



**Students' Senate (2018 -19)**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  
**Ayushya Agarwal | Chairperson**



**2<sup>nd</sup> (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Attendance Record**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

Total Strength of the Senate: 35

Total members present: 26

Total members absent: 9

Absent without notification: 8

Absent with permission: 1

Present with nominee: 2

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No.	Name	Post	Status
1	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3	Anshumali Prakash Mishra	(Officiating) General Secretary, Cultural	Present
4	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present*
5	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
6	Ahir Sudhendu Prashant	Finance Convener, Students' Senate	Present
7	Siddhartha Srivastava	Parliamentarian, Students' Senate	Present
8	Aayushi Bansal	Convener, CoSHA	Present
9	Divyanshu Verma	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
10	Abhishek Rai	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
11	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
12	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent
13	Sohail Saifi	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent
14	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
15	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent#
16	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
17	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
18	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present



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19	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
20	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
21	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
23	Rishab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent
24	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
25	Danish Abbas	Senator, MTech Y16	Absent
26	Karanvir Singh Bhatia	Senator, MTech Y16	Absent
27	Debbani	Girls Representative, PG	Present
29	Deepak Singh Attri	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
30	Hemant Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
31	Jitendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
32	Narayan Mishra	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
33	Vishwadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programs Y17	Present
34	Santhosh Kumar	Senator, MSR	Absent
35	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD, Y16	Present

\* - with Nominee

# - with Permission



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**2nd (Special Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes**

**The 2018-19/2<sup>nd</sup> (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 5:25 PM.**

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: 1. 2018-19/2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting 2. 2017-18/Joint Meeting
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Confirmation of the minutes was delayed as no minutes were available at the time of the meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The Steering Committee pointed out that some senators had been missing in 2 meetings and if they did not attend the meeting that day would be in violation of the attendance rules. The Chairperson, Students' Senate apologized for not sending the show-cause notice to the individuals missing the meeting and requested that the Senate not remove the senators if they missed the meeting. However, the Parliamentarian clarified that the rules were explicitly mentioned in the Constitution and since the senators had not come for the meeting they were removed.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the reply of the UG Coordinators, Counselling Service, to the show cause notice issued to them for cancelling the Science and Technology Council's presentation slot during the Orientation.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the show cause notice on the floor of the Senate. The defendants stated that the reason for doing the same was that the fact that they had to accommodate last minute requests from the faculty for talks and had prioritized these talks over the presentation by the Science and Technology Council.. After due deliberations, the Senate arrived at the conclusion that the problems were caused due to mismanagement by the UG Coordinators and expressed its disappointment with their conduct. The UG Coordinators,



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Counselling Service were directed by the Senate to include a President's nominees while planning the orientation sessions to ensure that the incoming students do not miss out on vital aspects of the orientation. Further, the UG coordinators were asked to issue an official apology to the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the reply of Head, Events, Techkriti'18 to the show cause notice issued against him.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the show cause notice on the floor of the Senate. The issue pertained to mismatch in the amount of prize money claimed and released by the Techkriti'18 team. The senate discussed the issue and concluded that the Head, Events responsible for the distribution of the money was at fault and he was reprimanded for the same. The Senate directed the Techkriti'18 team to fulfill the commitments to the participant within a 14 day deadline.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To report the actions taken on the decisions on the Students' Senate 2017-2018
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The Action Taken Report was presented on the floor of the Senate by the Chairperson, Students' Senate (2017-18) and he gave updates to the Senate on the following items:

**2014-15/1st/6** - The Parliamentarian, Students' Senate was directed by the Senate to present the updated constitution in the next meeting.

**2014-15/2nd/14** - The Senate was informed that the committee that had been formed had not given a report. It was suggested that to perform initial research, an individual senator volunteer and present a report on whose basis the course of action would be decided. Mr. Abhishek Singh, General Body Member, offered to take up this matter of the monitoring systems of PG Attendance.

**2014-15/6th (SPL)/16** - The item was dropped. The Senate was informed that having informal sessions would be much more beneficial in which discussions about issues that matter to both the Faculty and the students are taken up. Thus informal meetings would be better than a formal forum of students and faculty.

**2015-16/1st/15** - The Senate was informed that a letter regarding the inclusion of students in the process of selecting Associate Deans had been moved by the outgoing team and the Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to follow up on the matter.



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**2015-16/3rd/21** - The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council was directed by the Senate to take up the matter on a priority basis

**2016-17/3rd/22** - The Senate was informed that the letter has been moved and further updates will be given by the President, Students' Gymkhana.

**2016-17/5th (SPL)/10** - The Senate directed the Academics and Research Cell to take up the matter of drafting the proposal and giving an update to the Senate.

