

**National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management
Kundli, Sonapat Haryana**

Date: 10.02.2021

19.02.2021

Background

A committee as under was notified by Registrar vide Office Order dated 02.02.2021 to resolve the fee related issues.

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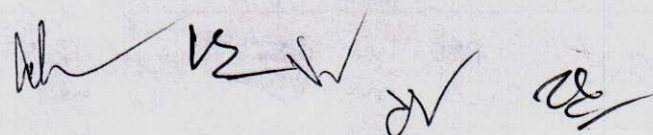
Details of Meeting

The committee / Authorized Members met with the students of UG and PG in online mode, separately, on dated 05.02.2021 and the issues reported by the students were also listed.

The Committee met on 5-2-2020, 6-2-2020 & 08.02.2021 for deliberations on fee related concerns or issues expressed by the students in the representation sent to several authorities at NIFTEM or submitted in the above mentioned online meeting.

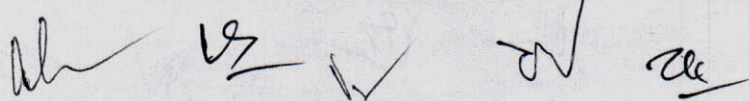
Committee Recommendations

SNo	Issues raised by students	Committee Recommendation / View Point
1.	Deduct extra amount of those services which wasn't provided	<p>Committee deliberated on the content of AICTE letter reference No. 16-MFPI/10-NIFTEM-Vol.1(Part-2) (C.No. 319543) dated 23.12.2019, which was also cited by several students in their mail communications. Following relevant points of the letter are reproduced below:</p> <p>"AICTE has been receiving complaints from students/parents that some of the Institutions are charging hostel, transport fees. During COVID-19 pandemic whereas these facilities are not available to the students. In this regard it is advised that Institutions should charge only maintenance charges of mess and transport. In view of the above, all Institutions/colleges are strictly advised to charge the fees commensurate with the facilities that they are providing during pandemic and not charge fees for those portions which are not accessible to students during the coming semester; failing which action will be taken as per the prevailing rules'</p> <p>DSW and Fee Desk I/c, both being member of the committee, brought into the notice of the committee that in light of COVID-19 situation the institute has already exercised waiver / relaxation /refund related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hostel charges• Mess charges <p>Committee understands that the same waiver would be applicable to the present batches also, to the extent the similar situation continues. Committee recommends that fee calculations should reflect the same.</p> <p>Committee also observed the statistics shared by NKC (library) and was satisfied that facility was in use online with quantum jump in number of users during Jan 2020 to Dec 2020 and as compared the same period of 2019.</p> <p>In light of the concerns raised and in academic interest, committee is of view that students needs to be given extra session on practical component of</p>



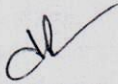
		<p>teaching as online practical might have their own limitations. All the departments of the Institute should plan additional practical sessions and an opportunity to the students to supplement the online learning with hands on exposure. Academic Section of the institute may monitor the department action on the same. Administrative directives in this regard may be issued.</p>
2.	Seeking clarity on fee charged (batch 19-23)	<p>Committee recommends that this grievance of the student needs to be attended by the concerned division / section of the institute at the earliest and due clarity be made through web notification of fees and waivers available to the students.</p>
3.	Request for meeting	<p>Online meetings, separately for UG and PG students, were conducted on 05.02.2021 and their queries were heard and noted. Students were also given an opportunity to send the issues and concerns, further if any, by email. No mail was received by the committee in response to the call made on website where noted issues were also displayed for perusal at the level of the students. Thereby, it appears that the committee has compiled all the major concerns of the students presently studying at the institute and going to register for the even semester of their different programmes of study at present.</p>
4.	Seeking clarification on increased tuition, lab and examination fee (M. Tech).	<p>NIFTEM revised its fee structure for B Tech., M. Tech. and MBA programmes in late 2019 and the same made effective from academic year 2019-20. This change was in response to the directions received from MOFPI vide letter No. 16-MFPI/10-NIFTEM-Vol.1 (Part-2) (C. No. 319543) dated 23.12.2019. The letter desired that “Cap the fee of existing courses in accordance with the recommendations by the National Fee Committee (NFC)/AICTE, the revised fee structure would be w.e.f. from ongoing session i.e. 2019-20”. It was informed that this revision and its implementation w.e.f. from 2019-20 has an approval of FC and other statutory bodies of NIFTEM.</p> <p>Comparing the pre-revised fee structure with the revised fee structure (the one which is applicable currently for UG/PG students of NIFTEM), it is observed that total amount of fee (as being charged) from M. Tech. 20-19-21 batch remains unchanged. It is also noted that M. Tech. fee is much below the capping prescribed by AICTE.</p> <p>Committee is of the view that in this case it may not be appropriate to compare one or two heads/subhead. Fee needs to be compared in total that remains unchanged for the said batch. At first sight if we compare the total amount of Rs 3000 appears to be more if the revised hostel fee is also added, however the same extra amount was not charged for 2019-20. Fee desk may give clarity to the students that total fee remains same in 2020-21 for the M Tech batch, if so needed. However, this relaxation may be applicable to M Tech only as total fee is to be kept same in interest of the students and the same may not be relevant to other programmes.</p> <p>Further it is also to mention that, present tuition fee value is in favour of students getting tuition fee waiver. Committee is not able to gauge, in what way present tuition fee is affecting the student interest adversely, as represented at different levels.</p>

