



Students' Senate
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
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Minutes: 12th Meeting of the Students' Senate, 3rd March, 2013

The 12th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2012 – 2013) was held on Sunday, 3rd March, 2013 in the Old SAC Conference Room. It was called to order by the Convener, Students' Senate at 2:30 PM.

The attendance record of the senators is:

- Total: 52
- Present: 32
- Absent: 20
- Absent with permission: 20

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	To ratify the Minutes of the 11 th Meeting, held on 03.02.13
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The draft Minutes had been circulated by the Convener along with the Agenda and were presented by him for the consideration of the Senate.

The Minutes of these meetings were ratified, without any changes.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any.
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The Convener, Students' Senate announced that he had received a complaint that some Senators elected in the Gymkhana General Elections, 2013 did not satisfy the eligibility criterion. He further informed that he was investigating the matter and would bring his findings to the Senate for consideration in case he finds any authenticity in the complaint.

Item No. 3	To report on action taken.
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The Action Taken Report was presented by the Convener, Students' Senate for the consideration of the Senate. The report was accepted without any changes.

Item No. 4	To consider the report of the Virtual Classroom Committee.
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The report was presented by the Convener, Students' Senate on behalf of Samarth Bansal, Convener of the Virtual Classroom Committee for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate



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expressed its fear of the possibility of this proposal causing a further drop in the attendance of UG students which is also a big concern among the faculty at present.

After detailed deliberation, the Senate decided that the administration shall be requested to provide for sufficient infrastructure to implement virtual classrooms and live recording. The decision to avail this service to assist the instructor in the conduction of the course should be left with the instructor. However, the request shall specifically suggest its implementation for the first few lectures of Open Elective and Science Elective courses so that students can choose to add or drop the courses seeing these videos in case they are not able to attend the lectures of all the available elective courses possibly due to time-table clashes.

Item No. 5	To note the report regarding Students' Lounge forwarded by the President, Students' Gymkhana.
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The report regarding Students' Lounge had been circulated by the President on the senate list. The following 2 suggestions were received from the Convener, Students' Senate which were also accepted:

1. In case it is not feasible to have all the projector facility in all rooms, then the few rooms with projector facility should have the option of booking them unlike all other discussion rooms which shall be available on first come first serve basis.
2. Instead of Students' Lounge, it should be named as Academic Area Lounge or something like that which reflects that it is open for all and not just for students.

Due to the urgent need for forwarding it, the Senate had approved the report on the senate list with these suggestions incorporated,. The same was noted by the Senate.

Item No. 6	To consider the proposal for keeping a section of the Library open for 24 hours.
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The proposal was presented by the Convener, Students' Senate for the consideration of the Senate. After a discussion, the Senate agreed that it was necessary that a section of the Library be kept open for 24 hours for use by students for academic activities late at night. It was decided that a letter would be written by the Convener to the administration requesting that the ground floor of the Library be kept open 24 hours.

Item No. 7	To consider the proposal for introduction of a PG Mentor.
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The proposal was presented by the Harshvardhan, Senator, M.Tech Y12 for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the proposal at length, and decided, in principle, that each student of IIT Kanpur, whether UG or PG should be given a Mentor for their first year in order



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to help them better integrate themselves with the IIT Kanpur community. In this regard, it was decided that the Convener shall take up the request with the Head, Counseling Service.

Item No. 8	To consider the proposal for introduction of CPA for PG students.
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

Item No. 9	<p>To consider, for voting, the following Constitutional amendments for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Holding the elections of all Standing Committee Conveners along with the Convener, Students' Senate.Replacing the word "ratification" with "confirmation" in context of the Minutes of the Senate Meetings.Renaming the post of Convener, Students' Senate as Chairperson, Students' Senate.Reorganization of the Office of Students' Senate.
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The texts of the Constitutional amendments as well as the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee were presented by the Convener for the consideration of the Senate. All four amendments were passed unanimously by the Senate. Thus, the following changes were made to the Constitution.

The post of Convener, Students' Senate was renamed to Chairperson, Students' Senate. Consequently, the first occurrence of "Convener, Students' Senate" in the Constitution was changed to "**Chairman/Chairwoman, (hereafter referred to as Chairperson)**" and all subsequent occurrences of "Convener" in this context were changed to "**Chairperson**".