**2016-17/8th/21** - The Senate asked for a volunteer to take up the re-drafting of the proposal. Mr. Pence Mataria volunteered for the same and shall come up with a proposal for a driving school for students

**2017-18/1st/28** - The Action was deemed to have been completed.

**2017-18/2nd (Spl)/20** - The Senate directed Mr. Mayank Chauhan, CEO'18-19 to take up the matter.

**2017-18/2nd (Spl)/31** - The Senate was informed that the Head, CSE had refused the request for accommodation citing the fact that he could not control students from different departments. The President, Students' Gymkhana volunteered to take up the matter with the Head CSE again.

**2017-18/2nd (Spl)/31** - The Senate decided to allow the Gymkhana Review Committee to look into the issue and come up with its report

**2017-18/3rd/23** - The President, Students' Gymkhana stated that the Halls had made their decision independently on this issue. However, electricity meters in common rooms had been set up.

**2017-18/3rd/30** - The Senate decided to re-constitute and break the committee into 2 separate committees dedicated to UG and PG issues respectively. The composition was as follows:.

UG : 1. Rahul Sethi, Senator BT/BS Y16

2. Navanya Sharma, Senator BT/BS Y16

PG: 1. Narayan Mishra, Senator, M-Tech Y17

2. Deepak Singh Attri, Senator, M-Tech Y17

**2017-18/4th/11** - The Dean of Infrastructure and Planning has asked for a revised proposal for the cycle pool. The Senate asked the President, Students' Gymkhana to take up the matter on a priority.

**2017-18/4th/20** - The Students' Senate re-constituted the sub-committee formed for the purpose of drafting the Mission and Vision document:

1. Sudhendu Ahir, Finance Convener

2. Aayushi Bansal, Senator BT/BS Y16

3. Nikunj Kothari, Senator BT/BS Y17

**2017-18/5th/20**- The Senate was informed that the proposal needs to be revised after the



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discussions with the Institute authorities. The Chairperson Students' Senate was directed to take up the matter.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider the pre-conduction report of the General Championship'18
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The item was presented for the deliberation of the Senate along with the report of the committee formed to look into the motivations behind the General Championship. The report of the committee outlined the various reasons why the Students' Gymkhana conducts the General Championship and the incentives for the freshers to participate in the same. The committee recognised that the issues of forced participation and low PG participation plagued the current General Championship model and thus a change in the method of conduction of the General Championship was required. This change needed to put focus on exposure to clubs and learning for the participants and the new model needed to have more drivers for organic participation from both the PGs and UGs.

After due deliberation on the report, the Students' Senate arrived at the following conclusions regarding the conduction of General Championship (GC)'18,

1. The ultimate managing and mentorship body for the GC will be the Students' Gymkhana.
2. The Hall Executive Committee (HEC) will play no role in any aspect whatsoever, be it conduction of events or participation of the pool/hall students in the GC.
3. The pool structure will still exist to ensure that there is a higher motivating force of belongingness driving the participants. The UG and PG halls will be divided among 5 pools and this division shall be fixed. On further discussion it was decided that the names of the pools shall be changed from the extant ones so as to ensure that the information about the change is conveyed to the General Body and the new structure can be free of the historical baggage associated with these names.
4. The management model was decided as follows:
  - a. A Management Committee will be constituted from each council for the conduction of the GC, whose sole purpose will be smooth conduction and management of the GC.
  - b. This committee will provide information about the competitions to the pool members.
  - c. The committee will consist of a Pool Captain, who will not be a 2nd year undergraduate student.
  - d. Each hall within the pool will have their respective UG or PG Hall Captains who will coordinate with the club teams from their halls.





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- e. Respective General Secretary of the Councils will be at the head of the management model and will be responsible for all the actions of the Management Committee.
- 5. All the practices and other activities related to the GC will be held in common areas NOT belonging to the halls. Also, all practices and activities will be held strictly within fixed time frames decided by the Senate.
- 6. The Senate also discussed on the matter of the monetary funds required for the conduction of the GC:
  - a. The Senate arrived at the conclusion that Gymkhana cannot expect any finances from the non-fresher Halls and thus a source of financing could be from the funds of the fresher halls for the current year and thereafter a source of funding would have to be decided upon by the Senate.
  - b. The Senate also looked at the contingency of using the SAF for the purposes of GC conduction.

The Senate asked the President, Students' Gymkhana to present an updated Pre-Conduction report keeping in mind the items discussed on the floor of the Senate.

<b>Item no. 7</b>	To consider the pre-conduction reports of the By-Elections, 2018
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The Chief Election Officer(CEO), Election Commission presented the pre-conduction report of the By-Elections 2018. Questions were raised on the timeline of elections and the on the initiative of requiring a candidate to submit his/her manifesto along with the nomination. The Senate agreed to the initiative on the caveat that the information about the elections was released well in advance thus allowing prospective candidates to draw up good manifestos. Further, edits were suggested to the timeline to ensure a smooth process and the CEO was also directed to update the Senate on the issue of finances of the elections.

