

Report of the enquiry held on 27 August 2018 at 2 PM in the Principal's office.

Members present

Dr Raja Samuel, Principal
Dr Shakeela Basheer, Member (in the place of Dr. Gunavathy)
Dr Jayanthi Peter, Member
Mrs Priya Magesh, Member
Mrs Vathani David, HOD, BSW
Mr Moses Selvakumar, Warden

Background

On 21st August, the hostel warden give a report that he found the following students of BSW department consuming alcohol in room number 42 of the boys hostel.

1. Omar Abdullah, 2nd Year
2. Titus Lionel Jacob, 2nd Year
3. David Asir, 2nd Year
4. Jeevith, 1st Year

All the above students are day scholars and are not permitted to enter the hostel premises. Based on the wardens report the students were suspended from attending classes pending enquiry which was fixed for 27th August at 2 PM.

Enquiry proceedings

The four students were called one by one and asked to narrate the unfolding of events on the day the incident happened. From their narration, it is understood that on that day Lionel who had a history of psychological disturbances was in an agitated mood. David and Jeevith were trying to counsel him and all three went to the hostel room number 42 in which Omar Abdullah was sleeping. There Lionel took out a Coke bottle with liquor in it and tried to drink from it by pouring some of it in a glass found in the room. At that point, Warden knocked the door and when they opened, they were questioned and asked to leave. Lionel continued to be in an agitated mood and ran away after being confronted by the warden who confiscated the bottle of liquor.

Occupant of room 42 , Albert was also called and asked why he left the room unlocked for the students to use. He said that he and his roommates never locked the room.

Based on the enquiry, the committee felt that this was not a case in which students wilfully assembled to drink liquor. The following decisions were taken.

1. The main actor in this case was Lionel. He is found guilty on two counts: a) trespassing into the hostel, b) attempting to consume liquor inside the campus. His narration and his written submission indicate that he has some sort of psychological disturbances for

which he needs treatment. It was decided to ask his parents to take him for counselling and produce evidence of the same before revoking his suspension. He will remain suspended from attending college until further notice.

2. The other three students are found guilty of trespassing into hostel. The committee felt that the three days suspension would suffice and decided to revoke the suspension provided the department calls the parents and informs them about the students' actions.
3. The occupant of room 42 Albert will be issued a warning not to permit any day scholar in future into the room and if repeated will be sent out from hostel.
4. Committee members suggested that a circular could be sent to all students reminding them of the rules particularly against drinking alcohol.

Dr Raja Samuel

Jewel

Dr Shakeela Basheer

*Shakeela
Jayanthi Peter*

Dr Jayanthi Peter

Mrs Priya Magesh

*Priya
11/9/13*

Mrs Vathani David

P. K. Vathani

Mr Moses Selvakumar

*M. Moses
11/9/13*

Grievance & Disciplinary Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 30-10-2018

Members Present

- Dr.S.Raja Samuel, Principal – Chairperson
- Dr.J.S.Gunavathy, Associate Professor
- Ms.Priya Magesh, Head, Dept. of B.Sc

The committee met on 30-10-2018 for the year 2018-19 to look into the grievances and disciplinary issues of students. Committee found that there was no grievance or suggestion found in black box and green box respectively. However, Principal presented the following two cases which came to him directly and the actions taken on them.

1. One girl student was found smoking cigarette inside her room in the hostel. Principal called and addressed the girl. She tendered an apology letter. Then principal gave her a final warning that any further non-adherence to hostel rules will result in sending her out of the hostel.
2. Based on the complaint from the college hostel warden about some days scholar BSW students found consuming alcohol, Principal instructed the HOD of BSW to suspend the students immediately and asked to form an enquiry on 27th August 2018. The committee (members of disciplinary committee and the HOD of the concerned dept) met and conducted the enquiry. Enquiry report is enclosed herewith.

The committee felt the necessity to meet twice a year to review the situation, it was decided to have two meetings per year henceforth. With that the meeting was concluded.