Article 3.09 of the Gymkhana Constitution now states the following:

The Chairperson and Parliamentarian of the outgoing Senate shall conduct elections for the following posts of the incoming Senate:

- Chairperson and Parliamentarian of the Senate.**
- The Convener for each standing committee for which the Convener is required to be elected by the Senate.**

Further, the Rules and Procedures of the Gymkhana were amended so that in Appendix I of the Gymkhana Constitution, Article 1.10 (c) now reads:

Confirmation:



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When the procedure laid down in article 1.10 (b) above has been followed the draft minutes shall be placed for confirmation at the first subsequent session of the Students' Senate. However, if less than twenty-four hours have elapsed since the circulation of the draft minutes; confirmation shall be done in the next session if so demanded by even one member of the Senate. Confirmation of the draft minutes shall constitute the first item on the agenda. Changes, if any, shall be included in full in the minutes of the session in which confirmation is done. On confirmation, the Chairperson shall sign the confirmed minutes, whereupon they shall become official.

Article 3.1 (c) now reads:

The Steering Committee shall also be responsible for the recording of the minutes of the sessions of the Students' Senate, for this purpose the Steering Committee shall meet within four days of every session of the Students' Senate and prepare the draft minutes for confirmation by the Students' Senate.

Article 4.3 (a) (i) now reads:

Confirmation of draft minutes

Finally, Article 1.12 was amended to include the following sub-clause 1.12 (c):

1.12 (c) To assist the Chairperson in the discharge of his/her responsibilities, as mentioned above or otherwise, he/she may, through a call for nominations to the general body, nominate Secretary(s) under the Office of the Students' Senate, the number and responsibilities of whom may be ascertained by the Senate from time to time based on the recommendation of the Chairperson, Students' Senate. The name(s) of the person(s) for the post(s) shall be proposed by the Chairperson to the Senate for ratification.

Item No. 10	To consider the proposal for a change in the APEC rules.
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As per the Minutes of the 2012-13/11th Meeting, the Senate had accepted the recommendation of the Academic System Feedback Committee regarding the change in the rules pertaining to Termination and AP, which is that the Chairman, Students' Senate shall forward the concerns of the Students' Senate to the Chairman, Senate. However, the Chairman after discussing the issue with the Director informed the Senate that it would be best if the Students' Senate sent a formal proposal with a suggested system incorporating the features that the Students' Senate desired from these rules. Consequently, the Chairman, in consultation with the Students'



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Senate nominees to the SUGC tabled a proposal for the consideration of the Students' Senate. The proposal was presented by him.

The Senate suggested that the restrictions on students under AP as well as the students under Warning be kept the same. The only difference should be that a Student under AP could be terminated if he/she failed to secure the criterion. However, a student under warning could not be terminated directly if he failed to secure the minimum criterion. Instead he/she would be placed on AP in the subsequent semester.

With this change, the proposal was accepted by the Senate and the Chairman was directed to send the proposal to the academic Senate.

Item No. 11	To consider the report for the committee for monitoring the festivals better.
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The report of the committee was presented by its Chairman, Karthik Balasundaram for the consideration of the Senate. The committee proposed that, for the Gymkhana year 2013-14, three Committees of Festival Affairs (COFA) be constituted as ad-hoc committees of the Students' Senate. Each committee shall be responsible for one festival with the following composition:

- Two members of the previous festival team, recommended by the previous Core Team.
- President, Students' Gymkhana
- Convener, Students' Senate
- General Secretary of the relevant council.
- One UG Senator
- One PG Senator
- Convener, COFA (elected from the Students' Senate)

Further, it was proposed that the Finance Convener shall be a special invitee in meetings involve issues of Finance and shall carry voting rights in finance issues.

It was further proposed that, depending on the implementation of the COFA for the given year, a constitutional amendment be made to make COFA a Standing Committee of the Senate. Further, the Senate desired that for this year, a policy document be prepared which could be taken as the basis for the functioning of these committees.

Item No. 12	To consider the report of the committee for suggesting ways to better inform the junta about the working of the Senate.
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The report of the committee was presented by the Convener of the committee Harshvardhan. The Senate decided that:

- Presentation of mid-term reports from Executives and Standing committees should be held in September end/October beginning instead of November starting.
- The Films and Media Council should be encouraged to setup online forums to popularize the major decisions taken by the Senate and possibly present opinions from all sections presented on senate floor regarding the discussed issues through suitable media channels like online blogs, newspaper or radio. Further, some Club or cell under the FMC can also interview the President, Chairman or various Senators for different issues and present them in the form of a video.
- An online expenditure tracker should be created. This should display all the expenditures made on each gymkhana activity. The source of funding also shall be informed. Further, the link to the section on institute website for tenders and quotations shall be put up on gymkhana website also.
- The Students Senate website should contain all possible details to increase transparency and must be updated regularly. The Chairman may appoint a secretary, students' senate specifically for managing the content on the website.
- Frequent surveys should be conducted among the student body in order to know the different opinions and involve the common junta in the decision making process.
- During the orientation for both UG and PG students, it should be taken care that the students are well informed about the rights and privileges that the students of IIT Kanpur enjoy in terms of their role in decision making by the institute. Specifically, they must be informed about the role of Students' Senate and student members in various institute committees and how the students can contribute in decision making at institute level. This can also be included in the brochure sent by the Counseling Service.

