

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Students' Gymkhana

Date: April 11, 2008

Draft Minutes of the second Meeting of the Students' Senate held on April 06 in SAC conference room.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm.

Attendance Record: Total: 37 Present: 35 Absent: 2

Post	Name	06-04-08
President, Students' Gymkhana	Anurag Sujania	Present
General Secretary, Cultural Council	Anuj Gupta	Present
General Secretary, Sports Council	Abhishek Tewari	Present
General Secretary, S&T Council	Abhineet Gupta	Present
General Secretary, F&M Council	Ramik Sadana	Present
Senator, UG Y3 (5 year program)	Rahul Verma	Present
Senator, UG Y4 (5 year program)	Shubham Goel	Present
Senator, UG Y4 (4 year program)	Kshitij Saxena	Present
-do-	Mudit Kumar Jain	Present
-do-	Puneet Gupta	Present
-do-	Vishal jain	Present
Senator, UG Y5	Ananya Pareek	Present
-do-	Ankit Sachan	Present
-do-	Ashank Mittal	Present
-do-	Chetan Sharma	Present
-do-	Himanshu Govil	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Abhishek Khetan	Present

-do-	Ashish Agrawal	Present
-do-	Manu Agarwal	Present
-do-	Mohit Kumar Jolly	Present
-do-	Tanmay Shekhar	Present
Senator, UG Y7	Anurag Bhagat	Present
-do-	Harmeet Singh	Present
-do-	Palash Soni	Present
-do-	Prabhakar Misra	Present
-do-	Vivek Agarwal	Present
Senator, M.Tech Y6	Arun Raghvan	Present
-do-	Gurulakshmi	Present
Senator, M.Tech. Y7	Chiranjeevi P. B.	Present
-do-	MD Ayaz	Present
-do-	V V R S Pradeep	Present
Senator Y7, other Equivalent Masters Program	Shivam Gupta	Present
Senator, Ph.D.	Indranuj Dey	Present
-do-	K Sudheendra Rao	Present
-do-	Suman Banerjee	Present
-do-	Mekala B	<i>Absent</i>
-do-	Gorky Shaw	<i>Absent</i>

* **With Permission**

Item No. 1	Ratification of the Draft Minutes of the 1st Meeting of Students' Senate
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Minutes were ratified by senate.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks
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None

Item No. 3	Submission of action take reports
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Current status report was submitted in and hardcopy. A discussion on this list will be there in the Senate after the summers.

Item No. 4	Finalization of Festival coordinators for which interviews were conducted in the special Senate meeting
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The following names were provisionally ratified for the respective posts, subject to there being no valid objections from the General Body, 72 hours after their announcement.

- Antaragni '08 – Panel had put forward the names of Himanshu Singh and Soham Ganguly, because of split decision in the Panel. Senate appointed Mr. Himanshu Singh as Festival Coordinator by majority.
- Megabucks '09 – Ankur Bhartiya and Divya Goel
- Techkriti '09 – Biplab Deka and Pranshu Rohatgi

Item No. 5	Proposal for procuring 4500 Lumens LCD Projector
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Mr. Arvind Kothari (ex-President) clarified the following order of events leading to the purchase of the projector:

The old projector was damaged during Antaragni '07. The concerned contact repeatedly assured the executives and the in-charge that the lamp could be repaired. A week before Umang '08, the same person informed that repair was not possible, and a lamp would have to be procured from abroad to replace the current lamp. This would not be possible within a week. The purchase of a new projector for an amount of Rs. 4, 50,000 was suggested. The DOSA and Deputy Director, after some discussion, agreed to provide 50% of this funding from the Institute, remaining coming from the Gymkhana budget. On conducting further investigation, the executives found that the price quoted was more than double the actual retail price of similar products. The Finance Convenor was intimated, and it was concluded with the other executives that a budget reallocation was possible to cover the cost, thus a call for tenders was made. Unfortunately, the Senate was not informed of this.

