



Council of Students' Hostel Affairs Students' Gymkhana



MEC Committee

Dear All,

Based upon the discussions held in all previous meetings held on MEC and the meetings involving all hall presidents as invitees, the following minutes are presented by the MEC committee. The committee decides that the new model being proposed (the 'restaurant model' which charges a fixed combined amount for food on daily basis) has several disadvantages as compared to the current model (which includes MEC + BDMM breakup) including the ones mentioned here:

1. Possible loss of HEC control over purchase of raw material
2. Possible loss of HEC control over mess workers
3. No significant reduction in overall prices as compared to the current model
4. Loss of control over individual vendors for food items and other food parameters
5. Loss of mess review mechanisms

The committee is of the opinion that the new contract should not be implemented in its current form. Rather, shifting of workers from other halls to hall-13 would be a more viable option in consideration of the fact that reduction of total mess workers in all halls need to be a constant and no need for firing of workers is required at any stage. This could also help accommodate a minor reduction in student to worker ratio maintaining the current workers. The committee also recommends

1. An increment in the cap of BDMM as compared to the current cap.
2. Centralising purchase of food items of common interest to all halls. The committee requests all HECs to cooperate for the same with one another.
3. The committee requests all halls to follow upon an internal review of their mess system and give on suggestions to incorporate any other changes that the hall believes would be relevant for all halls.

The committee concludes the discussion on MEC with the aforementioned remarks. Any additional inputs may also be considered by the committee if deemed necessary to be discussed by the Senate.

Warm Regards