5.	Admission and enrollment fee were in one time in old fee structure at Rs. 5000 but now in new fee structure it is 5000 in each semester of B.Tech. Needs to be follow as NIT's, IIT's Bombay and IIFPT fee structure for the same head.	<p>Please refer observation of the committee as at Sr No 4. above. For the background of fee revision. The same are relevant for this section as well. Additionally committee observed that the total fee being charged for B Tech (as per revised structure effective from 2019-20) is of lower value as compared to the old / pre-revised fee structure.</p> <p>It is also a fact that students are registering every semester and the institute maintains their enrollment during the period of the programme/study. IITs and NITs are MHRD institutes and there are different set of rules for them. NIFTEM is at present following UGC/AICTE guidelines at present. NIFTEM is presently compliant of capping of the fee in line of AICTE directions.</p>
6.	<p>Laptop bank charges/library charges etc. are combined in one head. Services not in use during COVID -19, what is that services should be refunded.</p> <p>Clarity on hostel fee to be paid in line of joining late by concerned students.</p>	<p>For services and library, also refer the committee observations as at Sr No 1. Further, the committee was informed by the IT cell in an email that a draft on Laptop Bank Policy is prepared and final approval is not yet there. Committee recommends that institute should take due action so that students can avail the facility at the earliest in the current session.</p> <p>Committee recommends in case of the new students / students not occupying room at present fee may be charged as per actual, once hostel is allotted to them.</p>
7.	EWS category fee should be waived off as per IIT's and NIT's and also parliament committee report says / There is no common policy define for EWS and TFW. The common policy should be applicable for all.	It is noted by the committee that NIFTEM is offering Tuition fee waiver (TFW) to 5% students as per the approved policy notified on NIFTEM website. NIFTEM is not at par with IITs/NITs at present.
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of all adjustment of fee and heads wise should be made available. • As per AICTE guidelines there were provision for partly fee during COVID-19. Now the same should be follows in current semester for those having financial crises. 	<p>Committee recommends that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee/adjustment details may be made available to the students, if not made available so far • Part fee payment may be considered on case-to-case basis. Institute may make a policy on the same. For immediate relief of the needy student may submit an application through mentor to DSW and the existing committee of TFW may recommend the cases for approval of competent authority.
9.	If possible, dates for registration and fee submission may be extended till the grievances related to fee are addressed.	The last date may be extended in interest of the students as deemed fit. If required registration may be allowed conditionally / provisionally as UG/PG regulation of the institute desires that students must register with in 21 days of the commencement of the semester.
10.	Excess fee adjustment first before submission of semester fee.	Committee considered this request of students and recommended that all adjustment be made in the fee and only left over amount be charged.
11.	Fee revision should be made effective w.e.f. 2018-19.	<p>The committee observed that fee revisions were made in light of the MOFPI letter dated 23rd December, 2019 which states “Cap the fee of existing courses in accordance with the recommendations by the National Fee Committee (NFC)/AICTE, the revised fee structure would be w.e.f. from ongoing session i.e. 2019-20”.</p> <p>Committee is of opinion, that due compliance, on the MOFPI directions, has been made. However, it is recommended that minutes of High Level Committee (HLC) constituted at MOFPI in this regard may be taken in reference before final decision at the level of administration, as minutes of HLC were not available to the committee.</p>
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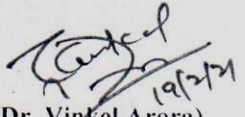


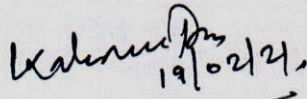
14.	Hostel charges not exactly defined in new fee structure, double sharing boys and girls.	Committee observed that hostel Charges are there in the fee structure. DSW office clarified that the Institute has taken a decision that during the current semester, no student is being allotted a triple shared room. Besides, a temporary partitioning is also planned, in double-sharing rooms in light of COVID.
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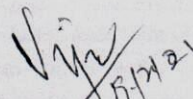
The recommendations of the Committee are submitted to the Registrar for kind perusal and due consideration at appropriate level.

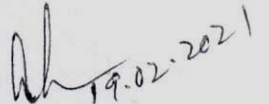

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