

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

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Office
Warden-in-Charge
SBRA

Ref: 06/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2017-18

MSWC Minutes held on 17th November 2017

MSWC & General Body (GB) members Present:

Fateh Bahadur (Member) Anubhav Dwivedi (Convener) Imran Khan (Member)
Santhosh Kumar (Member) Vikesh S. Bhadouria (Member)

The following issues were discussed in MSWC meeting that was held on 17th November 2017:

1. Ratification of the previous minutes:

There was no correction in the draft minutes, and minutes have been uploaded on the website.

2. Budget allocation for gardening: Recently, gardener has requested for a net for plantation. This issue has been discussed by the MSWC and felt the need for it. Hence a budget of Rs. 1500/- has been approved for its purchase.

3. Budget allocation for guest room renovation: MSWC has learnt that the amenities provided in the guest room are not in good condition. This makes the occupant feel inconvenient and many have raised concerns for it. Hence the MSWC has decided to replace them at the earliest. For this purpose, a budget of Rs. 5000/- has been allocated.

4. Budget for routers: Previously, the current MSWC has proposed in its manifesto that the entire SBRA will be brought under Wi-Fi zone. It has been felt that this facility will facilitate the use of multiple devices and gadgets by the residents. Also this is expected to provide flexibility to work while relaxing in lawns and corridors. Other than these, it has been observed that the residents are purchasing routers individually to cater these needs. Hence, MSWC has felt the need for their installation after discussion with IITK computer center and a budget of Rs. 20000/- has been allocated for the same.

5. Issue of D1: A resident staying in D1 of Old SBRA has been levied a fine of Rs. 25000 by the previous MSWC (7/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2016-17). The fine was levied as he was not staying with his family for a long time.

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This case has been re-discussed considering his request to MSWC. He has provided the necessary documents which he was unable to produce on time. Hence the MSWC has looked in to the case and observed the following:

1. He has informed the Warden, SBRA about his inability to bring his family as per the stipulated guidelines through an e-mail (Reference 1).
2. Again he has appraised the then MSWC convener about his situation through an e-mail, requesting for the guidance and has agreed to abide by the rules (Reference 2).
3. He has also (Reference 3).
4. But, he was not able to produce the above documents when his case was discussed by the then MSWC. This has led to the imposition of the above mentioned fine as per the clause (4/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2016-17).

These documents (references) are available at the SBRA office for information. and hence the fine was waived off.

6. **Initiative to bring more houses under SBRA and their allocation:** As was promised in the manifesto for run-up-to the post of Convener, MSWC, sincere efforts were made to ensure the reduction of 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 have expressed their willingness to accept a single room apartment if provided. This issue has already been discussed in the previous MSWC meeting held of 3rd Aug 2017. MSWC has pursued this matter further and succeeded in incorporating 30 residential quarters under the umbrella of SBRA with the help of institute authorities. Out of these 30, 15 were already released in the first phase. The MSWC would like to note on record and sincerely thanks Prof. Kallol Mondal, former Warden, SBRA ,Prof. Shanmugaraj, Dean of Students' affairs, Prof. Pratik Sen, Warden, RA tower, Prof. J. Ramkumar and Mr. J Sarangi, Asst. Registrar of DOSA office. Now that the MSWC is ready to allot these 15 houses and felt that there is a need to take an undertaking from the aspiring residents that they will stay with their spouse.

7. **Violation of the rules by Mrs. Vibha Chandraker (Z/19, New SBRA) who is on semester leave.**

Recently one of the residents, Mrs. Vibha Sarangi staying in Z-19, New SBRA has requested to break-open the lock of her house in her absence through email dated 14th Oct 2017. She is wife of Mr. Chandan Sarangi who was staying in the same house since 2013. Mr. Chandan Sarangi has graduated (defended his thesis on 16-May-2017) in the last convocation. After his open seminar, he has requested the then MSWC (Married Students Welfare Committee) to transfer his house on his wife's name Mrs. Vibha Sarangi who is also a PhD Student (currently on semester leave)

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in the civil engineering department of IIT Kanpur. The then MSWC has generously agreed and granted permission after discussing the case in the MSWC meeting held on 9th Jan 2017 (Ref: 8/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2016-17).