The Senate asked the Chief Election Officer to re-circulate the pre-conduction report on the mailing list after incorporating the changes.

<b>Item no. 8</b>	To consider for de-ratification from the post of Head, Business, Team AUV.
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The Student's Senate de-ratified the student from the post on the recommendation of the General Secretary, Science and Technology

<b>Item no. 9</b>	To consider for ratification, names of students for different posts in the Students' Gymkhana
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The names for the ratifications were presented and accepted by the Senate after due deliberation. Concerns were raised on the ratification of teams after the end of their tenure and the Senate decided that the ratification would allowed as an exception with the caveat that the nominating authorities be held accountable in the future if the time between conduction of interviews and ratification of individuals exceeds a period of 2 weeks. The same shall be forwarded to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its comment.

<b>Item no. 10</b>	To consider the minutes of COFA(U)
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The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council presented the minutes of the COFA(U). The minutes were confirmed by the Senate. Further, the Senate directed the Office Bearers to ensure that COFA was not reduced to a cursory rubber stamp on the names included in the Festival Advisory Committees and to ensure that the committee performed a thorough background check on the proposed names..

<b>Item no. 11</b>	To consider the Handbook of various Position of Responsibility
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The proposal was presented before the Senate and accepted in principle. The proposer was directed to make changes where irregularities were observed and present the updated document to the Senate.

<b>Item no. 12</b>	To consider the proposal for having a concise version of the UG Manual
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The item was presented to the Senate and after discussing the Senate concluded that further reduction in the size of the document was needed. Further, concerns were also raised on the body





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regularly updating the manual. The Senate asked the proposer to reduce the size and present the updated document.

<b>Item no. 13</b>	To consider a proposal for the formation of Ultimate Frisbee Hobby Group
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The proposal was presented on the floor of the Senate and accepted. The Hobby Group shall be placed in the Games and Sports Council. The item was forwarded to the Rules and Procedures Committee for the necessary amendments.

<b>Item no. 14</b>	To consider the minutes of COFA(T)
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council presented the minutes of COFA(T). The Senate accepted the proposed Festival Advisory Committee for Techkriti'19.

<b>Item no. 15</b>	To consider a proposal on framing Internship Process Guidelines and defining the work of the Overall Placement Coordinators
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The proposal was presented on the floor of the Senate. Several questions were raised and the Senate accepted the document with the caveat that the suggested changes shall be incorporated. The President, Students' Gymkhana was directed to take up the same in the Student Placement Committee

<b>Item no. 16</b>	To consider a proposal regarding attire change in Placement PPTs
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The item was presented to the Senate for its consideration. The Senate agreed with the need to change the attire with time, however concerns were raised that the attire should not become too casual. With this caveat the Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to take up the same in the Student Placement Committee

<b>Item no. 17</b>	To consider a proposal for expanding the purview of the SIP
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The item was presented to the Senate for its consideration. The Senate agreed with the need for an expanded purview of the SIP. There were concerns raised on the lack of a proper defaulter policy of SIP and its need to prevent misuse. The Head, SIP was directed by the Senate to come up with the defaulter policy as soon as possible and ensure that the purview of the SIP was expanded.

<b>Item no. 18</b>	To consider a proposal to establish Departmental Mentorship Societies
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The proposal was presented in the Senate. After, due deliberation, the Senate pointed out that the proposed societies should be better integrated with the existing DUGCs. The proposal was accepted with the caveat that the suggested structural changes would be made to ensure that the proposed societies and the DUGCs worked together.

<b>Item no. 20</b>	To consider the issue of blanket punishments given to students in recent times
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 21</b>	To consider the proposal to allow students completing graduation requirements early to stay back an extra semester
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 22</b>	To consider the proposal for the establishment of minors in the Department of Economics
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 23</b>	To consider the proposal for the establishment of guidelines for appeals
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	against program termination on academic grounds
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 24</b>	To consider a proposal for a change in the eligibility clause for Awards and Scholarships as mentioned in the SSPC Manual
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 25</b>	To consider a proposal for a BS program in the Department of Biological Sciences and Biological Engineering
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 25</b>	To consider a proposal for reforms in SAC operating procedures
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 26</b>	To consider abandoning the process of nominations for Hall President and mess secretary
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 27</b>	To consider the request of Academics and Research Cell for providing office space in the New SAC
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.



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<b>Item no. 28</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of the Consulting hobby group
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 29</b>	To consider the locations for cell phone tower installation
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 30</b>	To discuss the security issue related to halls.
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This item was deferred for the next meeting.

<b>Item no. 19</b>	Questions & Remarks
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It was pointed out that the drinking water quality was not upto mark at various places in the academic area. The Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to take required actions through relevant administrative authorities.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 AM, 13th August, 2018 with a vote of thanks to all the members present.**