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## New SAC

The development of New SAC is a 3-tier process:

- Furniture – Completed.
- Audio System – For Music room (Completed), OAT (Purchase order has been released). The work is expected to be completed by December, 2013. The inauguration happened on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 i.e. after the inauguration of Techkriti'14. Prof. Manna, Prof. S G Dhande and Prof. Ghosh graced us with their presence. Special thanks goes to Prof. Deepu Philip, Prof. Satyaki Roy, Prof. J Ramkumar, Prof Nishchal Verma, Mr. Sohil Bansal, Mr. Yash Sahai and Mr. Abhimanyu Arora. The system is in working condition, however there is a need for some modifications so as to make it perfect. The IITK New SAC OAT Sound System has been listed in the **Sound** magazine which in itself is an accomplishment. Other IITs like IIT Bombay and IIT Roorkee have requested us to share the specifics for the same. The logistics couldn't have been possible without the constant support of Mr. Gopal, Gymkhana Assistant and New SAC staff.
- Miscellaneous (Computer, projectors, curtains etc.)- completed. Unfortunately the tender process for curtain had some problems and hence re-tendering is required. It is advised to the new President to pursue this matter without any delay.
- Air-conditioning – On the request of the COSHA, a committee has been formed by the Director to evaluate the requirement of AC in Halls and New SAC. The requirement of AC in Music room has been accepted by the committee in principle. The committee will have its next meeting on 28/29<sup>th</sup> November. The committee has submitted its report to the Deputy Director and the work is expected to be completed by the month of July.
- The report recommends Air-conditioning for the Music room and FMC room (smaller one). A need for proper ventilation in all the rooms was also felt by the committee and the same will be implemented by the IWD. The Gymkhana should pursue it collectively for the speedy implementation. On the same note, the air-conditioning for all the Hall CC rooms have been recommended by the committee.
- It is recommended to the New President to make sure that we increase the staff number for New SAC maintenance. The tender will be renewed in the month of May, 2014. The terms and conditions for the shifts, no. of supervisors and no. of workers should be properly discussed. Once the area for Swimming Pool is finalized, the efforts should be made by the Senate to put forward the proposal for New SAC extension to the Administration.

## Other Institute Committees

- The committee to look into the Hall management has submitted its recommendations. As informed by the AR, DOSA, the committee has recommended Privatization of hall Office and a contract has already been given to an IT firm to design the portal. The portal has 16 modules. 2 out of 16 modules have been presented to the committee and have been approved with some minor suggestions. The same module is currently functional in GH Tower as informed by the Warden, GH-2.
- The front office for most of the hostels (Hall 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11) have been privatized. This has helped in streamlining the finances for the respective hall. This has been made possible with the help of COW office, Prof. Deepu Philip and Prof. M K Ghorai. It is quite evident that we may see fully privatized hall offices.
- Fee rationalization – Completed. There were few minor changes made in the fee structure of PG-students.
- Various convocation Committee- Thanks to the chairman, students' senate, Mr. Abhimanyu Arora and Mr. Namit Mittal and the volunteers involved during the convocation. The convocation was conducted successfully. The tentative dates for convocation 2014 is June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week, 2014.
- The fact finding committee for the demise of two of our friends is yet to submit its report. The report will be made available probably by the end of April, 2014.

- DCF (Dean's Capital Fund) has been allotted to all the hostels. As no request were received from Hall-4, 10, a lump-sum amount has been allotted to them.
- Empanelment of Mess – Private messes of all the halls were empanelled
- New SAC Security Committee- Recommendations have been implemented by the SIS office.
- Motor Transport Users Committee has provisionally accepted the new Route for Buses i.e. via Hall-4 and Hall-8. Mr. Syed Moiz, MTUC nominee is pursuing the same till it is implemented.
- With the help of Mr. Ahmed Sameer and Dean, Students' Affairs, we have been able to pursue the proposal for increase in the number of ambulance and a life-supporting vehicle for health Centre.

## **Counsel of Wardens**

The committee met on following dates

- 25/03/13
- 20/07/13
- 04/08/13
- 11/09/13

The important discussion include Mess privatization problems faced in Hall-2, 3. The concerns were acknowledged and issues were resolved to the satisfaction of the users. The agenda for Hall canteen for Hall-11 is in the pipeline. The contract has to be floated for the same. Counsel also discussed over fixing MEC for July'13. MEC for Dec'13 will be finalized in the coming week. Some of the complaints made by the Hall president regarding the minimum wages have been forwarded to the Minimum wage committee. The committee is also assisting the Hall automation committee.