In the coming semesters (summer semester 2017 and first semester 2017-18), Mrs. Vibha Sarangi has left the campus on semester leave from June to December 2017 (DOAA approval letter attached). But, there was no such official intimation to either the SBRA office or the warden in-charge. This violates the basic rules and regulation of the SBRA constitution. As per the clause 7.1.2 of the constitution, the resident must have "registered for a regular degree program of the Institute". Thus the resident has violated this clause by not registering for the regular program. Previously, MSWC has taken measures to prevent such happenings inside SBRA to overcome the misuse of the facility provided. These can be found in the minutes of the meetings dated 31st December 2015 (Ref: 10/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2015-16) and 1st August 2016 (Ref: 4/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2016-17).

From this, it is clear that the resident has violated the above rules by not taking the written permission from SBRA office and the Warden-Incharge. Although Mr. Chandan Sarangi (husband of Mrs. Vibha Sarangi) was part of the MSWC (2015-16) that framed the rules for handling and strongly discouraging such practices (Ref: 10/MOM/SBRAMSWC/2015-16), they have violated the rules. The MSWC is highly disappointed with such actions by senior resident who are well aware of SBRA constitution. With the recent mail from Mrs. Vibha Sarangi, SBRA office has tried to gather the information regarding her case from DOAA office. In response, the DOAA office has provided the copies of the attached documents confirming the academic status of the resident as "on semester leave" (DOAA letter attached). It was also found that the resident has not paid the maintenance charge for the current semester. After discussing the case thoroughly in the informal MSWC meeting held on 17th Oct 2017 and in the formal MSWC meeting on 18/10/2017, the committee has decided to act strictly based on the existing guidelines and rules that are under implementation to strongly discourage such practice inside SBRA.

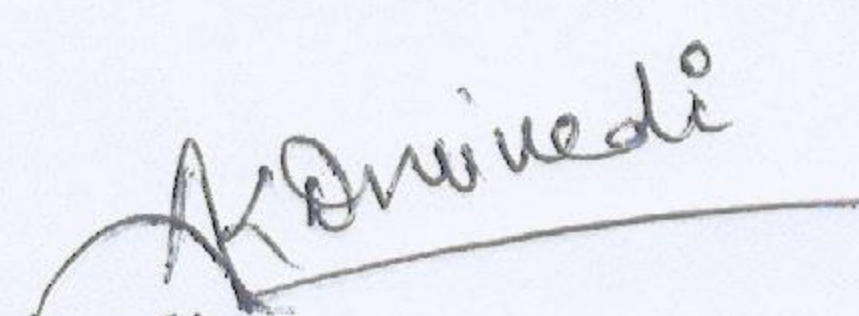
Therefore, the current MSWC in accordance with the guidelines proposed in the meetings dated 31st December 2015 (Ref: 10/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2015-16) and 1st August 2016 (Ref: 4/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2016-17), the following actions were taken:

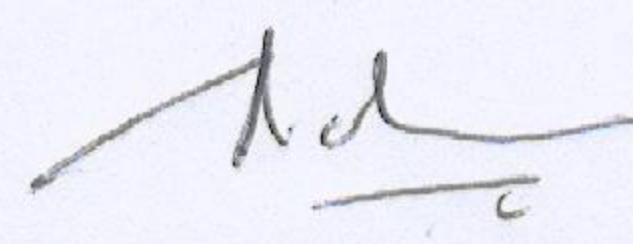
1. The violation of the rules in the afore-mentioned minutes of the MSWC meetings attracts the following penalty on the resident.
 - i) As per the clause 5.1 of MSWC meeting 4/MOM/SBRA-MSWC/2016-17, the fine for going on vacation for a period of more than one month in continuation is as below:

Time period	Fine amount
First month	No fine
Second month	Rs. 1500/-
Third month	Rs. 2000/-
Fourth month	Rs. 2500/-
Onwards	Rs. 10000/-

- ii) The resident has locked the house for more than six months without permission from Warden-Incharge, SBRA via convener. This attracts an additional fine of Rs. 5000/- per month as per the rule.
- iii) Maintenance charge of Rs. 300/- for the first semester – 2017/18. The resident has not paid this so far. An additional fine has been imposed for not paying the maintenance charge on time.
- iv) The above fines do not include the usual house rent, electricity bill and CUGL bill. The resident has to pay them separately at the estate office, IIT Kanpur before clearing the dues from SBRA.
2. In order to prevent such cases from happening in future, an additional fine will be levied.
3. The house (Z/19) has been withheld with immediate effect. The resident has been strictly advised to vacate the house latest by 31st Dec 2017. The same will be informed to the DOSA office and the estate office, IIT Kanpur for their records and actions.
4. Henceforth, the case has been forwarded to S-SAC and DOSA for further action.

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


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