The Convener commented that such purchases must not be made without proper Finance committee/Senate's approval.

Since the purchase was clearly necessary, the Senate approved the budget reallocation making a remark that such things should not be repeated.

Item No. 6	Discussion on "Proposal for Entrepreneurship Cell (E-cell)" under Students' Gymkhana
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The President commented that the proposed structure was focused more on the long-term vision for than immediate concerns. There were concerns regarding the Over Ruling powers of senate, but was clarified that Senate can over rule the decisions that are taken in the E-cell.

There was some disagreement on the position of the E-Cell. It is neither a full-fledged council, nor a club. Since no consensus could be arrived upon in this regard, a Committee was formed to address this issue in the proposal. The committee consists of the President (Chair), Mr. Kshitij Saxena (Convenor), Mr. Ashish Agarwal, Mr. Himanshu Govil, and Mr. G. Sai Srinivas.

Item No. 7	Discussion on "Hall Allocation Policy" for this year
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Concerns were raised about the efficacy of the new allocation policy. The ex- and current Presidents pointed out that due time must be given to the scheme for results to be observed and the feedback taken in concerned students was also positive.

There was also some concern about 1st year students in single-room accommodation. It was noted that in the same feedback the students did not have any problem with this.

A question was raised about the possibility of relocation of individuals, or a wing. The President mentioned that this can be taken up as a special request if required.

Item No. 8	Discussion on change in the structure of the Games and Sports Council
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The following comments were made:

1. There was renaming of the word "Institute Team" to "Inter-IIT", since it is more accurate.
2. All posts (specifically coordinators of games) must be listed in the proposal.

Item No. 9	Discussion on introducing Inter Hall Sports Championship
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This does not require Senate approval and lies within the executive power of the General Secretary, Sports and Games Council. But any financial consequences should be brought into notice of Senate.

Item No. 10	Finalizing the dates of Udghosh-08
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The dates 18th - 21st September, 2008 were proposed. The respective Gen Secy and the festival coordinators were requested to consult DOSA, Director's Office, and Vistors' Hostel before coming up with finalization.

Item No. 11	Ratification of the names of club coordinators
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The names were provisionally ratified subject to no valid objections being found within 72 hours after their announcement.

One question was raised with respect to the publishing of the names of the Coordinators of Vox Populi without ratification in the senate. The General Secretary, Films and Media Council clarified that these were the names of the Editors, not the Coordinators.

Item No. 12	Ratification of the names of the 2 Gymkhana Nominees for the Games Committee
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Since names were not circulated earlier, the agenda was deferred to the next meeting

Item No. 13	Ratification of the name of Secretary, Students' Senate
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The name of Mr. Varunesh Mishra was provisionally ratified, subject to no valid objections being raised within 72 hours of the announcement of his name.

Item No. 14	Questions and Remarks
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None

Item No. 15 (i)	Discussion on "Skating Club"
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The Committee formed in the first Senate meeting recommended the formation of the Skating Club and this was ratified by the Senate.

Item No. 15 (ii)	Discussion on “Proposal to combine Alfaaz and Umang into the ‘IITK Media Fest’”
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The proposal was considered, but as such there is no requirement of the proposal, as the activities can be included/ increased in the festival at any time. The request from General Secreatry FMC for the permission to call for nominations for "Umang" in the name of "Umang + Alfaaz" was also accepted.

Item No. 15 (iii)	Discussion on “Annual Budget Allocations”
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Budget allocation was postponed considering the request from the finance convener.

Item No. 15 (iv)	Discussion on “Expansion of core team members in Antaragni”
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Festival Coordinator, Mr. Himanshu Singh, proposed a new organizational structure of core team with inclusion of few new posts on the floor of the senate. He requested that these will be helpful for conducting the festival. Senate accepted the proposal. After discussing the matter in length, senate accepted the view of festival coordinator, in principle.

The Meeting was concluded at 5:43pm on April 06, 2008.

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Student’s Gymkhana.