

# Students' Senate

## Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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Minutes: 4th Meeting of the Students' Senate-21<sup>st</sup> August 2011

The 4th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2011-12) was held on 21st August 2011. It was called to order at 1:12 pm.

The attendance record of the senators is:

- Total: 39
- Present: 29
- Absent: 10
- Absent with permission: 2

#### 1. Announcements and Remarks

- The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council announced Takneek would be held from the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, and a mail regarding the same, would be circulated on the students' list shortly.
- The President announced that the E Cell lecture by Dr. Anil Rajvanshi would be conducted in L-7 at 6 pm on the 21st of August 2011.
- The President also announced that the tenders for the Food Court would be released within another 2 to 3 days, and that the Food Court should be up and running by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011.
- The President also informed the Senate that the presentations by the furniture vendors, for the furniture for the New Sac would be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of August.
- The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council announced that the Intel Challenge global Innovation Awards had been recently awarded, and that IIT Kanpur students had fared very well in the same.

#### 2. Ratification of minutes of 3rd meeting of the Students' Senate 2011-12.

- The minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Students' Senate, which was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2011, were circulated by the Convener, Students' Senate and ratified.

#### 3. Ratification of CEO, Students' Gymkhana

- Mr Avnindra Nath Thakur was ratified by the Senate as the Chief Election Officer of the Students' Gymkhana for the year 2011-12.

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#### 4. Ratification of Coordinators and Executives, Techkriti 2011

The following list of Coordinators and Executives, Techkriti 2011 as presented by the Techkriti Festival Coordinators was ratified by the Senate:

Name	Roll No.
Hospitality	
Atul Kumar	Y9154
Neha Lahri	Y9365
Saurabh Chokhra	Y9525
Priya Gautam	Y9440
Astro	
Nidhi Pashine	Y9367
Takeoff	
Nidhi Tulsyan	Y9369
Dhriti Bhatt	Y9199
Avinash	
Gearloose	
Aishwarya Kumar	Y9044
Agnish Kumar Dhiman	Y9042
Gaurav	Y9217
Tremor	
Abhishek Bhatia	Y9025
Abhishek Saraf	Y9031
Nikhil Bugalia	Y9372
Fun@TECHKRITI	
Abhishek Koneru	10001
Kalpi Mittal	10656
Shubhendu singh	Y9575
Scimatex	
Palak Bhushan	Y9394
Shubhayu Chatterjee	Y7426
Vivek Lohani	Y7515
Episteme	
Rahul Bhattacharyya	10556
Rohit Gupta	10608
Atrij	10170

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JUNKYARD	
Rohit Singh	10613
Akshat Goel	10063
Rudra Pratap Suman	10617
ENDEAVOUR	
Rishabh Gupta	10595
Harshit Khaitan	10288
Tanmay Khemka	10759

### 5. Ratification of addition to Core Team, Udghosh 2011

- The addition of Ankit Gupta and Keshav Misra as Head Events, Show Management, and Shilpi Jain as Head Events, Design into the Core Team Udghosh 2011, as suggested by the interview panel was ratified by the Senate.

### 6. Ratification of Editors, Vox Populi

The following people, as proposed by the General Secretary, Films and Media Council were ratified as editors of Vox Populi:

- Deepa Sahchari
- Anusha Reddy
- Aman Haji

### 7. Ratification of student nominees to the Standing Committees of the Senate

- The following list of the student nominees to the Standing Committees of the Academic Senate, as proposed by the Nominations Committee was ratified by the Senate.

Senate Educational Policy Committee (2 nominees)		
Shantanu Misra	Y7027410	<a href="mailto:shanm@iitk.ac.in">shanm@iitk.ac.in</a>
Rishant Singh	Y8419	<a href="mailto:rishant@iitk.ac.in">rishant@iitk.ac.in</a>

Senate Library Committee (2 nominees)		
Puneet Singh	Y8378	<a href="mailto:punsingh@iitk.ac.in">punsingh@iitk.ac.in</a>
Mohammad Ashiq	Y9106064	<a href="mailto:mdashiq@iitk.ac.in">mdashiq@iitk.ac.in</a>

