



Students' Senate (2015-16)

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Vedant Goenka | Chairperson



Minutes: 1st (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate, 7th April, 2016

The 2016-17/1st (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Thursday, 7th April, 2016 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:20 PM.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2015-16/8th Meeting ii. 2015-16/7th Special Meeting
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate:

- The General Secretary, Science and Technology announced that Science and Technology day will be held on 10th April, 2016.

Item No. 3	To report the actions taken on the decisions on the Students' Senate 2015-16
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 4	To note the results of the elections for the Office-bearers of Students' Senate (2016-17)
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The elections for the various Office-bearers of the Students' Senate (2015-16) were held on 1st March, 2015 and following members were elected:

Finance Convener, Students' Senate	Shyamsundar Sihotia	13692
Parliamentarian, Students' Senate	Ayushya Aggarwal	14168
CoSHA Convener	Rutuj Jugade	14572

Item No. 5	To consider the election of the members of the following standing committees and councils of the Students' Senate: i. Finance Committee ii. Rules and Procedures Committee
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Elections were conducted for the remaining positions for members of the Finance Committee; elections for Rules and Procedures Committee were deferred. The following were elected as members:



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Finance Committee	Deepali Gupta	14211
	Praharsh Mohanlal Patel	151060

Item No. 6	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the General Affairs Council
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This item was withdrawn due to certain inconsistencies.

Item No. 7	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Science and Technology Council
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the names of various coordinators, leaders and executives to the Senate for its consideration. The Senate ratified all names as presented.

Item No. 8	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation of the General Secretary, Science and Technology (2015-16)
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology (2015-16), Mr. Chirag Jha, presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The senate accepted the report with the following recommendations made therein:

- Innovation Hub or a single dedicated infrastructure is of utmost need for the S&T council. To facilitate its activities and provide a hall-of-fame for key projects, a proposal has already been discussed with Prof. Prawal Sinha (ex-DoSA). It should be taken up in the next Institute Innovation Committee (IIC) meeting and forwarded to take necessary actions.
- Inter IIT Tech Meet is gradually becoming a bigger avenue for technical events witnessing innovative prototypes from all IITs. The incumbent executive is advised to discuss with the Dean, Students' Affairs about the further expansion/recognition of the event and give suggestions at the annual all IIT-Deans meeting.

Item No. 9	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation of the Incharge, PG Academics (2015-16)
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The Incharge, PG Academics, Mr. Jitendra Katiyar presented his end-term for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate noted his recommendation of making DPGC and SPGC Nominees more responsible and accepted the report as presented.

Item No. 10	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation of the Incharge, UG Academics (2015-16)
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting as the proposer had not submitted the report.

Item No. 11	To consider the Gymkhana Calendar for the session 2016-17
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the revised calendar for the consideration of the Senate. All comments received in the previous meeting had been addressed. The Senate accepted the Gymkhana Calendar for the session 2016-17 as presented.

Item No. 12	To consider the Budget for the Gymkhana session 2016-17
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The Finance Convener presented the Budget for the consideration of the Senate. The following concerns were raised in the respective sections:

Games and Sports:

- The expected income, if any, needs to be mentioned. In that regard, doubts were raised regarding the allocation for Taekwondo Club.

Science and Technology:

- Doubts were raised regarding project felicitation.
- Techkriti and External Participation trips heads were decided to be merged.
- Project felicitation and Buffer were decided to be merged

The Finance Convener was asked to present the report in the next Senate meeting with the aforementioned changes.

Item No. 13	To consider the recommendation of the various panels for the Gymkhana Awards
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Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh, Convener of the Award Panels (except Gymkhana Blues) presented the recommendations of the panels for the consideration of the Senate. He informed about a substantial increase in the number of nominations received for these awards, which was appreciated by the Senate. The panels recommended the names of following students:

Outstanding Freshman Award	Mugdha Arora
	Sayash Kapoor
Outstanding Leadership Award	Vipul Garg
	Sabyasachi Verma
Community Service Award	Anand Prakash Dwivedi
	Jeenu Thomas
Cultural Excellence Award	Shruti Ojha
Films and Media Excellence Award	P. Nanda Kumar



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Science and Technology Excellence Award	Dhrupal Shah
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The Convener of the Gymkhana Blues Award Panel, Mr. Ayushya Agarwal, presented the name of Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh as the recommendation of the panel.

The Senate accepted the recommendations made by all panels. The Awards shall be presented on the Gymkhana Day.

Item No. 14	To consider the post-conduction report of General Elections '16
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The Chief Election Officer (2015-16) presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. After due deliberation, the Senate accepted the report, with the following recommendations:

- Digital means of campaigning should be integrated with the present increasingly obsolete door-to-door campaigning. This would include having a Campaign Manager for the Executive Candidates, releasing a video manifesto and having a social media page for each candidate. Some mismanagement which can happen during the Media campaigning should be cleared and the respective executive should be held responsible.
- Polling in the Academic area should be pursued in the next elections.
- Either one of the two-Presidential Debate or SOP Box should be held.

Item No. 15	To consider the report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into certain issues regarding Techkriti '15
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The General Secretary, Films and Media Council presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate noted the discrepancies that took place during Techkriti '15 and reprimanded the Techkriti '15 Core Team members for mismanagement. In particular, a misrepresentation of facts was found in terms of the reason for raising participation count to 1850.

