



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



4th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes

The 2018-19/4th Special Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Thursday, 3rd January 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.

S. no.	Name	Post	Status
1.	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3.	Anshumali Prakash	General Secretary, Media and Cultural	Present
4.	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
5.	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
6.	Ahir Sudhendu Prashant	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent
7.	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
8.	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
9.	Sohail Saifi	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
10.	Sirsendu Sarkar	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
11.	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
12.	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent
13.	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
14.	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
15.	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent
16.	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
17.	Siddhartha Srivastava	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
18.	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent
19.	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present



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20.	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
21.	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22.	Risab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent
23.	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
24.	Ankur Banga	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
25.	Ashutosh Bajpai	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Absent
26.	Chinmay Goyal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
27.	Deepankur Kansal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
28.	Prince Pratap Singh	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
29.	Shivam Rajoriya	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
30.	Abhishek Verma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
31.	Akshay Bajaj	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
32.	Somya Sharma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
33.	Yogendra Vyas	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
34.	Deepak Singh Attri	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
35.	Hemant Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
36.	Jitendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
37.	Narayan Mishra	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
38.	Danish Abbas	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
39.	Karanvir Singh Bhatia	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
40.	Viswadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y17	Present
41.	Mallidi Lakshmana Sudheer Reddy	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y18	Present
42.	Ajay Vallabh	Senator, MSR	Present
43.	Suraj	Senator, MSR	Present
44.	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

* - Present with Nominee # - Absent with Permission



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The meeting was commenced at 8:49 pm.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i) 2018/19 – 5th (Special) Meeting
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The minutes were presented for confirmation by the Chairperson, Students' Senate. A number of questions were raised by a general body member, Mr. Gagandeep regarding the procedure that was followed during the passage of the censure motion against the CoSHA Convener and the reasons for the same. It was clarified that the Students' Senate was not trivialising the issues faced by the HEC of Hall 11 but had criticised the actions taken by the Convener, COSHA while they were trying to tackle the issue.

It was pointed by Senators that the issues being faced in Hall 11 were not new and had been faced multiple times by the Hall 11 residents in the past couple of years. The democratic rights of the Hall residents had been encroached upon and the HEC of the hall was not being allowed to function by the Warden-Incharge. Further, the Hall Constitution was not being followed. It was claimed that the issues had not been resolved despite several meetings with the Warden-Incharge of the Hall and Dean of Student Affairs. The matter was not escalated to higher bodies like the Council of Wardens (CoW) as its functioning had been restricted to certain specific domains, and the Hall Management Committee (HMC) as the Chair, HMC did not send out a call for agenda. A senator suggested that a resolution should be moved by the Students' Senate regarding the specific issues faced in Hall 11 along with the broader issue of non-ratification of Hall Constitutions by the Academic Senate and the lack of Grievance Redressal Mechanisms for Hall issues at an administrative level. The President, Students' Gymkhana was asked to prepare the text for the same.

Further, mistakes were pointed out in the minutes in which the discussions recorded for the item regarding the issues against the Convener, COSHA were recorded incorrectly. The Senate directed the Chairperson, Students' Senate to modify the minutes and present them for noting.

Item No. 2	Announcements, remarks, and questions, if any
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The following announcements, remarks and question were admitted on the floor of the Senate by the Chairperson:

- The Students' Senate nominee to the COSHA pointed out that she was not a part of the mailing list of the COSHA and the Convener, COSHA had shown disregard to the rules of the Senate by the not informing her of the meetings. The Senate asked the Convener, COSHA to rectify the situation at the earliest.
- Senators questioned the President, Students' Gymkhana on the status of the letter that had been moved for the Stipend Hike. The President, Students; Gymkhana informed the Senate that the letter had been moved through the Director to the appropriate authorities. Further, he stated that 6 out of the 9 entities responsible for stipend disbursement were sending out the stipend on time and the forwarding of a letter asking them to course correct had been a mistake.
- The Convener, Nominations Committee was directed to present the names of the replacement Student Nominees to the SUGC and the SSAC to the Senate at the earliest.
- The Chairperson, Students' Senate was asked to request the DOAA to send out a mail on the Students' list clarifying the bodies and procedures involved in the handling of the biometric data of the students.
- The Senate asked the Chairperson, Students' Senate the reason for the delay in the presenting of the post-conduction report of Udghosh'18 and Techkriti'18. It was clarified that the reports had not been presented as the finances of both the festivals had not been settled.
- The Convener, Nominations Committee was directed to appoint student nominees to the DUGC, HSS at the earliest.
- The student nominee to the CEMMC announced that the tender for the resteraunt Urban Crave would be ending by the end of January and a sandwich shop will be opened to replace it. Further, tenders would be opened for vendors in the Chowpatti that had been constructed in front of Hall 10.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana was directed to look at the functioning of the Institute Complaints Committee (ICC) and look at the inclusion of student members in the committee.