Item No. 13	To elect the members of the Gymkhana Review Committee.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

Item No. 14	To consider the post-conduction report of Green Opus.
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The report was presented by the Acting President for the consideration of the Senate. The report was accepted with no changes.

Item No. 15	To consider the following preliminary report of Techkriti'13: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Security Planii. Finance and Marketing Report
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The reports were presented by the Festival Coordinator, Techkriti'13 for the consideration of the Senate, and were accepted without any changes.

Item No. 16	To consider for ratification names of students for various posts in Techkriti'13.
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The following names were proposed for various posts and the same were accepted by the Senate.

Coordinator, Crypto	Ayush Pandey	11185
Coordinator, 28 States	Akshit Gupta	10062
Web Executive	Bhupendra Kastore	11204
	Reid Rizvi Rahman	11594
	Vijay Keswani	11799
	Rachit Nimavat	11466
	Khandesh Bhange	11196
Senior Executive, Megaworld	Aishwarya Nath	Y8041
	Anoushka Choudhary	Y8105
Coordinator, Scimatex	Udbhav Singh	Y9626
	Aritro Pathak	Y9131
Executive, Professional Affairs	Abhishek Kumar Bharti	10026
Head, Travel Management	Samyak Jain	Y9511
Coordinator, TakeOff	Poonam Raut	10590
Principal Security Officers	Amit Kumar Koshta	10076
	Divya Gaur	10247
	Gaurav Agarwal	10260
	Harmanbir Singh	10280
	Hemant Patel	10296
	Manasvi Garg	10378
	Nikhil Jha	10448
	Parag Kanitkar	10337
	Raghav Gupta	10553
	Sanchit Goel	10634
	Saurabh Baggaru	10654
	Vishal Diwakar	10814
	Swapnil Wagle	10754
	Ankita Maske	Y9102
	Avneesh Tiwari	12103014
	Dikshant Singh Saini	12103018



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	Abhinav Sharma	1203001
	Aparna Yadav	10139
	Mitali	10401
	Mounica Devagudi	10228
	Manjeet Kumar	10386
	Ramdeo Kumar	10584
	Palash Katiyar	10475
	Saurabh Mishra	10657
Senior Executive, ShowM	Saket Bajaj	10628
	Amit Kumar	10072
	Nalini Ranjan	10428
Junior Executive, ShowM	Abhishek Jain	11026
	Ankit Nagar	11112
	Rajesh Kumar Meena	11579
	Prateek Yadav	11529
	Kshitij Agarwal	11375
	Avinash Yadav	11175
	Sangharsh Aglave	11643
	Ankit Gautam	11106
	Vishnuvardan Reddy Kotte	11370
	Hitendra Kumar	11310
	Arpit Agarwal	11149
Executive, Creative Team	Manvi Gupta	11413
	Riya Rana	11607
	Shivangi Tulsyan	11686
	Neha Prasad	11188
	Banoth Snehar	11191

Item No. 17	To consider the post-conduction report of Gymkhana General Elections, 2012-13.
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The report was presented by the Chief Election Officer for the consideration of the Senate. The report was accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 18	To consider the preliminary conduction report of Galaxy'13.
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The report was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council for the consideration of the Senate. The report was accepted without any changes.



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Item No. 19	To consider the proposal for including academics in the General Championship.
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The proposal was presented by the Acting President Mr. Himanshu Pandey for the consideration of the Senate. At his recommendation, it was decided that a committee would be constituted to come up with a concrete system by which academics could be including in the General Championship. The committee had the following members:

- Sarthak Chandra
- Ayush Gupta (Convener)
- V. Srinivasan
- Jyoti Gupta
- Anurag Sahay

The committee was directed to submit its report by the Joint Senate Meeting.

Item No. 20	To consider the proposal for an internal bus transport system.
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The proposal was accepted and it was decided that the same shall be pursued by the President with the administration.

Item No. 21	To consider the proposal for POS machines for cashless transactions.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

Item No. 22	To consider the proposal for Gymkhana Corpus.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

Item No. 23	To consider the issue regarding interference of Executives in activities of Vox Populi.
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The Chairman informed that the agenda item had been wrongly put as “to consider the issue...” by mistake. The original agenda item was “to note the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee on the issue...” The opinion of the committee had been circulated along with the agenda and the same was noted by the Senate. It was also noted that in case Vox required an



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exception to the existing rules and procedures, it is free to come up with a proposal to the Senate requesting for the exception.