(Dr.S.Raja Samuel)
Principal

Received

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Davis Panna
Room no. 44
Bachelors of Social Work
Madras School of Social Work
Egmore, Chennai

October 23rd, 2018

Mr. Moses
Warden (SSER Hostel)
Madras School of Social Work
Egmore, Chennai

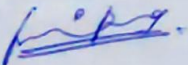
Respected Sir

Sub: Expression of regret

I am writing to you today to apologise for my poor action of smoking cigarettes in my room last night in the hostel. Thus, disobeying the hostel rules. I understand that you are very busy and you have better things to do than discipline students. I am very sorry for my action that I did few days back and also previous night.

In the future I promise not to perform any kind of acts again which is against the hostel rules. I'll be more considerate about the rules and regulations. Henceforth, thank you for your valuable time and please accept my apology.

Sincerely,
Davis Panna



23/10/18

A final warning has been
issued. Any further non-adherence
to hostel rules will result in
the student being sent out of the
hostel.
Sd/-
23/10/18

From,

Student of III B.Sc. Psychology

Madras School of Social Work,

Chennai – 600 008.

To,

Dr. Raja Samuel

Principal,

Madras School of Social Work,

Chennai – 600 008.

08th March 2019.

Respected Sir,

(Sub – Complaint letter regarding the French Professor, Mr. Joseph Shyam Nathan)

It is with deepest regret that I write this letter. I am a final year student of B.Sc. Psychology at MSSW. I wish to bring to your attention certain incidents involving Mr. Joseph Shyam Nathan that I feel is inappropriate for an educational setting. In this letter, I would like to highlight two issues, namely;

1. Promotion of Substance Abuse amongst students
2. Work Ethics

Before I explain further, it should be brought to your notice that I speak out of personal experience and that I do not have any evidence of the same to back up my claims.

Mr. Joseph has promoted the use of substances such as Marijuana amongst students multiple times, via social media and in person. It is also common knowledge that the professor and students often get high together. In a particular discussion the students had with the professor, he claimed he uses substances in-order to reach his 'higher self'. By saying so, he encouraged

Students
Circumstances
die

many of my peers to try marijuana. He also claims to be a 'trip-sitter', and encourages discussions revolving around marijuana and other drugs under the pretence of entheogenic discussions. This is heavily promoted on social media via Instagram through his page "mindfultripper".

Another issue I wish to address in this letter is Mr. Joseph's work ethics. In the 2 years (4 semesters) that I've taken up French as my second language, not once have I taken up an honest examination, and this involves the semester examinations, too. Mr. Joseph does not conduct class and most of my class did not own the prescribed textbook or even know the syllabus. Very little to zero attempt was made from his side to teach the students the language. All my ICA's were postponed to a later date, rather than the scheduled date and the questions that would appear for the examination were decided with the students themselves. The question paper for the semester examination, along with the answers would be sent to us via social media a day or two before the semester examination under the name of 'important questions' and the exact same questions would appear for the examination. We were given special instructions not to mention anything to the professors regarding the same.

He either did not turn up for classes, or he turned up late and even when he did, all the prescribed class timing was spent having discussions about topics very much unrelated and unnecessary for us with the class. He also gave the students attendance when they asked for it.

There are many other claims about the professor within the students of the department itself.

I request you to kindly take my letter seriously and look into the issues mentioned.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

21/8/18

To

The principal,

MSSW

Respected Sir,

Sub: Explanation Letter.

I (TITUS LYONAL JACOB) studying my
BSW II YEAR, first of all ^{BSW-17-25} apologize for ~~the~~
disrespecting the college rules and carrying
alcohol and using it inside the college
campus. In explanation of what happened on
21/8/18. I was having a bad time with my
relationship and I was not in my good mind.
I have a serious mental illness which I'm
trying to overcome. I use alcohol to numb
my thoughts. I carried alcohol on that day
to college and I wanted to go out of the
college since my visions were haunting me. I
wanted to numb myself, I wanted to drink but
my friends wouldn't let me. They were
controlling me to sit and set things right.