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Senate Scholarships and Prizes Committee (3 nominees)		
Meet Pathak	Y8291	<a href="mailto:meetp@iitk.ac.in">meetp@iitk.ac.in</a>
Vibhav Agarwal	Y8558	<a href="mailto:vibhav@iitk.ac.in">vibhav@iitk.ac.in</a>
Jyoti Gupta	Y9265	<a href="mailto:gyoti@iitk.ac.in">gyoti@iitk.ac.in</a>

Senate Students' Affairs Committee (4 nominees)		
Aditya Gupta	Y8036	<a href="mailto:gaditya@iitk.ac.in">gaditya@iitk.ac.in</a>
Sanchit Singhal	Y8442	<a href="mailto:sanset@iitk.ac.in">sanset@iitk.ac.in</a>
Abdullah Bin Abu Baker	Y7108061	<a href="mailto:abdullah@iitk.ac.in">abdullah@iitk.ac.in</a>
Vivek Agarwal	Y7513	<a href="mailto:agvivek@iitk.ac.in">agvivek@iitk.ac.in</a>

Senate Undergraduate Committee (4 nominees)		
Keshav Goel	Y7196	<a href="mailto:keshavg@iitk.ac.in">keshavg@iitk.ac.in</a>
Aditya Gupta	Y8036	<a href="mailto:gaditya@iitk.ac.in">gaditya@iitk.ac.in</a>
Apoorva Agarwal	Y9125	<a href="mailto:apoorvag@iitk.ac.in">apoorvag@iitk.ac.in</a>
Mihir Jha	10399	<a href="mailto:mihirj@iitk.ac.in">mihirj@iitk.ac.in</a>

Senate Postgraduate Committee (4 nominees)		
Vinod Parmar	10114017	<a href="mailto:vinodp@iitk.ac.in">vinodp@iitk.ac.in</a>
Ruchir Gupta	10104121	<a href="mailto:rgupta@iitk.ac.in">rgupta@iitk.ac.in</a>
Karthik Balasundaram	10103066	<a href="mailto:karthikb@iitk.ac.in">karthikb@iitk.ac.in</a>
Kanwar Deep Singh	11125025	<a href="mailto:kanwar@iitk.ac.in">kanwar@iitk.ac.in</a>

### 8. Ratification of OPC and Head, Placement Preparation, SPO

- The addition of Devanshu Bhimwal as Overall Placement Coordinators, SPO and Rohan Parakh as Head, Placement Preparation, SPO was ratified by the Senate.

### 9. Ratification of documents pertaining to Students' Gymkhana By-Elections 2011-12.

- The Chief Election Officer announced that the Students' Gymkhana By-elections would be conducted from 23<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2011. The following list of documents was also presented by the CEO and ratified by the Senate:
  1. Election Schedule.
  2. Election Rules and Regulations.
  3. List of Grievance Redressal Committee members.

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4. GRC Rules and Regulations.
  5. Call for nominations.
  6. List of Election Council members.
  7. Nomination form for the post of Senator.
- The Convener, Students' Senate announced that during this election period, the permission for the conduction of any activity must be sought from the CEO.

#### **10. Noting of the minutes of the 1st COSHA meeting**

- The minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> COSHA meeting were presented by the COSHA Convener, and were noted.

#### **11. Discussion on the proposal to make Academic Area servers available 24hrs.**

- The proposal to make Academic Area servers available 24hrs was presented by the Convener, Students' Senate and it was agreed that the Convener would send a letter to the Director seeking permission for the same.

#### **12. Discussion on the proposal for Overall Championship 2011-12**

- The proposal for Overall Championship 2011-12 was presented by the Convener and the President. The proposed pool structure was ratified by the Senate without any changes.
  - It was also agreed that all the rules of each of the festivals would be sent to the students at least 2 weeks before the beginning of the same.
  - It was also agreed upon that the results of all the events would be mailed to all the students, following which they would be presented in the Senate to be ratified.
- Grievances, if any should be presented before this.

#### **13. Proposal for formation of New SAC Users' Committee**

- The proposal for the formation of the New SAC Users' committee was presented by the President, Students' Gymkhana. The proposal was accepted by the Senate and the following 9 member committee was constituted:
  1. Sanchit Singhal: President, Students' Gymkhana: Ex Officio Chairman.
  2. Aditya Gupta: Convener, Students' Senate.
  3. Anurag Agarwal: General Secretary, Games and Sports council.
  4. Shantanu Singh: General Secretary, Cultural Council.
  5. Abhinav Prateek: General Secretary, Science and Technology Council.