Item No. 3	To consider the reply of the following Senators to the Show Cause issued to them:
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The Senators replied to the Show-Cause issued against them for violation of attendance rules in the following way:

- Mr. Sudhendu Ahir was not present in the meeting and the defense was deferred to a later meeting.
- Mr. Sohail Saifi replied to the show cause notice on the floor of the Senate. He stated the fact that he had a placement test on the day of the latest meeting that he had missed due to which he forgot to notify the Chairperson of his absence. he apologized for missing the meetings.
- Mr. Prince Pratap Singh replied to the show cause notice on the floor of the Senate. He stated the fact that he was not well on the day of one of the meetings and was out of the station on the other and forgot to notify the Chair for the same. His actions were declared as instances of abject carelessness and he was given a warning.

The Senate accepted the defense of both the Senators and reinstated Mr. Prince Pratap Singh with the caveat that he does not miss a single meeting without notification and Mr. Sohail Saifi with the caveat that does not miss a single meeting with or without notification.

Item No. 4	To consider the Action-taken report(ATR) for the decisions taken in the Students' Senate (2018-19)
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The item was deferred due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 5	To consider the minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee(RPC)
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The minutes of the 3rd meeting of the RPC was presented by the Parliamentarian and the following comments were received:



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1. The Senate addressed the concerns regarding the inclusion of an Academics and Career Council. Certain amendments were suggested to the amendment text that had been prepared that tackled the issues pointed out in the Rules and Procedures Committee.
2. The change in Eligibility criterion from 6.5 to 6.0 was accepted. Along with the positions mentioned in the RPC minutes, the Students' Senate felt that all elected members of the Gymkhana should adhere to the criterion of 6.5 so as to reduce a chance of an elected representative having to resign due to academic constraints.

The changes proposed in the appendices were accepted unanimously, while voting on the Constitutional Amendment was deferred to the next meeting as per procedure.

Item No. 6	To consider for ratification the names of students appointed to respective posts
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The names of the students were ratified to the respective posts.

Item No.7	To consider the End-Term reports of Academic sub-committees
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The Students' Senate noted the reports and directed the ARC to come up with clear guidelines on the work of the students nominees to the Academic sub-committees on the basis of the reports to ensure the functioning of the student nominees.

Item No.8	To consider a proposal for a cooking hobby group
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The Students' Senate questioned the fact that there had been no activities of the kind that was being proposed by the hobby group proposers and was sceptical that the logistics would work out for the hobby group. The General Secretary, Media and Culture claimed that there was a need for such a Hobby group as activities of a similar kind had been introduced in the Inter IIT meet. The Senate then empowered the General Secretary, Media and Culture to hold events on the lines of the group and the Students' Senate would judge on the basis of the events the need for the Hobby Group.

Item No.9	To consider the minutes of the meeting of COFA(U)
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The item was deferred due to unavailability of the Festival Coordinators of Udghosh'18

Item No.10	To consider the minutes of the Joint COFA
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The Students' Senate noted that the discussion regarding the allocation of the Gymkhana grant had been completed in a previous meeting. The recommendation of implementing a receipt system for the Gymkhana Forms was rejected by the Students' Senate. Instead the Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to look at the inclusion of the Gymkhana forms in the letter moving modules of Pingala.

The Students' Senate accepted the need for supervision of the number of students entering the campus during the time of the festivals. It was further noted that these supervision methods needed to be independent of the Festival Teams so as to ensure that there was no foul play in terms of subversion of the cap on external participation. However, the Students' Senate felt that RFID tags though serving the purpose would not be cost efficient and proposed a subcommittee be formed with the mandate to look into alternate means of monitoring the external participation during festivals. The composition of the sub-committee was as follows:

1. Mr. Abhishek Singh (Convener)
2. Mr. Yash Maheshwari, Senator, BT/BS Y17
3. Mr. Mayank Chauhan, Senator BT/BS Y15

The General Secretaries would be invited as special nominees to the meetings of the sub-committee.

Item No.11	To consider the minutes of the meeting of COFA(T)
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The minutes of the meeting of COFA(T) were presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology and ratified by the Students' Senate

Item No.12	To consider the representation of the HEC members of Hall 13 in the CoSHA
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The Students' Senate considered the issue of HEC representation of Hall 13 to the COSHA since currently there was no elected President of the Hall, who would have been the member of the



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Council according to the COSHA constitution. The Students' Senate directed the Chairman, COSHA to write to the HEC, Hall 13 to nominate a student from amongst their rank to the post of the nominee of Hall 13 to the COSHA.

Item No.13	To consider the proposal for conduction of Basic Life Support session in all halls.
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The Students' Senate was of the opinion that Basic Life Support training sessions could be conducted during the orientation period leading to better coverage of students and thus increased safety. The President, Students' Gymkhana was directed to contact the Counselling Service for the same.

