

Draft minutes of the emergency summer senate meeting-1 (held on May 08, 2008 at SAC conference room.)

Meeting called to order at – 11:15 hrs

1. The meeting was primarily for discussion over the abrupt LAN-BAN implemented last night only at 3 minutes prior notice and that too without any discussion with any one from the student body.
2. The intra – Hall LAN was up in some halls but the inter- Hall LAN was shut down.
3. This step is perceived to be of great magnitude and effect as far as the student body is concerned but giving no information or prior notice to the student body and doing the same abruptly without any discussion is condemned by the student body.
4. Questions put forward by the general body members and present Senators :-
 1. Why is this done at a point of time when there isn't enough student strength in the campus, during summers when the usage is on a relative low?
 2. Why has this been done without any notice, discussion, or consultation with any student in the campus?
 3. What is the explanation for the term “undesirable activities”? More importantly, if at all there are, then is LAN-BAN the only solution to it, in fact, is it a solution at all??
 4. Do these undesirable activities happen only in the summers and do they happen only from 12 to 6 in the night time? They could well happen at any other time that too with a larger magnitude?
 5. Any such activity will eventually be circumvented with the technology available today, and then those who will be able to afford would only be able to get this exposure, is this justified?
 6. With the strength getting increased next year and the CC requirements of the first year being so high, how is the administration going to ensure each one gets the facilities?
 7. Isn't this an act of just slapping a rule on the students' faces without reason?
5. The Senate expresses its strong displeasure at the way the DOSA has handled the situation by refusing to intervene when called upon to do so by a representative of the student body.
6. Following the phone call that the Convener, Students' Senate received from the DOSA today morning asking him and the President along with 2-3 Senate nominees to meet him for a discussion, a representative body comprising of the following members has been selected unanimously by the Senate :-
 1. Convener, Students' Senate.
 2. President, Students' Gymkhana.
 3. Arun Raghvan, Senator (M-tech).
 4. Abhishek Tiwari, Gen-Sec, Sports Council, Students' Gymkhana.
 5. Anuj Gupta, Gen-Sec, Cultural Council, Students' Gymkhana.

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