

## Minutes of BHM Meeting

The BHM meeting was held in the Senate room and was headed by Prof. S.K.Gupta, the Dean of student affairs.

1. Confirmation of minutes of last BHM.
2. Brief **presentation of the new BHM website** to the Dean. The website was well received by the Dean and some suggestions like including a tech column for complaints were raised.
3. Issue of **inclusion of outgoing secretaries in the BHM G.Sec electorate** was raised. A majority of the House secretaries present in the meeting were in favor of the proposal and felt it was consistent with the rules of the other Boards. However, the Dean strongly opposed the idea because he felt that this move would only promote politics.
4. The Dean was informed about the notification of **closing of night mess** in 4 hostels.
5. Some initiatives regarding **food waste regulation** were discussed including:
  - a) Self Dumping of food
  - b) Posters for creating awareness
  - c) Udaigiri's empty plate challenge
  - d) Collection of data on food wastage
  - e) One suggestion that came up was to serve food on tables (rather than getting into a line again for a second helping) in all hostels.
  - f) Best food management practices of 2015-2016 were highlighted.
  - g) The possibility of tying up with an NGO to take away leftover food was discussed but with a lot of opposition from the Dean. The idea was consequently dropped.
6. Assessment of requirement of **new washing machines** in hostels was done.
7. Issue of **ACs/coolers/Heaters** in rooms was raised but the Dean prohibited the use of all these in hostel rooms.
8. Minor issues with individual hostels like the sewage line behind Karakoram and the problem of mosquitoes etc were also dealt with.