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Mid-Term Report

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General Affairs Council:

Institute Standing Committees

1) Institute Advisory Committee

- a. Career Development Cell has been reconstituted by with Prof Deepu Philip as the Chairman.
- b. A sub-committee was formed to look into the proposal of Sponsorship in Students' Gymkhana.
- c. The Gymkhana calendar was presented by the Acting President in the meeting.
- d. The feedback to the Director from the Students' Senate was discussed in length and the relevant authorities were directed to take necessary actions
- e. There were three IAC meetings held to address the unrest following the sad demise of Mr. Alok Pandey. The committee took some decisions based on the students' demands, after which the protest ended.

2) Health Centre Users Committee

- a. Hall 10 Medical Dispensary Review was conducted. Statistics collected in the student review survey were presented and the services at Hall 10 Dispensary are being continued.
- b. There has been a new OPD introduced exclusively for the students
- c. A preventive cardiology program to take care of the cardiac health has been initiated in the Health Centre.
- d. The following proposals based on the meeting of the Students' Senate have been itemised in HCUC. They will be discussed in the upcoming meetings:
Increasing the number of student representatives in HCUC to ensure more diverse opinion and better representation of the students' issues in HCUC.
Organizing Medical camps for basic health check-up of IIT Kanpur community.

Having some standard protocols for diagnosis and more importantly make the community aware about these protocols

Monthly review of the complaints registered on Pingala regarding Health Centre.

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3) Security Advisory and Executive Committee

- a. The construction of the new road connecting Nankari and the GT road has been completed. The traffic from Chandel and Pradhan gate would now be diverted to the new road, reducing the traffic of motorized vehicles on the road connecting the Hall 2 and the IITK gate.

4) CEMMC

- a. Dominos was inaugurated on February 19th 2016. The outlet provides 15% discount to the students with five offers being made every month
- b. CCD has been renovated with increase in its seating capacity. The timings of outlet have been increased from 7:00 am till 1:00 am, with 24x7 services during the mid-sems and end-sems. The menu of CCD has also been upgraded to provide a change to the community.
- c. The canteens of Hall 12, GH2, Academic Canteen, CC Canteen and shopping centre have been tendered to Pandit, a national outlet. The services of the Academic and CC canteen are expected to start before December
- d. New Departmental Store, Cycle shop and Drycleaner's shop have started operations in the New Shopping complex area. An ATM machine has also been installed in the New ShopC.
- e. The CEMMC online Feedback, Suggestions and Complaint system has been upgraded.
- f. Construction of Urban Crave is currently underway and is expected to be completed by October 2016. The proposal for having a Subway outlet has been delayed due to issues with the franchise owner
- g. Pond for renovation into an outing spot is being identified. The selected area would be upgraded using the funds raised from the Classroom gift program
- h. Chowpatty Location has been changed, with shops being divided into two locations: some outside Hall 3 and the others near Hall 9.
- i. The number of E-Rickshaws in the campus have been increased to 20. The tender for the same will be floated soon.
- j. Various steps have been taken to keep a check on the quality of food and safety in the various eateries, some of which are: A parameter check form, safety visits to the shops, etc.
- k. The proposal to introduce Shiru Café which would provide free drinks and beverages to the community in the Students' Lounge is currently under deliberation.
- l. The proposal to renovate the Library fountain area has been sent to CEMMC and is currently under deliberation.

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5) Minimum Wage Users' Committee

The committee made surprise visits to various hostel messes to check forgery in the attendance. The committee has also issued strict orders to the contractors asking them to release the payments of the workers in time.

The proposal for barring the blacklisted workers from holding any position in the Institute has been sent to MWUC and is currently under deliberation.

6) Computer Centre Coordination Committee

The policy of having authentication check on every network access point has been accepted by the committee. Additionally, the following agenda items have been sent for deliberation:

Review of the Roundcube Webmail Service

Introduction of new mailing lists

Students' Activity Centre

- a. A complete asset verification of all the components kept in the New SAC was performed.
- b. POS machines were installed in all the eateries of New SAC
- c. A review of the food outlets running in the New SAC was carried out. Based on the survey responses, the contract of Veggies has been terminated and Kathi Rolls has been re-tendered.
- d. Guidelines for the SAC workers were issued to ensure smooth functioning in the SAC.
- e. Rates for using the OAT, multipurpose room and other areas have been revised.
- f. The food menu for the Crown burgers and Kathi Rolls has been changed.
- g. One additional shop was allotted to Dominos to ensure better services to the community.
- h. Dustbins in the SAC have been replaced and new ones have been ordered to keep a check on hygiene and cleanliness in the SAC area
- i. A general guideline for the SAC is currently being prepared and will be released soon

Gymkhana Library:

1) Activities Undertaken:

- a) Online Late Fee Collection: A step towards transparency in operation. From now on all fine and fees of book club will be collected online.
- b) Cataloging: Counting and Sorting of books is going on. This will help members to search and find their favorite books easily and quickly.

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2) Future Plans:

- a) Ordering new books and magazines.
- b) We are collaborating with MacMillan India to conduct an event, details of which are being worked out.
- c) Upgrading the outdated website.

Nostalgia and Yearbook:

The event of Bon Voyage was successfully conducted on April 9, 2016. The event included a DJ in the Hall 1 Parking lot and free food coupons for the graduating batch students. Yearbook saw huge participation from Y12 students with 720 copies of the same being booked. The Yearbook portal was also used to generate money for the Classroom gift program; over ₹3 Lacs were raised through the campaign.

Infrastructure

1) Halls

- a. Hall 12 will be ready by October 2016
- b. Hall 13 will be ready by December 2016
- c. Half of the GH2 (200 rooms) will be ready by December 2016

2) Academic Area

- a. Lecture Hall 18, 19 and 20 are being used for regular classes
- b. Students' Lounge's construction is complete. The furniture for the lounge is being procured. The lounge is expected to be inaugurated by November 2016. It will house a canteen which would provide free drinks and beverages to the costumers

CoSHA

1) Hall Allocation

HAP was passed in the Senate and was successfully implemented during the summers. There was a shortage of accommodation due to the delay in the completion of Hall 12 and GH2.

2) Pool Allocation

Pool Allocation for General Championship 2016-17 was accepted in CoSHA with removal of Academics for the current year.

3) Electricity Billing

Students are being charged for electricity consumption on per hall per student basis since January. Some strong objections on the policy were raised on the floor of CoSHA. Based on the recommendations of an ad-hoc committee constituted,

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proposal to review the method of charging the fees and reconsidering the amount of Institute's contribution to the common area was sent to the DOIP. The committee has met once and agreed to review the policy.

4) **Common HEC Elections**

The proposal to have HEC elections in two caps (one in each semester) was unanimously accepted in CoSHA and later in the Students' Senate.

5) **Central Mess Committee**

A new sub-committee comprising of mess secretary of each hostel was constituted. The committee has been accepted in the Students' Senate. There has been one meeting of the committee and the data of perishable and non-perishable item rates of various hostels is being kept online, allowing the hostels to keep a check on corruption by the vendors.

Other Initiatives/Work Done

- a) Intra-Campus Mentorship Program was initiated which involved databasing of the graduating students. The program will now be run for the Y13 students and there are plans to organize interaction sessions for the sophomores this time.
- b) Reduction in redundant procedures during registration was actively pursued, following which library card updation was excluded from the registration process this semester.
- c) A survey was carried out regarding courses being offered in the summers. Based on the responses received, a request for offering seven specific courses was sent to the Dean, Academic Affairs; six out of these courses were finally offered to the students.
- d) A response survey for the students interning in foreign universities was carried out in summers. Following the feedback, 46 new universities have been identified for MOU signing. The proposal of introducing International Relations wing was presented in Students' Senate and the same wing will now pursue these MOUs.
- e) Feedback on the Institute website was taken and the Gymkhana website is being upgraded by the Head, Web.
- f) A campaign under the name #ThatsIITK was run on social media for the JEE aspirants. The campaign saw large participation from the campus students. The future students' website was updated, articles for various departments were uploaded on the website to aid the aspirants.
- g) Several meetings for the purchase of furniture and kitchen equipments for the new hostels were held and the tender was awarded based on the finances and the quality.

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- h) A committee has been formed to look into the provisions of the COTPA Act and implement the same in IIT Kanpur.
- i) Centralized Cycle auctioning was performed in three phases in the Hall 1 parking lot. Over 800 cycles were sold in the auctioning and an income of about ₹2.9 lacs has been generated for the Students' Gymkhana.
- j) Follow-up on the works of the former President, Students' Gymkhana was done and the following proposals have been accepted by the Institute:
 - Giving say to the Hall HECs in Warden Selection
 - Increasing the number of Student Representatives in IAC
 - Giving say in the selection of Associate Deans
 - Student Representatives in Women's Cell and ICC
- k) The proposal for common HEC elections and Central Mess committee have been passed in CoSHA and unanimously accepted in Students' Senate.
- l) The proposal for having a male student as special invitee to the Women's Cell and ICC has been accepted in the Students' Senate and is currently with the Director for approval.

Institute Events

1) Swachha Bharat Abhiyan

Organized by the MHRD, a nationwide students' engagement campaign was organized from 26th- 31st January' 2016 to realize the collective dream of "clean and sanitized India". The Institute took part in this nationwide campaign. The Swachhta pledge was signed by more than 1000 students across the hostels. A parade to collectively read out the pledge was organized in the hostels on January 31st which saw huge participation from the IITK students

2) Technology Day Celebration

Technology Day celebration was held on May 11 2016 in the Outreach auditorium. There were four oral presentations (including one from Mr. Chirag Jha, ex-General Secretary, Science and Technology), three invited speakers and an exhibition with poster presentation and display of products/projects by IITK faculty and students

3) International Yoga Day

International Yoga day celebration was held on June 21st 2016 which involved a common yoga protocol in the main stadium followed by Relaxation Meditation workshop in L1. The event saw huge participation from the campus community.

4) Convocation

49th Convocation Ceremony was successfully organized on 27th June (PG) and 28th June (UG) with the active assistance of the student volunteer team. Professor

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Satish K Tripathi graced the occasion with his presence as the Chief Guest for the PG Convocation and Prof. Arvind Panagariya, was the Chief Guest for the UG Convocation. Mr. Vishvanthan Anand was conferred with honorary Doctorate fellowship by the institute. He interacted with the IITK students and also played game of chess with the students.

5) Independence Day Fortnight

Independence day fortnight, an MHRD initiative was successfully organized from August 9th to August 23rd. There were some brilliant performances from the clubs of the Cultural council and the Science and Technology council. Independence Day function saw brilliant performances from the Music Club in the auditorium. The evening was marked by a parade march to the New SAC which was followed by an oath taking ceremony with the Prayas kids.

Awards

1) Gopal Das Bhandari Memorial Award

- a. Based on recommendations of the committee constituted by the Students' Senate, Prof. Sumit Ganguly has been selected for the Gopal Das Bhandari Memorial Award. The name is yet to be ratified in the Academic Senate

2) Distinguished Teacher Award

- a. The award was conferred upon Prof. P.M Dixit and Prof. Jitender Kumar in the Teacher's Day Function.

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Recent Unrest against the Health Centre

The recent community unrest following the sad demise of Mr. Alok Pandey was unprecedented in the history of IIT Kanpur. The protest up roared after the student died on his way to the nearby hospital. While the issues with the health centre were the major causal factor behind this protest, the unrest had deeper roots which can be related with the issues the students especially the postgraduate students face in general. These issues need to be addressed at the earliest.

The unrest also highlighted the disbelief against the Students' Gymkhana which has been persistently increasing among the student community. The protest could have been handled through the Students' Senate. However, it was a general feeling among the PG students that gymkhana could not be trusted with decision making.

Recent years have also seen decreased participation of students in the decision making process. The number of students applying for the post of Senators and for the position of the Senate nominees to various Academic senate sub-committees has gone down drastically.

All this is really alarming- the Students' Senate and Students' Gymkhana should review its existing structure to make it more inclusive for the Student community.

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Recommendations:

- 1) The number of President's nominees in the Institute Standing committees has been kept one since the time the Students' population was less than 3000. It is recommended that the number of President's nominees in these committee should be increased to 2. This would help present the students' opinions in a better way.
- 2) The issues of the PG students should be discussed at a priority basis in Students' Senate.
- 3) Hall 2 has been denied participation in Galaxy for three years owing to the recommendations of the Women's Cell on the Hall 2 Skit issue (starting from 2016). An appeal to the Academic Senate should be made in this regard.

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