

Draft minutes of the emergency summer senate meeting-3 (held on May 10, 2008 at SAC conference room at 5:00PM.)

Convener updated the house with the following information regarding the second meeting held with the deans group along with the director:

“Director explained to us that the decision was taken urgently because of external pressure (he said that he would not be able to elaborate further). He said that the specific reason behind the immediate implementation is confidential and thus could not be communicated to the student representatives at the time. Furthermore, he said that due to the pressure, since some action needed to be taken, he cannot rescind the order till the Committee comes to a conclusion”

After discussion Senate felt that IIT Kanpur being an autonomous institute, this is an alarming occurrence. It was also felt that there should not be such direct external influence on the policymaking process of the Institute. In order to contribute to the process in a constructive manner, students members can cooperate with the committee. However, since the office order has been implemented without following the proper process, we continue to expect that the current office order should be kept on hold till the committee comes to a conclusion.

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