The tender process for Hall-11 canteen is done. The tender process of Hall-5 is in the pipelines.

## **Institute advisory Committee (IAC)**

The committee met on following dates:

- 20/03/2013
- 07/08/2013
- 18/09/2013
- 23/10/2013

Some of the important discussion were on faculty advisor, Green Cell, Ombudsman committee, Ethic cell, IITK master plan.

- Every department was advised to nominate 4-5 faculty members to guide the new students (UG/PG) on all aspects of academics and social life in the campus. This job will be voluntary in nature although individual faculty members may be compensated for their services in future.
- Institute Website: The director proposed to revamp the Institute website with more information. Each department should have new Information Brochure as well as Department fliers. All departments were requested to update their web-pages by December, 2013.
- IITK Master Plan: Discussion on the involvement of IITK community in implementing the Master Plan and augmenting essential infrastructure in the Institute. Hence, the director has requested the Student body to come up with their short-term and long-term plan for the campus concerning Infrastructure.

- Soon there will be a new gate near Gate-03 for tackling ever increasing students' rush during the peak hours.
- Annual Research Scholars' Day will be held henceforth in all the departments.
- Proposal for Ombudsman Committee has been accepted by the IAC. The proposal was put forward by the DOSA along with the President, SG. The committee will comprise of student nominees but the exact structure hasn't been decided.
- As informed via mail to the senate, the IAC has decided to appoint associate deans in order to make the processes easier and smooth. The details are mentioned in the mail sent to the senate list. It will help in speeding up the process in departments such as DOAA, DORA and DORD.

## **CEMMC**

The committee met on the following dates:

- 05/06/2013
- 11/09/2013

Discussion happened on the new shop tender in New SAC. Given the past experiences, the trial review won't be considered during the tender process. There have been few complaints against the DOSA plaza, veggies.

The proposal for the cashless transaction in New SAC was provisionally approved. However, the estate office is required to send an office order to the owners and also to include it in the tenders for the existing shops. This can only be implemented by the starting of the next semester.

Proposal for using the Tennis court shop has been accepted by the committee and General Secretary, Games and sports Council has been requested to prepare the tender quotation. On the similar lines, the tender process for the other New SAC shops is in the pipeline. Mr. Abhimanyu Arora has been helpful in this process. Given the current commitment, we can end up with two new shops at New SAC (Crown Burger and Wazwan Foods).

## **Others**

### **Hall Allocation**

All registered students are residing in halls, SBRA blocks. Few degree extended students are residing in Type-5 quarters. The construction of Hall -11 last block is under process and is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Following up with the IWD regarding the construction of Hall-12, Demolition of GH-2 and subsequent shifting of 109 girls to old RA and SBRA blocks.

In the Hall allocation Policy formulation and implementation, following personal have been extremely helpful to Students' Gymkhana:

- Mr. Ahmed Sameer
- Mr. Syed Moiz Ali
- Mr. V Srinivasan
- Mr. Abhimanyu Arora (Acting President)
- Mr. Namit Mittal (Acting President)

- Mr. Balendu Shekhar
- Mr. Gopal Singh Parihar, Gymkhana Assistant

Apart from the above, the contribution of Hall presidents especially Hall-1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 should be acknowledged. It is recommended to the New Senate and especially the President, Students' Gymkhana to ask for more venues for accommodating students till Hall-12 is not constructed. Moreover, the HAP should be thoroughly discussed upon in COSHA and then brought to senate. Fortunately, this year it was made possible and I wish good luck to the new Senate, President and COSHA convener for 2014-15 HAP.

### **Privatization of Messes**

All the messes are privatized except Hall-11. However, the Hall-11 mess has been doing an exceptionally well under the supervision of COW office. All the conflicts regarding the mess worker holidays has been resolved.

### **Food Court**

The four shops currently operational are:

- Dosa Plaza
- Cool and cool
- Kathi Rolls
- Veggies

New shops to be brought in as soon as possible. Possible vendor whose response seems to be good is Dominos. We had four trial runs namely, Wazwan foods, Crown Burger, Chinese Shop, Jageshwari sweets etc. and we are trying best to get one of them permanently in New SAC.

It is recommended to the President's office to push Administration for the proper ventilation facility at New SAC Shops and maintenance of cleanliness in the food court.

