



Council of Students' for Hostel Affairs (2017-18)

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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Minutes: 1st Meeting of the Council of Students' for Hostel Affairs

The 2017-18/1st Meeting of the Council of Students' for Hostel Affairs (COSHA) was held on Friday, 28th July, 2017 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Convener, COSHA at 8:30 PM.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:
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The Convener, Council of Students' Hostel Affairs presented the minutes of 1st Special Meeting COSHA 2016-17 for confirmation. The minutes were confirmed by the Council with one change in Item-15 of 1st Special Meeting: "The Chief Election Officer (CEO) of Student's Gymkhana to be made the supreme authority in case of election discrepancy. All members of the Council agreed to the proposal with the only exception of Hall-3." The same changes are reflected upon in the minutes of this meeting and would be considered superseding to the previously presented minutes.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson, COSHA:

- Announcements from Convener, CoSHA
 - Shifting of students from Hall-8 I Block to GH2 ensured
 - PhD students from NRA-T aren't shifted for the moment
 - Shifting of students from Hall-12 to Hall-10 and vice-versa are ensured
 - Both entrant UG and PG accommodation have been ensured during the summer period
 - MTech, MSc, MSR, MDes students are staying in Hall-10 and Hall-11
 - Phd and MBA are staying in Hall 4, 7 and 8
 - UG Students are accommodated in Hall-2, 3, 5, 12
 - UG degree extended are accommodated in Hall-13
- Notable Remarks related to Shifting
 - Commendable efforts have been presented by the Hall-8 administration and the GHT administration during the hall shift of their residents
 - Incoming President Hall-12, Incoming President Hall-10, Incoming Mess Secretary Hall-10 had been extremely active during the shifting period.
 - On behalf of CoSHA, the Convener would like to express his sincere gratitude to the mentioned members for extending their utmost cooperation in this matter.

Item No. 3	To discuss the Action Taken Report of the COSHA
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The COSHA made all the relevant amendments to the action taken report. The changes may be found at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RARoKpvNAEnbI15hOMqSlr-17w9MKh5i10jjbvN8wuc/edit#gid=1829818108>

The following action numbers have been marked completed: 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19. Other pending actions have been edited in the document.

Following discussions have been taken place over the remaining ATR

- Installation of washing machine in halls having this requirement can be carried using the DOIP 101 form and for the same the Hall Presidents are requested to update soon.
- A new list of WiFi router requirement would be circulated and the halls would be requested to submit their requirements
- Hall-5 constitution would be re-circulated to all the Hall Presidents
- Requirements for water tests to be recirculated

On Action Item Number - 14 of the ATR, the Council directed the Convener, CoSHA and the Hall-12 President to come up with a plan to take it forward and present its financial analysis.

Item No. 4	To discuss the updates on the electricity issue and discuss its action plan
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The following updates were discussed in the meeting:

1. It has been proposed that we have a uniform standardized rates charged on semester basis
2. The calculation of the standard rates would be done once the phase one of LED installation is over. i.e. by January 2018
3. A standard rate would be charged based on the estimates from Aug'17 to Dec'17 and the proposed rate would be considered for the Jan'18 to Apr'18 semester
4. After the revision of all errors in the estimates, the rates would be redefined from Apr'18 and would be charged same on regular basis
5. A major con identified from this model is that it would negatively affect the psychology of the individuals and people would be pseudo-discouraged to save electricity

The Council agrees to move with the revised model for electricity billing subject to the condition that phase-1 of installation is completed.

It was also highlighted that access to documents has been a major issue for Hall-8. Hence the Council directs the chairman CoSHA, Convener CoSHA and Hall-8 President to discuss this with the relevant functionaries in great detail. A point was raised that in GH2 the students were supposedly also charged for the electricity usage of the construction equipments. Chairman CoSHA will talk to the DOSA for the electricity consumption point in GH2.



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Item No. 5	To consider the decisions taken on the stray dogs' issue in summer and to discuss their updates
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The Council agrees to the following conditions/propositions:

- Restricted feeding grounds to be used by various halls residents for all dog feeding related matters
- UG Hall Presidents to submit a list of people who would like to volunteer for the cause of dog sterilization
- To consider the possibility of sharing of a list of dog volunteers
- Possibility of reuse of mess food wastes for feeding dogs would be explored by all halls and the Council agrees in principle with this idea

Item No. 6	To discuss the installation of a solar plant at campus
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The Council agrees in principle with the idea and decides to form a sub-committee to explore further possibilities for this proposal. A subcommittee is formed to look into this matter of electricity bill consumption and solar power. The sub-committee would consist of the following members:

1. Gaganpreet
2. Pratyush (convener)
3. Rupam Biswas
4. Anant Chopra
5. Navanya

Item No. 7	To discuss the ideas related to Mess Empanelment
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The committee is directed to appoint Convener, CoSHA as its Convener and is directed to meet extensively to discuss the ideas related to empanelment. The issues of BDMR increase and dynamic messing have also been forwarded in the mandate of this sub-committee.

Item No. 8	To discuss the pool structure of General Championship
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The following pool structure is decided by the Council:

Rajputs	Hall 2 Hall 4
Mauryans	Hall 3 Hall 7
Mughals	Hall 5 Hall 11
Marathas	Hall 12 Hall 8
Veeras	Hall 6, GH-1, Hall 10



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Item No. 9	To discuss the conduction of Water Potability Test in all Halls
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Hall Presidents are requested to submit their test requirements. The Council directs the CoSHA, Convener to circulate a form for collecting the test requirements.

Item No. 10	To consider the dates for HEC elections scheduled to happen in August 2017
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The HEC elections are to be held in the period between August 5th to August 21st. CoSHA convener to recirculation of Guidelines for HEC elections.

Item No. 11	To discuss the lack of participation of Hall-4 in CoSHA activities
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The new representatives of Hall-4 assured the members of Council that they would participate in regular activities. They highlighted many internal issues and sought to discuss them in person, with the Chairman, CoSHA.

Item No. 12	To consider a proposal to raise BD MR
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The item was merged with the mandate given to the committee formed to look into MEC modifications.

Item No. 13	To consider a proposal for dynamic messing
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The item was merged with the mandate given to the committee formed to look into MEC modifications.

Item No. 14	To consider the proposal for increasing reach of the Council's activities
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The item was deferred for discussion in the next meeting

Item No. 15	To consider the request of a GH2 resident for a discussion on formation of a separate HEC in GH2
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The Council aimed to address the underlying issue and suggested to address them at the hall level. The Council decided to form a sub-committee to look into this regard and gave the following mandate to it: To look forward to the issues related to the functioning of the HEC and to suggest modifications in the current structure. The sub-committee would have the following members:



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1. Navanya
2. Arpita (Convener)
3. Aayushi
4. Rupam
5. Pratyush

The committee has been requested to submit its suggestions by the next meeting.

Item No. 16	To discuss arranging of funds for Hall-12 for this year's General Championship
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In principle, the Council agrees to the proposition for lending money to Hall-12. The Council requests Hall-12 President to discuss and finalize a manner in which he intends to take it forward.

Item No. 17	Questions and Remarks, if any
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A question was raised regarding the role of HEC in hall-canteen tender offering of a particular hall. It was cleared that Hall Presidents are involved in the tendering process.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM.