

Proposal for Dynamic messing System

Mission: In order to facilitate the students of IIT Kanpur to dine for their meal according to their wish every month giving the student enough flexibility and to create a healthy competition among the messing contractors and mess committees of various halls. As IIT Kanpur has expanded now with 12 messes it is necessary to give a variety and freedom for students to opt their mess.

Facts: Currently the every student on campus Y9 and onwards pay a sum of Rs.57.5/day in the form of MEC over and above the approx. BDMR of Rs.45/-

External Registration Capacity/Cap It is defined as the total no. of external students from other halls who could register in a particular mess in a particular month. This no. is over and above the no. of students residing in that hall. This no. can be arrived by the concern hall HEC and mess committee.

For eg: external registration capacity/cap for GH1,GH2 - 50, Hall 2,3,4,5,10 - 100 Hall 1,9,7,8,11 - 150 (these no's are arrived based on the current student strength of that hall and the capacity of the mess).

Guidelines and procedures for Registration

1. Any Student (say S) who would like to register in Hall A mess is expected to go and register in that hall office between (20-26 of the previous month i.e., 20-26 of Jan if I need to register for Feb) by paying fixed charges of Rs.(no.of days in the subsequent month*y). Payment would be made only by PoS machines which would be installed in all the hall office, immediately after which he/she would be issued a card/slip/receipt with their name and roll no. which can be produced by the student on claim by the mess staffs. He/she also has to show their semester registration details to the hall office; this is just to check whether the student has registered for hosteller.

Note: y can be the average BDMR of the last 3 months of that mess +/- z; z can be fixed by the mess committee of that mess

i.e., before 20th of every month, every hall has to display the factor y

eg., for the month of february $y = (\text{avg.BDMR of Oct, Nov \& Dec}) \pm z$

2. All the extra messing facility would be available for that student, S by paying it through cash to the coupon clerk; the rates would be on par with the residents of that hall.
3. it is the responsibility of the student, S to go and de-register for the coming month in his/her parent hall, otherwise it would lead him/her to be paying the mess bill in his/her parent hall as well. The parent hall would de-register if only if he/she shows the receipt of the registration in other mess. This has to be repeated every month if in case he/she continues to dine elsewhere other than the parent hall.
4. Every hall office has to maintain the records of the registered and de-registered students for the mess and should be reporting to the messing contractor and the mess committee latest by 28th of the month.

Merits

1. Any mess dropping down to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total strength of that hall, the contractor should be issued a warning notice and dropping down to $\frac{1}{2}$ should lead to the termination of the contractor.
2. any mess exhausting the entire external registration cap continuously for 3 months, should be given 5 star status both for the mess committee and the contractor
3. this system would enable a healthy competition among the messing contractors and mess committee and also enables students to register according to their wish

Measures

1. The collection of hall fund of Rs.40/50/60 should be collected on semester basis and not on monthly basis as currently.
2. It is the responsibility of the messing staffs of the de-registered student of the parent hall to ensure that he/she doesn't take their meal in spite of de-registering.
3. All the external registration fees would be added as a income gained in the calculation of BDMR

De-merits

1. this system does not allow the student to apply for rebate, rebate can be made only if you are messing in your parent halls
2. In the initial phase the no. of mess workers in any mess can continue to be the same (ie., total mess workers in the ratio of 1:10 and 1:11.25 on any given day), some mechanism has to be made to route the mess workers from the messes where the strength drops down to $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ to those halls exhausting all the external registration capacity.

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