Item No. 24	To consider the proposal for keeping the meetings of Senate sub-committees open-door.
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This item was presented by Mr. Pratik Moona, Senator UG Y9. After detailed discussion, the Senate decided that the meetings of COSHA shall henceforth be kept open-door and COSHA Convener shall circulate the mail for it to the general body through the President. However, the committee can resolve to hold the meeting closed door in case a confidential matter comes up for discussion. Further, it was decided that the meetings of all the remaining committees shall normally not be open-door unless otherwise decided by the committee or the Senate.

Item No. 25	To consider the Finance Report of Antaragni'12.
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The report was presented by the Head, Finance, Antaragni'12 for the consideration of the Senate. It was noted by the Senate that there were a few discrepancies in a particular section in which the total was not written correctly. But as the error was only around Rs. 50, the report was provisionally accepted by the Senate. However, it was decided that the corrected report shall be presented for noting the next Senate meeting.

Item No. 26	Interviews for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni'13.
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The interview panel consisted of the Chairman, Students' Senate, the President, Students' Gymkhana, the General Secretary, Cultural Council and the Festival Coordinator, Antaragni'12.

The following candidate was interviewed for the post:

- Jainendra Batra (Roll No. 10308)

Item No. 27	To consider the resignation of 2 coordinators from Alumni Relations Cell.
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The Senate was informed that Pooja Singhal and Nimisha R had submitted their resignations from the post of Coordinator, Alumni Relations Cell citing personal and academic reasons. The resignations were accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 28	To consider the preliminary conduction report of: a) Jugaad – Inter-IIT Technical Summit b) Robotics Weekend
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The reports were presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council and were accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 29	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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There were no questions or remarks.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair
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No other item was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman, Students' Senate at 8:45 PM.

Attendance Record

S. No.	Senators	Name of the Post	Record
1	Abhay Jain	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
2	Sonal Kumari	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
3	Subhojit Ghosh	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Present
4	Yuvraj Dhillon	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Absent*
5	Yashovardhan Bhagat	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Present
6	Ankit Bhutani	Chairman, Students' Senate	Present
7	Karthik Balasundaram	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
8	Kumar Gaurav	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
9	Payel Pal	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
10	Rekha Raja	Senator, Ph. D	Present
11	Pavan Kumar Nagar	Senator, Ph. D	Present
12	Rajat Dhingra	Senator, Ph. D	Present
13	V Srinivasan	Senator, Ph. D	Present
14	Khushal Singh Chauhan	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Absent*
15	Gaurangi Gupta	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Absent*
16	Harshvardhan	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Present
17	Tushar Deshmukh	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Absent*
18	Arjun Ravichandran	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent*



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19	Adwait Parulekar	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
20	Abhimanyu M A	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent*
21	Srinivas Chitturi	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent*
22	Nishant Maheshwari	Senator, MBA + M.Des. + other equivalent Masters Programmes Y11	Absent*
23	Sumit Bhagwani	Senator, UG Y8	Absent*
24	Akella Ravi Nagarjun	Senator, UG Y8	Present
25	Jyoti Gupta	Senator UG Y9	Present
26	Pratik Moona	Senator UG Y9	Present
27	Aman Haji	Senator UG Y9	Present
28	Digraj Singh Chahal	Senator UG Y9	Absent*
29	Anurag Dash	Senator UG Y9	Present
30	Himanshu Pandey	Senator UG Y10	Present
31	Abhiroop Bhatnagar	Senator UG Y10	Present
32	Rahul Arora	Senator UG Y10	Present
33	Saurabh Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Present
34	Amritanshu Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Present
35	Saurabh Dixit	Senator UG Y10	Present
36	Sanchit Khattar	Senator UG Y10	Absent*
37	Shivam Trivedi	Senator UG Y10	Absent*
38	Ankur Atul Agarwal	Senator UG Y11	Absent*
39	Amrit Rijhwani	Senator UG Y11	Present
40	Samarth Bansal	Senator UG Y11	Absent*
41	Srikanth R Shetty	Senator UG Y11	Present
42	Shouvik Sachdeva	Senator UG Y11	Present
43	Ashish Dabas	Senator UG Y11	Absent*
44	Pranjal Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Present
45	Diksha Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Present
46	Akshay Mahajan	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*
47	Balendu Shekhar	Senator, UG Y12	Present
48	Prakhar Jain	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*
49	Chirag Gupta	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*
50	Praveen Honhar	Senator, UG Y12	Present
51	Shubham Yadav	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*
52	Adhiraj Arora	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*

* - Absent with Permission