

Married Students' Welfare Committee (MSWC) (A-M : OLD SBRA & Y- AA : NEW SBRA)

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

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Warden-in-Charge
SBRA

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MSWC Minutes held on 3rd August 2017

MSWC & General Body (GB) members Present:

Aswani Kumar M (Member)	Deepak K. Yadav (Member)	Santhosh Kumar (Member)
Krishna Mohan (Member)	Vikesh Bhadouria (Member)	Anubhav Dwivedi (Convener)
Fateh Bahadur (Member)	Pawan Kumar (Member)	Imran Khan (Member)

The following issues were discussed in MSWC meeting that was held on 3rd August 2017:

1. Ratification of the previous minutes:

Previously, the MSWC committee has decided to agree with the institute norms for adopting a paperless system to overcome the laborious and tedious manual process. The matter was raised with the UBI bank manager for a solution. As MSWC is associated with UBI bank since the beginning, the bank officials have agreed to provide the online banking facility at very nominal charges. This will also allow the MSWC to not to break the immature fixed deposits in the UBI account. There was no correction in the draft minutes, and minutes will be uploaded on the website.

2. **The issue of one of the aspirants of SBRA quarter - related to the application:** One of the Ph.D. students, M. Rashid Zafar of Mechanical Engineering department has approached the SBRA office requesting the consideration of his application for SBRA allotment. Previously, he was the resident of SBRA, which he vacated as he converted his Ph.D. from regular to part time program for working at the capacity of assistant professor in AMU. Now, again he wanted to convert back to full time for the first semester in 2018. For that, he wanted to apply for SBRA one year in advance to get his waiting list cleared down. The case was extensively discussed in the meeting, and the committee unanimously decided to go as per the SBRA constitutional norms. The clause mentioned on the application form to request for SBRA accommodation explicitly states "HODs are requested to ensure before signing this application, that the applicant is married and regular/sponsored/QIP/external candidate, **but not apart-timer.**" Thus, the committee has felt not to entertain the request by the aspirant.

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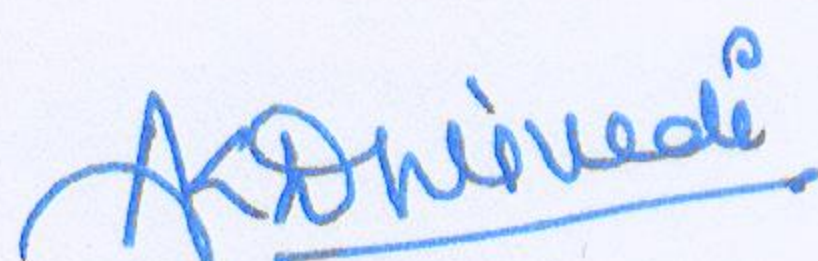
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3. **Budget allocation for Independence Day and Sri Krishna Janmashtami:** As per the tradition that is being followed inside SBRA, the committee has agreed to celebrate these events this year. For celebrating these events, the committee has allocated a budget of INR 14,000/- to cater the needs. Coming to the celebrations, the committee was of the opinion that one festival will be celebrated in old SBRA and the other will be celebrated in New SBRA. Therefore, Independence Day will be celebrated at new SBRA and Janmashtami will be celebrated at the old SBRA.
4. **Extension of the days from five to seven for the house shifting the due problem from IWD:** The existing house shifting clause (framed on 11th March 2016/clause 3b) suggests a five working days window period for those who shift their house within SBRA. However, it has been learned from those who shift the residence that this short duration mounts enormous pressure due to delayed procedural formalities at various levels of the administration, CUGL, and the IWD. Therefore, this issue has been re-discussed to come up with a solution to slightly reduce the burden on the residents. Thus, the MSWC has agreed to increase the window period for shifting from the current five working days to seven working days.
5. **Water cooler for storage at old SBRA:** The MSWC in a meeting held on 30th March 2017 felt the necessity of a waste water storage tank and drinking water storage tank to cater the need of drinking water at old SBRA. So far, the procurement of the waste water storage tank was achieved, and the process has already been initiated through IWD for procuring the drinking water storage tank. IWD has agreed to provide a 150-liter capacity water storage tank for storing RO water.
6. **Arrangements for urinals and drinking water facility at the activity room:** In the MSWC meeting dated Feb 03, 2017 and the follow-up meeting on 30th March 2017, it was decided that one of the rooms of the activity center, which is operating in A2, could be converted to a Guest room. However, the kids who are utilizing the activity room are using the washroom inside the bed room for their nature call. So, the MSWC believes that the kitchen washing sink area will be utilized for urinal facility. Also, the drinking water facility will be arranged for the kids by fixing an unused 15 L capacity RO system available in the office. These processes will be initiated by the Maintenance Secretary through the Convener and Warden-Incharge, MSWC. He will request the IWD to do the needful and the same will follow up frequently to ensure the smooth completion of the work at the earliest.
7. **The issue of Dogs inside SBRA premises:** One of the residents of SBRA has brought to the notice of MSWC regarding several instances where the stray dogs roaming inside the SBRA premises are creating menace

because of which the kids are facing trouble. The MSWC believes that this issue is already being under discussion at the institute level for a solution. For quick reference, the mail conversation dated 11th July 2017, circulated by the Deputy Director's office is provided here. "A number of complaints have been received in recent past of aggressive behavior by dogs living on campus. This has resulted in considerable anxiety among several campus residents. This issue needs to be handled carefully since, as per the law, dogs cannot be removed from their natural habitat. Therefore, the institute administration is working closely with a small group to evolve a mechanism that reduces the aggressive behavior of dogs significantly and controls their population on campus. We expect this to be ready by the end of this month. Meanwhile, MSWC appeals to all the residents to avoid provoking the dogs and further request the residents not to pet and feed the stray dogs.

8. **Installation of LED street lights inside SBRA:** It has been observed that some of the street lights inside the SBRA are not working properly. Also, the existing lights are not efficient and consume much power. Hence, the MSWC has decided to approach the IWD to install energy efficient LED lights to overcome the above problems.
9. **Initiative to bring more houses under SBRA:** Considering the long waiting list for SBRA, the issue has been raised with the Institute administration (DOSA office) and requested them to relieve the SBRA from this burden by providing some more residential quarters. The institute has taken this matter seriously and discussed it in the meeting held on 5/07/17. In that meeting, the institute has asked SBRA to collect the feedback from the waiting list applicants that whether they are willing to take single room apartment of New RA tower if provided. The convener has circulated the response sheet and forwarded the response to the institute authority with immediate effect for consideration. Most of the aspirants of accommodation inside SBRA have expressed their willingness to accept a single room apartment if provided. MSWC is in continuous touch with the institute authority to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Minutes of the MSWC meeting will be put up on the SBRA website after the ratification.



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