



Married Students' Welfare Committee (MSWC)
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Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

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General Body Meeting minutes held on 29/06/2019

Agenda:

Discussion regarding IITK office order- Student dependents not allowed for specialist OPD

1. The current decision to remove student dependents right to meet the specialist OPD, directly affects the SBRA residents. The decision was taken without the discussion with the SBRA MSWC. So, we request the institute to reconsider the office order, as we are the only recognized body for the student with dependents. It was also decided that a member from SBRA should be in the health center committee.
2. Our government provides free vaccines to health center. Because of the office order, the students dependents are unable to be vaccinated free of cost. As of now, the student dependents are referred outside the campus for vaccination. Each vaccine costs around Rs.2000-4000 and a child has to get at least around 10-12 shots. This is a huge financial burden on the students.
3. Most of the student dependents are in need of student's company while visiting outside specialist. As each appointment with outside Specialist would cost at-least half a day. This would ultimately result in reducing our productive research time.
4. Many students travel outside the campus to attend conference or to do field research for considerable number of days. Currently, student dependents face huge trouble going outside campus (because of language barrier, unfamiliarity with Kanpur, unavailable personal vehicle etc.)
5. Some student dependents are not physically gifted in terms of health. They need constant evaluation from specialist to keep track of their health. It will be now impossible for them to travel on regular basis to consult outside specialist.
6. Student dependents are treated in par with students in terms of providing health care facilities in some leading IIT's (IIT Madras, IIT Roorkee etc.). As IIT Kanpur always sets the best example in providing students facilities, we expect the institute to revoke this decision.
7. All the general body members present unanimously agreed that pursuing a Ph.D. at IIT Kanpur for married students will now become harder as even specialist OPD at the Health Center for the dependent has been stopped. Most of the doctors stay far from campus and the cost of treatment is very high, both in terms of money and time, for every small issue. General Body (SBRA) request that this change of disallowing the specialist OPD for student dependents be reconsidered for the immediate family (spouse and children) of postgraduate students and to consider it in a humanitarian way.

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The general body meeting was chaired by the convener, SBRA