### **Students' Assisting International Relations (STAIRs)**

The permission for a core team has been approved by the Advisor, OIR, Prof. Anupam Saxena. The core team has been formed under the supervision of President, Students' Gymkhana and the Advisor, OIR and has already started working. The structure for the team is as follow:

- Overall Head, STAIRs
- Head, Public Relations
- Head, Hospitality
- Head, Technical Team

STAIRs conducted webinars/sessions for Erasmus Mundus, UvA Eminte, and DAAD etc. A meeting was scheduled between Head, STAIRs, President, SG and ENSAM coordinator Ms. Audrey Stewart. The agenda was to discuss the possibility more exchange programmes/internship for IITK students.

STAIRs has been phenomenal in assisting International students. Special thanks to Mr. Srujan, Head Hospitality for his tireless efforts in helping exchange students in leave application, registration, VISA related issues and accommodation problems etc. Mr. Harshal Chaurasiya, Mr. Karan and Mr. Arpit Jain has lead this team perfectly.

## **Gopal Das Bhandari Award**

Anil Bhandari, an alumnus of IIT Kanpur (BT/ME/1969), instituted the "Gopal Das Bhandari Memorial Distinguished Teacher Award" in the year 2006. . The award is named after Sri Anil Bhandari's late father and was instituted with intent to honor and reward an outstanding teacher annually, from the perspective of the graduating undergraduate batch. This year the entire faculty selection process was completed in two phases. Both the phases involved voting by the outgoing undergraduate students for which a secure voting system was developed and perfected by Mr. Deepak Choudhary (11234).

Prof. Aditya Kiran Jagannatham received the "Gopal Das Bhandari Memorial Distinguished Teacher Award-2013".

## **Nostalgia/Bon Voyage**

Farewell to graduating Students (Nostalgia) was organized by Students' Gymkhana and sponsored by Alumni Association on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2012. Special Thanks to Mr. Namit Mittal, Mr. Arpit Jangid, Mr. Piyush Chourasiya and all the Batch Coordinators for 2013 batch for their help and guidance. After a period of 5 years, we again started the culture of yearbook and it was a great success. Special thanks to Mr. Namit Mittal, DOSA office and Gymkhana project managers.

## **Distinguished Teacher Award-2013**

The committee for Distinguished Teacher award met on Aug 20th 2013. The following three faculty members will be conferred the Distinguished Teacher Award:

- 1) Professor R Saran (EE, retired)
- 2) Professor Alope Dutta (EE)
- 3) Professor G Neelakantan (HSS)

The following faculty members will be honored for completing 25 years of service:

- 1) Professor E Rathakrishnan (AE)
- 2) Professor V Chandrashekhar (CHM)
- 3) Professor R N Mukherjee (CHM)
- 4) Professor P K Bharadwaj (CHM)
- 5) Professor S Manogaran (CHM)
- 6) Professor Sarvesh Chandra (CE)
- 7) Professor S K Chakrabarti (CE)
- 8) Professor Pradip Sirkar (EE)
- 9) Professor Pravir Dutt (MTH)
- 10) Professor K Muralidhar (ME)
- 11) Professor N S Vyas (ME)

- Ø We have successfully collected 3.75 Lakhs from Centralized Cycle auctioning. Over 900 cycles were auctioned in two phases. The money will be deposited in the Medical emergency fund from DOSA office. The President, Students' Gymkhana is requested to follow the same practice every year and make sure whether the money has been transferred from SBF to MEF.
- Ø As requested by the Director, Students' Gymkhana should be the part of Teacher's day celebration and should organize the function with DOFA office. The same should be practiced in the Institute day (2<sup>nd</sup> November), Independence Day etc.
- Ø Faculty-Student interaction in planned on 30<sup>th</sup> March. The logistics work is still under process.

Ø Some of the recommendations are:

- Follow up the lady washroom in boy's hostel proposal.
- A dependable Lost and found Portal
- A news portal for Students' Gymkhana similar to Insight, IIT Bombay.
- Active participation in Institute Space Committee.
- Vivekananda Youth Convention Centre construction
- Initiation of Hall-12 construction process.
- Streamlining of Gymkhana Calendar especially festival, Galaxy dates.
- A better coordination with ACP team and uplift in the stature of ARC
- Sound functioning of Student Welfare Cell.
- Revamping OARS portal + Institute Website
- Development of Effective faculty feedback system. Making sure that the recommendations of the Department Review is implemented without any delay.
- Active student participation in DUGCs.
- Streamlining of Festival finances and transparency in VH Booking.
- Development of Student Lounge in Old SAC (renovation of existing conference room) so that the building can be used for some development purposes.
- Maintenance of the Sound System by developing the corpus and generating funds for the same from Gymkhana clubs, festivals and other Institute bodies.