



# Hall of Residence VIII

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur



**Date: 09/07/2023**

## **First open mess meeting**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

The meeting was held on 09 July 2023 at 18:00 in the presence of the president & Mess secretary, hall VIII in the TV room of hall VIII.

At the outset, the mess secretary, Hall VIII started the meeting by welcoming to all the attendees. The following agenda items were taken for discussion.

#### **Agenda:**

**With considering the available time duration, it has been decided that only those agenda will be discussed of which proposers are present in the open mess meeting.**

#### **1. A recent incident of partying in the mess**

The mess secretary conveyed the details of the party happenings last time in the mess. Which can be found in the minutes of the meetings. After the final round of investigations, the warden in charge of hall VIII has fined 3000/- each to two of our hall residents (earlier it was 3 residents with an amount of 5000/- each) with an apology letter to wardens.

#### **2. Calculation of separate BDMR for non-veg/veg itmes of the basic menu.**

The mess committee with the mess warden has proposed to calculate separate BDMR for Non-veg & veg items of basic meal to give the respective stakeholders a fair chance of BDMR contribution. It has been passed unanimously by the GBM.

#### **3. Regarding the addition of extra residents for the mess facility from Hall 14**

As per request by the mess secretary, the president conveyed the details as follows.

There will be the addition of another hall 'Hall 14' to the campus community. Due to the nonfunctional mess, all the residents of Hall 14 have been distributed to different halls for the mess facility. Around 120 students have been assigned to our hall VIII. The mess management, mess secretary & mess committee has surveyed regarding the possible additional burden on our hall due to these things. A list of items that are needed to tackle such a situation has already been forwarded to ADHA (Associate Dean of Hall Affairs). With that, a proposal to install a shed behind the mess for the Tandoor & identification & installation of a new cycle stand has also been proposed.

In this regard the GBM has a detailed discussion of 1) what is needed and 2) how the HEC & hall management is working to ensure the smooth functioning of the hall at this time. 3) how the hall will be benefited from this.

#### **4. Agenda by Zainul Abedin**

In the absence of Mr. Zainul Abedin, mess secretary has taken up his agenda upon request (personal communication). *"Promotion of Rajkumar to either semi skilled or skilled."*

The mess secretary shed light on the buying of a new counter table (steel) for nonveg extra preparation through DCF. The DCF committee has recently been approved. So the committee will soon buy all the related items which include that table. Then we can have two separate counters for Egg & chicken-related items this can resolve the issue. The secretary has also stated that due to restrictions from the DoSA side regarding 'having 6 skilled & 6 semi-skilled workers' to each hall. Currently, we don't have any of these vacancies. So the above is the only possibility.

#### **5. Agenda by Mr. Tafzeel Kamal**

*"Introduction of paneer two days a week"*

After discussing with the GBM, it has been decided that we can serve paneer on another day in addition to Friday with egg as an alternative for the non-vegetarian Mess committee can look for the possibilities.

*"Bring egg curry in the basic menu."*

As discussed in the above agenda, we will have eggs as an alternative for non-vegetarians with paneer.

*"Introduction of the bun as an alternative to bread"*

After a thorough discussion, this point was opposed by all the GBM.

*"Increase in guest coupon price."*

The mess secretary conveyed that, a sub-committee has already been formed to look into this matter. As per the recommendation from the committee, further steps will be taken.

*"Replacement of sandwich with macaroni/pasta."*

After a thorough discussion, this point was opposed by all the GBM.

*"Improve pav bhaji and paratha quality."*

GBM appreciated the quality of paratha but suggested room for improvement for pav bhaji. The mess committee assured they will monitor and improve the quality.

*"Replacement of kheer with phirni."*

The mess committee will first have it on a trial basis, then will see the feasibility of the implementation.

*"Replacement of chola bhature and puri sabzi from dinner with chole kulche/Soya keema."*

We can add soya keema after having the trial basis by committee- suggested by mess secretary. All other points are rejected by the GBM after detailed discussion as we are already having those items in the mess. With that we also have diversity in these items.

## **6. Agenda by Mr. Saikat Mandal**

*“Why was the fine imposed on the mess contractor suddenly reduced without any GBM?”*

President conveyed that the wardens has fined the respective person. After final round of investigation with the vendors, they have come to the appropriate amount fine. The HEC don't have any role in this decisionmaking.

*“It was verbally promised by the Mess warden and election committee members during the charge handover ceremony to the new HEC that the reason behind the high BDMR in the month of December, January, March, and April, along with the 'fine on the mess contractor' would be answered to the hall residence. However, even after over 2 months, we are still waiting to receive any mail as promised.”*

As the wardens are not available, secretary & president requested to mail wardens regarding the same. Secretary assured that all the residents will soon receive a mail regarding the same.

*“The present mess committee is putting up excellent efforts. The quality of the food has been improved. The BDMR has reduced as well. I highly appreciate their effort.”*

All the GBM appreciated the efforts of the mess committee & secretary in this regard.

*“Also, I want to hear the opinion of the Mess secretary and the mess committee member on how they managed such a thing.”*

The secretary concluded that regular monitoring & making a menu in keeping the available vegetables has done the work.

## **7. Agenda by shubhankar paul:**

*“Change the Veg Kofta”*

The committee is working on it.

## **8. Agenda by Tanmay khan**

*“The quality of fish hall 8 mess provides is extremely bad. I have encountered fishes with foul smell several time, which were not fresh. I requested kartik for taking an initiative about changing the vendor. Atleast bring this topic to the discussion.”*

The secretary conveyed regarding formation of the subcommittee to address this. The committee is in the way of finding a good vendor.

*“The fried rice and Manchurian quality is too bad. Please change this”*

The committee is working on it.

*“Dalma was included in our mess menu on Saturday for some time that changes abruptly.”*

Due to the nonavailability of sufficient vegetables, it has been discontinued from the last menu.- mess secretary.

*“What is the reason for changing fishes to Tuesday from Monday and from Wednesday to Friday?”*

The secretary stated to accommodate different nonveg items in a day this step has taken. A shuffling will be done for the best utilization.

#### **9. Agenda by Arpan manna**

*“Semi-boiled rice should introduce along with the regular one, most of the eastern indians loves to eat that, this would be good for health and also tasty. Fish should be on Monday Wednesday as it was previously.”*

The committee will look at the feasibility & subsequent implementation.

#### **10. Agenda Nirmalya Jana**

*“Wednesday dinner is very bad.”*

The committee is working on it.

*“Fish schedule & quality having bad feedback”*

The secretary conveyed regarding the formation of the subcommittee to address this. The committee is in the way of finding a good vendor.

*“Sunday veg fried rice & manchorian is very bad”*

The committee is working on it.

*“Dalma (moong daal) is in high demand.”*

Due to the nonavailability of sufficient vegetables, it has been discontinued from the last menu.- mess secretary.

*“Keep aloo posto in extra counter.”*

The committee will look at the feasibility & subsequent implementation.

*“Keep some pakora separated from kari some people prefer that.”*

This will happen next time.

With this, a request to float a Google form was initiated by some GBM regarding the chhole item of Sunday lunch. The secretary conveyed that currently, no. of vegetables in the market decreased drastically due to the rainy season so there won't be any alternative available. Once the situation becomes normal this option can be implemented to have different items.

It has also been discussed that it will be a better option to float the list of all the available options to residents before the next open mess meeting for a better understanding of the mess menu.

All the GBM were served with Roofzah.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the secretary.

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