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6. Rohit Singh: General Secretary, Films and Media Council.
7. Abhay Jain: Y9 Senator.
8. Karthik Balasundaram: PhD Senator.
9. Vaibhav Patni: Y10 Senator.

#### 14. Discussion on working of Food Court during Gymkhana Festivals

- A committee was constituted to look into the functioning of the Food Court during Gymkhana festivals. It was agreed that the committee would be empowered to pursue its decisions, and intimate the same to the Senate in the subsequent meeting.
1. Sanchit Singhal: President Students' Gymkhana (Chair)
  2. Nirant Ramakuru: Y9 Senator.
  3. Abhay Jain: Y9 Senator.
  4. Pranay Shetty: Festival Coordinator, Antaragni 2011.
  5. Prashant Bafna: Festival Coordinator, Techkriti 2012.
  6. Akshay Ajmera: Festival Coordinator, Udghosh 2011.

#### 15. Discussion on the report of the sub-committee to look into Techkriti 2011

The sub-committee to look into the proceedings of Techkriti 2011 had been constituted on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 in the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate of the year 2010-11. The committee was constituted to investigate the issues pertaining to Techkriti'11 as well as suggest changes to improve the Financial Proceedings of all Gymkhana Festivals.

The committee presented a detailed report of its findings regarding Techkriti'11 to the Senate. The report was categorized in 3 separate heads:

##### Matters Related to the Financial Proceedings of Techkriti'11

- The committee outlined 6 major areas regarding the Finances of Techkriti'11. Of these 4 were duly noted by the Senate. However, the committee recommended that Point No. 3 & 4, pertaining to the sale of T-Shirts and Sweat-Shirts be forwarded to the Chief Counselor, for consideration of the S-SAC.
- As per Point No. 3 & 4 of the committee report, proper summary report of the T-shirts sale had not been submitted and certain cash receipts that had been submitted pertaining to the sale of sweatshirts were not legitimate.
- Palash Soni, the Festival Coordinator of Techkriti'11 was given a chance to comment on the findings of the Committee, and to explain that why the recommendation of the Committee should not be accepted.

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- The senate agreed that a closed door meeting was necessary for the remaining part of this agenda item. In the closed door meeting it was agreed that as per the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana, the recommendation of the committee with regard to Point No. 3 & 4 be accepted and the same points be forwarded to the Chief Counselor of the S-SAC for consideration.

#### Matters pertaining to the Security in Techkriti'11

- The issues pertaining to the Security in Techkriti'11 were categorized into 3 areas. The committee reported that proper ID cards had not been issued to some the Students in the Security Team, and to some of the staff personnel. Further, the security arrangements made at the professional show were not adequate.
- Prafulla Shukla, Head Security Techkriti'11 commented that he did not agree with the committee's opinion on the security measures at the Magic Show being inadequate.
- Karthik Balasundaram, on behalf of the committee pointed out the committee's appreciation towards Prafulla Shukla, Head Security for his co-operation towards the investigation.
- Based on its findings, the committee recommended that due to security mismanagement at Techkriti, the Certificates issued to the Head, Security may be withdrawn.
- After due consideration to the committees report and the explanations given by Prafulla, the Senate decided not to withdraw the certificate issued to Prafulla. However, it was agreed that he should circulate a mail, apologizing for his failure to carry out his responsibility as Head security in an adequate manner.

#### Matters pertaining to Hospitality of Participants.

- As per the submitted report, the committee investigated the complaints received in regard to hospitality at Techkriti'11 and concluded that registrations were not done on time and accommodation was provided very late.
- However, the committee did not make any concrete statements considering the limited nature of information available pertaining to the issue.

#### **16. Presentation of Gymkhana Calendar**

- The Gymkhana Calendar was presented by the Convener, and with the addition of Impressions, 2011 to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, was ratified by the Senate.

