

Minutes of the Space Allocation Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January (Wednesday), 2013 at  
3:00pm in Room: 202

Members Present:

S.C. Agarkar

Sugra Chunawala

Rekha Vartak

Madhavi Gaitonde

Sanjay Chandrasekharan

Chitra Natarajan (Dean HBCSE faculty) was invited to give her inputs.

1. The first item on the agenda was a request by Dr. Rekha Vartak and Prof. Savita Ladage regarding the room G1/ G2 on the Ground floor of the Olympiad building. This room is presently being used by CUBE personnel. The interiors of the other rooms on the ground floor are almost near completion and the work of this room needs to be initiated so as to make it functional by the Olympiad season May 2013. The committee heard the details of the allocation to CUBE and decided that this could be shifted to the room at present being occupied by Shri. Waghmare on the ground floor of the Olympiad building and Shri. Waghmare could be shifted to NIUS building. However even the space allotted for CUBE would be only till the specified date of October 2013 and no further. Dean HBCSE, Prof. Chitra Natarajan would speak to Prof. Ladage to ask her to allow Shri Waghmare to sit in the NIUS co-ordinator section and to allow the CUBE personnel to use the room that is being occupied by Shri. Waghmare till October 2013.
2. The second issue discussed was the request put up by the Library Department, regarding the need for more space in the Library. The Library section reported that there is currently no space in the Library to put up additional book-racks. They requested that the Committee look for a long-term solution to this problems as the Institute will grow and correspondingly the books and the users.

The committee made two recommendations. Firstly, the toilets behind the Library could be refurbished and the Library could use the space for storage. In addition, the space occupied by the 'History of Science' exhibition could be reduced by reorganising the exhibition, and part of the space could be allotted to the Library.

3. The third issue discussed by the Committee was a request put up by Dr. Praveen Pathak, for space to set up a modest physics multimedia and demonstration facility. He has requested some space in the physics lab on the second floor of the NIUS facility. He suggested that this space would serve two other purposes apart from the one mentioned above, namely, a space for theoretical groups and space for the Project Assistant working under his guidance (who currently sits in Room 207, NC Office, Olympiad Building).

The committee felt that it would be possible for the Project assistant to sit in the same room as Dr. Pathak or in the physics lab in the NIUS facility. Talks are already on with Dr. Khaparde to make this feasible. Regarding multi-media and demonstration facility there are talks on to have a consolidated multi-media facility for the entire HBCSE and perhaps the same could be accomodated within it.

Signed by: all the committee members on 6/02/2013 or 7/02/2013

S.C. Agarkar: \_\_\_\_\_

Madhavi Gaitonde: \_\_\_\_\_

Rekha Vartak: \_\_\_\_\_

Sanjay Chandrasekharan: \_\_\_\_\_

Sugra Chunawala: \_\_\_\_\_

Subsequently the Director HBCSE has approved in Principle and suggested that any requirement for major civil work will have to be considered separately (11/2/2013)