Item No.14	To consider the proposal for conduction of awareness and feedback session regarding the Health Insurance Policy in all halls.
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The Students' Senate was of the opinion that such sessions were not warranted. Instead the salient points about the Health Insurance Policy could be written in the Health Booklet along with the inclusion of the scenarios in which the HIP could be used outside the campus on the Health Centre Website.

Further, the Students' Senate was of the opinion that the feedback for the policy could be taken on a rolling basis with all individuals availing the HIP being asked to fill a form. Apart from this to get general feedback a link could be maintained on the Health Centre website.

The Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to take up the issue through the Health Centre Users Committee.

Item No.15	To consider a proposal to increase the number of street lights on the campus.
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The proposal was accepted in principle by the Students' Senate and the President, Students' Gymkhana was directed to take up the matter with the Dean of Infrastructure and Planning.

Item No.16	To consider the proposal for the change in the source of Gymkhana Matching
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The Students' Senate agreed to the proposal in principle, however, it was pointed out that engaging the Alumni and convincing them to pay for the endowment fund would not be an easy task and the proposal lacked exact mechanisms for the same. The Students Senate composed a sub-committee with the mandate to look into the exact mechanisms through which Alumni donorship could be attracted. The composition of the committee was as follows:

1. Mr. Richeek Awasthi (Convener)
2. Mr. Abhishek Singh
3. Overall Coordinator, Outreach Cell

Item No.17	To consider the interim report of the Gymkhana Review Committee (GRC)
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The item was deferred due to lack of time

Item No.18	To consider the mid-term reports of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General Secretary, Media and Culture2. General Secretary, Science and Technology3. General Secretary, Games and Sports4. President, Students' Gymkhana5. Chairperson, Students' Senate
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The Mid-term report of the General Secretary, Media and Culture was presented before the Senate. The Senate deliberated on the report and accepted it. The General Secretary, Media and Culture was asked to diagnose the issues for the degraded performance in the Inter IIT meet.

The Mid-term report of the General Secretary, Games and Sports was presented on the floor of the Senate. The Senate asked directed the General Secretary to run similar diagnostics for performance of the Sports contingent in the Inter IIT Sports meet. Further, the General Secretary informed the Senate about the progress of the various Hobby Groups under the Council and was directed by the Senate to look into the issue of a Shooting Range at a priority basis. The Senate expressed disappointment with the functioning of the Card and Board Games Club and directed the Chairperson, Students' Senate to issue a show-cause notice against them.



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The Students' Senate accepted both the reports and the remaining reports were deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No.19	To consider the proposal for friendship benches
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The proposal was presented by the President, Students' Gymkhana on the floor of the Senate. It was pointed out that though benches were needed in the Academic area as there was a lack of community spaces for students there, however labelling the benches may have negative consequences. The Students' Senate was of the opinion that the priority should be setting up benches in the Academic Area that allowed for group meetings and could serve as an informal hangout destination for the students. The 'Friendship Benches' could also be set up with a trial run of a few benches.

The President, Students' Gymkhana was tasked to bring up the updated proposal before the Students' Senate at the earliest with the new bench locations.

Item No.20	To consider the proposal of revamping gender-based policies
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The Students' Senate accepted that the proposer was pointing out a relevant issue that needed to be taken up considering the changing culture of the country and the change in values that the youth of the country holds dear. However, it was felt that the proposal did not cover a lot of breadth and the Senate constituted a sub-committee to identify all such places and policies on campus that would be affected by such changes and present a compiled report to the Senate.

The composition of the sub-committee was as follows:

1. Mr. Akshay Bajaj (Convener)
2. Mr. Mayank Chauhan
3. Mr. Richeek Awasthi
4. Ms. Navanya Sharma
5. Ms. Shruti Joshi

The Convener of the subcommittee was asked to bring in members of Unmukt as special invitees to the committee

Item No.21	To consider the post-conduction report of Takneek'18
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The item was not taken up as the report had not been prepared

Item No.22	To consider the pre-conduction report of Galaxy'19
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The item was not taken up as the report had not been prepared

Item No.23	To consider the proposal for modification in the functioning of the SSAC
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The item was not taken up as the document had not been submitted

Item No.24	To consider the proposal for modifications in the membership of GRC
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The item was deferred due to lack of time

Item No.25	Any other item(s) with the permission of the Chair
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Item No.26	To consider the minutes of the 1st PGSAC Meeting
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The Students' Senate pointed out that the minutes of the sub-committee needed to be accepted by the sub-committee before presentation in the Students' Senate and thus deferred acceptance of the minutes of the 1st PGSAC Meeting.

Item No.27	To consider the proposal for de-ratification of a Music Club coordinator
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The Students' Senate deratified Mr. Shreshta Shukla from the position of Music Club Coordinator.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to all the members.