But I pushed them away and went to the toilet. They came and held me and said they wanted to talk to me. I started to have my visions and they wanted to talk to me. Since it was the break time everyone was in the ground. ~~to~~ I said I wanted to go to some place alone. They thought that they can talk to me in the hostel and took me there. I wanted to drink but they didn't let me, they wanted to talk but I didn't let them I wanted to be alone. But suddenly ~~to~~ someone knocked on the door and Omar who was already in the room woke up and opened the door. The hostel warden entered the room and said us to vacate the room. I didn't know what was happening and I left the bottle and came out. Then when I came out of the campus the warden called me and was holding the bottle. I started hallucinating and I was having voices inside my head which said to take the bottle and run. I took the bottle from the warden and when the security tried to stop me but I

pushed him and ran and jumped out the wall
and the security tried stopping me but I pushed
them all and ran away. In I ~~ap~~

I sincerely apologize for my behaviour
inside the college campus. I wasn't in my right
mind. I promise I won't repeat it ever
after. I ~~want~~ want to come back to college.

I humbly request you to forgive me
for my behaviour. I request you to
give me one last chance to prove
myself.

27/8/18

Yours faithfully
Tidesh Lionel Jacob
BSW-17-25

From

A. Jeerith David

BSW - 1st year

Batch 2018 - 2021

No, 5 T.T. Nagar Kolothur

Ch - 99.

To

The Principal

MSSW

Case Major Road

Egmore Ch - 08

On the 21st of August as I completed the 3rd hour and came for break, I saw Lyonel and David fighting in the canteen. When I had enquired I learnt that Lyonel was depressed and was having suicidal thoughts. So he also wanted to consume alcohol. To stop him from doing so myself and David along with Lyonel went to the hostel room to console and talk to Lyonel. Where, in the room Omar was already sleeping. Lyonel wanted to consume Alcohol and poured it into a yellow cup. After this the warden Mr. Moses knocked on the door and asked us to leave.

Yours Faithfully
A. Jeerith David

27/08/18
chennai-8.

To,
The Principal,
Madras School of social work,
chennai-8.

From,
K. David Asir,
BSW, department (MSSW),
chennai-8.

Respected sir,
As we were in a urge to
stop our friend lyonal Jacob who is being
facing some mental illness due to depression
he is being unstable for few days at an
extreme level on (21/08/18) during the break
he had some drinks (alcohol) with him
and he wanted to drink it and find solution
for his depression. We as a friends stopped him and
asked him to go for counselling. But he was
desperate to drink and he pulled me aside and
went to the mens hostel and he entered some
random room. At that time jeevith who saw

the situation and came with us were also there with us. Lyonal took some random cup and poured the Alcohol in it. Then we heard a knock on the door when Omar of our class who is sleeping there in the room already opened the room, and warden came in and took those bottle and cup. We came out and the warden asked us to gather to talk about the matter. and suddenly I heard warden shouting that time Lyonal snatched the bottle and ran away. This was mainly due to his mental illness and I also ask you to recommend some good psychiatrist for him. I assure that we won't enter hostel in future. And we will maintain discipline in the campus.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

J. David Asir

Chennai.
27/8/8

To,

The principal.

Madras School of Social work.

Chennai - 8.

From,

N. Omar Abdullah. (BSW-17-23)

Madras school of social work

BSW Department.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Explaining the issue

As. use I was not feeling on Tuesday I was vomiting I went to hostel without permission of anybody and slept in the hostel I don't know what happened I woke up with the sound of noise which David, Lyonal & Jewith were talking and asked them what's happening? and the door was - A warden knocked the door I went to open the door he asked me what happened?, I said him I was sleeping

he asked me to move from that place. I walked away after which he was coming down to with a ~~carola~~ bottle which contains Alcohol. where I was panicked and went to my Hop and said her what happened. And I apologise for what happened. Here after I wont sleep or go to the hostel.

Yours truly
N. Omar Abdullah

BSW-17-23.

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