or in case anything in the pre-conduction report of Melange is not followed. Relevant information shall be provided in the post-conduction report and the points will be distributed equally among other events.
  - Ms. Vijeta Anand requested that Veeras be allowed to participate in the events currently closed for them in Inferno as inter-wing events. Such events shall not be considered for final points tally. The suggestion was accepted in principle by the committee.
  - The points restructuring of Galaxy and Inferno was noted by the committee.
  - Mr. Siddhant Naik enquired into the possibility of making Hall-2 an open pool to participate in Galaxy. The suggestion met with a unanimous positive response from the committee. The President assured the house that he shall formally request DoSA to allow the same.
  - An objection was raised by Mr. Anshumali Mishra, President Hall-5, regarding the ratio of points received for second position. Upon further discussion however, members accepted the current proposed ratio i.e. 0.55.
  - Other objections were raised by Mr. Atul Bimbraw, President Hall-10, regarding the extrapolation of points of Hall-2. Mr. Bimbraw believed that since Hall-2 shall participate in an event lesser than the rest of the Halls, the extrapolation should be done to 90-95% and not 100%. The President clarified that this measure has been done due to them being unable to take part in Galaxy, and not a choice. The committee finally agreed to continue with the existing policy.
9. To consider the pool structure for General Championship 2016-17
- The President suggested that a PG boys' hostel could be included with Veeras. The members from Veeras present in the meeting however rejected this proposal.
  - Another proposal was discussed that any person from any pool be allowed to participate on behalf of Veeras in group/pool events (but not in individual events). The proposal was accepted by the committee with a clause that there be an upper cap of 50% for participation of people from other pools in any group/pool event.
  - The lottery system for pool allocation was followed. The final pool structure was agreed to as follows:

a) Hall-2 and Hall-4	Rajputs
b) Hall-3 and Hall-7	Mauryans
c) Hall-5 and Hall-11	Mughals
d) Hall-10 and Hall-8	Marathas
e) Hall-6 and GH-1	Veeras



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The meeting was adjourned at 7:36PM.

\* - Post discussion in the Senate, the authority has been decided to be the ADHA and not the Chairman, CoW.