#### **17. Any other item with the permission of the chair**

- The pre-conduction and the pre-finance report of Udghosh 2011 were presented by the Festival Coordinator Akshay Ajmera and Head, Finance Pulkit Khurana. The

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appreciation towards the work done by the Udghosh Team for the Udghosh T-shirts was noted, as 13 different quotations for the same had been received. It was agreed that the exact system for the sale of T-shirts would be presented at least 48 hours before the sale of T-shirts begins. It was also agreed that the detailed security plan should be submitted before the festival. Lastly, it was agreed that the MOUs of all the marketing deals should be submitted to the Senate at least 2 weeks before the festival, along with the details of any negotiations that would be in progress at that time.

### **18. Discussion on report of the Committee for implementation of ARC changes on existing batches**

- The report was presented by the Chair of the committee, Ankit Bhutani and the Senate agreed, in spirit with all the proposals of the report. It was agreed that the points in the report would be further worked out in detail, discussed with the appropriate authorities.

### **19. Questions and Remarks**

- The Convener announced that PhD Senators Ranjan Goyal and Rajeev Kumar Gautam had missed the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings of the Students' Senate without permission, and PhD Senators Anuj Kumar Trivedi and Dinkar Verma had missed the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Students' Senate without permission. Therefore, as per Article 2.20 of the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana, they shall henceforth cease to be Senators.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7.30 pm by the Convener, Students' Senate**



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#### ATTENDANCE RECORD

S No.	Post	Name	Attendance
1	President, Students' Gymkhana	Sanchit Singhal	Present
2	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Shantanu Singh	Present
3	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Anurag Agarwal	Present
4	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Abhinav Prateek	Present
5	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Rohit Singh	Present
6	Convener, Students' Senate	Aditya Gupta	Present
7	Senator, UG Y7(5-year)	Arun Pratap Singh (Y7027087)	Absent
8	Senator, UG Y7(5-year)	Mohit Sharma (Y7027242)	Present
9	Senator, UG Y8	Kewal Dharamshi (Y8248)	Absent*
10	Senator, UG Y8	Lalit Garg (Y8265)	Present
11	Senator, UG Y8	Priyam Sachan (Y8370)	Present
12	Senator, UG Y8	Robin C. Sharma (Y8422)	Present
13	Senator, UG Y8	Rohan Sharma (Y8423)	Present
14	Senator, UG Y9	Abhay Jain (Y9009)	Present
15	Senator, UG Y9	Abhishek Saxena (Y9032)	Present
16	Senator, UG Y9	Ankit Bhutani (Y9094)	Present
17	Senator, UG Y9	Jyoti Gupta (Y9265)	Present
18	Senator, UG Y9	Pratik Moona (Y9433)	Absent
19	Senator, UG Y9	Nirant Ramakuru (Y9476)	Present
20	Senator, UG Y9	Vishal Kumar (Y9660)	Present
21	Senator, UG 10	Abhiroop Bhatnagar (10015)	Present
22	Senator, UG 10	Himanshu Pandey (10300)	Present
23	Senator, UG 10	Priyank Jaini (10538)	Present
24	Senator, UG 10	Sanchit Khattar (10636)	Present
25	Senator, UG 10	Vaibhav Patni (10783)	Present
26	Senator, UG 10	Vedant Khamesra (10791)	Present
27	Senator, UG 10	Vibhav Agarwal (10795)	Present
28	Senator, UG 10	Viraj Agnihotri (10811)	Present
29	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Russel Aziz (10103039)	Absent
30	Senator, M.Tech. 10	A Krishna Phaneendra (10104001)	Present
31	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Kishore Vedavyasan (10104050)	Absent

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32	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Manda Avinash (10104054)	Present
33	Senator, Ph.D	Ranjan Goyal (Y9108068)	Absent
34	Senator, Ph.D	Rajeev K. Gautam (Y9112063)	Absent
35	Senator, Ph.D	Karthik Balasundaram (10103066)	Present
36	Senator, Ph.D	Abhinav R. Dehadrai (10205061)	Absent*
37	Senator, Ph.D.	Dinkar Verma (10215061)	Absent
38	Senator, Ph.D.	Anuj Kumar Trivedi (10215061)	Absent
39	Senator, MBA + M. Des + Other Equivalent Masters Program, Y10	Ankit Chugh (10125005)	Present