

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Students' Gymkhana

Date: August 26th, 2005

Draft Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Students' Senate held on August 26th, 2005 in SAC conference room at 00:00hrs.

The Meeting was called to order at 00:10 hrs.

Attendance Record:

Present: 10

Absent: Nil

1. President – Neeraj Kumar
2. Convener – Yashodhan Shevade
3. GH Representative – Shubham Nath, PGY4
4. Saksham Agarwal, UGY1
5. Saurabh Awasthi, UGY2
6. Vaibhav Katewa, UGY3
7. Nikhil Suri, UGY4
8. Arjun Singh Yadav , PG3
9. Jaydev , PGY3
10. Rushikesh Kulkarni, PGY3

Most of the other Senate members as well as some general body members were present too.

Item No. 1 Discussion on and ratification of the use of electronic voting for the Gymkhana By-Elections

The Senate was informed about the plan to use electronic voting in the present Gymkhana By-Elections. A demonstration of the software was given by the Programming Club team responsible for its development, and its various features were explained. The software that was going to be used was developed by 2 second year students Abhinav Jain and Nitin Agarwal under the guidance of a senior student of computer science and Engg. Abhishek Maheshwari. The various security checks incorporated into the software were also discussed in detail. The Senate was also informed that all candidates had been briefed about the software and their consent obtained for the same. All the queries raised by the Senate members were satisfactorily answered by the development team. The development team was directed to keep the source code of the software in public domain so that the general body can find out any bugs or make suggestions to improve the functionality if needed.

The Senate ratified the use of electronic voting for the first time in the Gymkhana By-Elections.

Item No. 2 Any Other Item with the permission of the chair.

a) Discussion of the proposal to hold Udgosh 2005 in two phases.

The General Secretary for Games informed the Senate of his proposal to conduct Udgosh in two phases on the two weekends: 28th to 30th October and 4th to 6th November. In the first phase he proposes to conduct Basketball, Athletics, Table Tennis and Badminton competitions. One advantage of grouping the events in this format would be the fact that we would have majority girl's participation on the 1st weekend only and this would help in planning accordingly. The rest of the sports will be held in the next phase. The Senate was told that the number of teams being called was being reduced and more stress was being laid on quality than on quantity of the teams. The Senate was also briefed in detail about the extra stress on security arrangements. The proposal is attached in AT1.

The Senate Ratified the new dates of UDGHOSH.

At this point the meeting was adjourned.
The meeting concluded at 12:45 a.m.

Yashodhan Shevade
Convener, Students' Senate.

CC: DOSA
All Faculty Counselors
All Executives
All Senators
All Hall Presidents
All Gymkhana Notice Boards

UDGHOSH ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

To,
The DOSA,
Indian Institute of Technology,
Kanpur.

Subject: Proposal for Sports Festival '05

Respected Sir,

We here propose an alternative structure for a sports festival in 2005 considering the failures in previous years. As it has been suggested by you, Udghosh would not be conducted as a 3 day festival with all the events held together. We will rather plan to split it into a festival of total 6 days (of events) over a period of two weekends and hence be able to avoid much crowd and commotion.

Format:

We propose to conduct the events on 2 weekends, Oct 28, 29, 30 and Nov 4, 5, 6. On 1st weekend we plan to conduct Basketball, Athletics, and minor game (effort wise) like badminton and Table Tennis. We have Cricket, Football, Hockey, Volleyball and Lawn Tennis on 2nd weekend. We see various advantages of holding Udghosh in this way (Proposal 1). First of all, we would be able to split the crowd and minimize possibilities of a few unwanted situations like in previous years. Then, we will need a smaller team at a given time to organize a part of the festival and we also hope for a better organization. This will also allow us to have a bigger and better security cell. The other major advantage of this format is that we will be having a lot of extra time on the 2nd week end to prepare properly because of the institute holidays on 1st and 2nd of November. The arrangement for staying and transport will be a lot easier if we club the events this these as we will be having some infrastructure already as Antaragni is held one week prior to Udghosh.

Comparing with the other proposed format

We also considered an alternative way (Proposal 2), where we were suggested to conduct one event at a time but we came out with a few difficulties and found current proposal to be better in various ways. With proposal 2 we face an immediate trouble of increased expenditure on messing etc. because of the obvious reasons. Then there is also the problem of managing time. With all events separated it would rather be impossible to conduct all of them on weekends. And if we plan to hold some events on weekdays, more likely, it would stretch to 5 days (rather than 3) considering the academic clash, and we suppose it would be quite inconvenient for the incoming teams. It will also call for a larger organizing team, or much more continuous load on the members. Moreover Proposal 1 has a few very obvious advantages over Proposal 2. Like, we plan to arrange accommodation in Hall 1, Hall 2, Hall 5 and GH for the 1st weekend. Hall 3, Hall 4, Hall 7, and Hall 8 for 2nd weekend and this way ensure it to be close to the fields at all times. One advantage of grouping the events this is that we will only have girls Participation on the 1st weekend so we can plan accordingly. This will help not only the incoming teams but also organization, like putting up notices,

announcements etc would be easier. Another advantage of holding 3 to 4 events at a time is the ease in bringing in common players for the incoming teams, like there is a high possibility of having players common in racket games, etc.

Security Arrangements

It is important to understand that most of the unpleasant incidents have occurred with intervention and interaction of players and crowd as in the heat of the moment players tend to react to the crowd. We plan to strictly curb this behavior by letting the captain's know from the start that any gesturing or involvement with the crowd with a negative intention can lead to straight disqualification of their team and thereby letting the captain act as a deterrent for these kinds of happenings.

We plan to employ SIS as well as student security throughout the festival. We don't need much SIS security for sports like cricket, tennis, Athletics as the crowd interaction is not much but at the same time we employ a minimum of one SIS guard and student security to completely minimize chances of any unpleasant incident.

For sports like Basketball we plan to evacuate the first two rows of the stairs for SIS and Student security as that area is near to the play arena.

Budget

We hereby enclose the budget for the various stages of the festival where we have discussed various expenditures and feasibility of the proposed format in economic terms.

So, kindly please consider this proposal (Proposal 1) for Udghosh '05 and give your valuable suggestions on this. We are looking for your final approval, so that we can hasten our work towards the organization of the festival.

Thanking You,

Sincerely,

Festival Coordinators,
Ashwin Jain,
Amit Rohatgi.