

Hey guys,

I would like to start off by saying that I am very sorry for not being physically present. A family obligation has brought me away from the university due to which I am writing all of you this e-mail. I would like to say thank you first for opening this mail. It means a lot to know that you are reading this mail.

Who am I?

- I will start off with a quick introduction of myself. I am Lakshmi Ravi contesting for the post of Cultural secretary.
- I am currently pursuing B.A. (research) History and am in my 2nd year.
- I have been and still am part of a number of societies on campus and just recently I have co-founded Mythiya- the Mythology and Folklore society.
- For the last two semesters I have been a member of the cultural committee in the student senate. I also was part of a number of teams during Breeze'15 and Escapade'14.
- I co-hosted an event for the associate dean's office which was about 'Democratization of Media and Governance'.
- I had served as the Deputy Cultural Secretary working under Surbhit Luthra, interim Cultural Secretary.
- I am a member of various societies in the past, feel that I would be able to understand and fulfil the needs that arise for various committees and clubs, as well as individuals willing to showcase their talents.
- Every society will be an equal for me. All past conflicts and issues are will remain in the past, after all it's for the university that we are all working for.
- I have drafted the latest undergraduate cultural committee constitution.



What I promise to do:

1. I promise to follow the Undergraduate Cultural Committee Constitution which was formed by the proceeding cultural committee and approved by the Dean of Undergraduate Affairs to the fullest. The document will be sent out to the entire university soon by the next senate.
2. The budgetary requirements of every society will be taken care of in accordance to the new budgetary policy as mentioned in the new constitution.
3. An easy and efficient system will be set in place for all room requirements and arrangements for any event.
4. I will give my full efforts to ensure that our college is well represented in outside fests not just for dance, music, art and drama but also for literary and other technical events.
5. A referendum in form of a google form will be sent every month to assess the performance of the cultural committee and secretary.

6. Every complaint and problem will be tackled on the spot, and full transparency will be ensured in every action.
7. At any given moment, I will disclose any information demanded by any student of the university.
8. Every student will have the right to conduct any event they wish to, as long as it follows the university's protocols, with full support from the cultural committee.
9. I will hold every club in equal regard without discriminating against them in terms of past association.
10. I will ensure that a **public poll** takes place before making any major decision with regards to cultural affairs in the university.
11. Every club head/ member of core committee will be allowed to express what is bothering them in an open forum which will be conducted for them every 15-20 days. I plan to do this in a meeting where all the club heads will be in attendance. All the issues that have been raised will be sorted out there.
12. I promise to uphold this university's name and its brilliant talents both inside and outside the university.
13. I will do my level best to set up a proper functioning Student Activity Center.
14. External associations like the one CineU has with IAWRT or International Association of Women in Radio and Television will be promoted by my counsel. This has enabled our university to establish links with international and national agencies which will in turn help us with our fest and name in general.
15. I will promote every student's cultural talents, and not just societies.
16. I will be fully supportive of new societies coming up on campus because I have experience with starting a society and the difficulties that come with it, I will personally take care of every one of their needs, and help them establish themselves.
17. Every person who has and will do anything for the university will be given due recognition.
18. I promise to hold everyone's option in full regard and will consider it as a value addition to anything I do.

Breeze 2016:

1. A new and efficient work distribution structure will be in place for the smooth functioning of the fest.
2. All preparation for the fest will start 6 months prior to it including a wide and extensive marketing and sponsorship drive.
3. Full transparency will be maintained and any information that one wants will be immediately given to them.
4. A full referendum will be conducted for choosing the performers or any major decision regarding the fest.

Escapade 2016:

1. The structure of escapade will be changed with accordance to the club's and student's convenience.
2. The fest will happen yearly with more fun and innovative ways every time.
3. I aim to change the structure of escapade and make it an umbrella of societies working together with cross disciplinary events in which teams would participate. Every successive event they will be marked. This would create unity in the university not just among the clubs but also amongst the students.

Problems that I am clarifying:

There is a perception going around that says that my work does not reach logistical conclusion. I admit it has happened once or twice before due to unavoidable circumstances and was in no way deliberate. I give you my word that none of the activities that I undertake will be left logistically incomplete.

Additional comments:

I would like to add that my aim is to work and make this university's cultural atmosphere healthy and fun irrespective of whether I win or not. I will continue to do my little individual efforts towards the same and am willing to work with anyone to achieve that. Also I would request you all to look at the work that I had undertaken for various teams in Breeze'15 and Escapade '14 along with individual work that I have done for various societies on campus. Being associated with multiple societies gives me an edge over the others because I guarantee that my loyalty does not lie to any one particular society but all the societies as a whole.

Thank you for your time,

Cheers,

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(Lakshmi Ravi)