After discussion, the Senate accepted the report with its recommendations and decided not to take any particular action on the Techkriti '15 team.

Item No. 16	To consider the updated post-conduction finance report of Techkriti '15
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The Head Finance, Techkriti '15 presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate noted that multiple marketing deals had not come through and decided to blacklist the following companies in that regard: Akshay Jal, I3 India, NHM, Objectify and Sony. Further, the Finance Convener was asked to maintain a list of such blacklisted companies.

The Senate further asked the Head to draw a comparison between the Post-conduction and Pre-conduction Finance Reports and point out the changes therein. He was asked to re-submit the report incorporating the above.



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Item No. 17	To consider a proposal to create an ARC implementation review committee
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the item for the consideration of the Senate. He reminded the Senate of the mail he had sent on the Students' Senate Mailing List in line with Mr. Anurag Sahay's proposal recommendation (Appendix 1). On the request of a member though, the proposal was itemized in this meeting. Subsequently, the Senate accepted the proposal and constituted the following ad-hoc committee to review ARC Implementation:

- Anurag Sahay
- Kunal Kapila
- Shubham Atreja
- Praveen Honhar
- Rutuj Jugade (Convener)

Item No. 18	To consider a proposal regarding the Gymkhana Blues Award
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The Chairperson, on behalf of Mr. Anurag Sahay, presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. From the discussion that followed, it was identified that the Senate agrees in principle with the proposal. Subsequently, the Senate decided to make a subcommittee for coming up with the new scheme for Gymkhana Blues Award, with the following members:

- Ayushya Agarwal (Convener)
- M Surya Prakash
- Vedant Goenka
- Praharsh Patel
- Himanshu

Item No. 19	To consider a proposal regarding a Gymkhana Award for Faculty
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 20	To consider the post-conduction report of Spectrum '15
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The General Secretary, Films and Media Council presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. After the discussion that followed, it was decided that the fourth recommendation, i.e. 'More competitions based on mass participation should be introduced so as to increase the overall feel of the participants towards the championship.' be removed. The Senate accepted the report with remaining recommendations.

Item No. 21	To consider the post-conduction report of Galaxy '16
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The General Secretary, Cultural Council presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. After due discussion, the Senate decided that Galaxy should be conducted in 4 days only and a fifth day may be taken only for the parade. The Senate accepted the remaining report.

Item No. 22	To consider the post-conduction reports of Inferno '16
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The General Secretary Games and Sports Council presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. Following changes were made to the various posts:

- Event Coordinators was renamed to secretaries.
- Coordinator was renamed to Manager.

Some clarification was asked regarding points tally. The following recommendations were accepted by the Senate:

PG participation should be improved. Equal distribution of PG's among various pools may be solution.

Events for girls should be promoted. All events organized this year should be continued and events may be added too.' was not accepted.

The Senate accepted the report.

Item No. 23	To consider the post conduction report of General Championship
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 24	To consider the report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into financial mismanagement in Antaragni '15
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Mr. Vedant Goenka, Convener of the Fact-Finding Committee, presented its final report for the consideration of the Senate. The report clearly showed that the festival's financial deficit seemed to be increasing and the festival team had not offered any valid solution for it. It was also found that, on various occasions, no proper action was taken to prevent the damage done due to rain and other factors. The Senate accepted the report after discussion.

A censure motion against the Festival Coordinators and Head, Finance was proposed by Mr. Mayank Jain and was seconded by Mr. Ashutosh Ranka and Mr. Vedant Goenka. After due deliberation, the Senate passed a Level 1 Censure Motion by majority.

Item No. 25	To consider the report of the Committee constituted to recommend solutions for the financial deficit in Antaragni '15
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Mr. Mayank Jain, Convener of the fact finding committee presented the report for consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the report extensively and subsequently accepted all recommendations of Part I (report enclosed in Appendix 2).

After due deliberation, the following recommendations from Part II of the report were accepted:

- All the festivals should divide their buffer into Income and Expenditure Buffer.
- The buffer shall be further divided into three categories:
 - a. Liquid Buffer (34% of total buffer): This amount shall be accessible through prior permissions of the Finance Convener and the Festival Chairman at any point in time if required.
 - b. Reserve Buffer I (33% of total buffer): This amount shall be accessible post festival only and, under ordinary circumstances, should not be used by the festival at all. The festival team shall not include this amount in their planning and any foreseen expense shall not be cleared through it. The amount may only be accessed by the team in dire financial need caused due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, unforeseeable expenditure, sponsor back-outs, and other similar situations and shall be considered as a financial overshoot.

The procedure to access this amount shall be as follows - The Festival Coordinator shall place a request on the floor of the Students' Senate (along with the recommendation of the COFA regarding the same). The money may be accessed if the request is considered favourably by the Students' Senate.
 - c. Reserve Buffer II (33% of total buffer): This amount shall be accessible post festival only and, under ordinary circumstances, should not be used by the festival at all. The festival team shall not include this amount in their planning and any foreseen expense shall not be cleared through it. The amount may only be accessed by the team in dire financial need caused due to unforeseen circumstances including, but not limited to, unforeseeable expenditure, sponsor back-outs, and other similar situations and shall be considered as a financial overshoot.

The procedure to access this amount shall be as follows - The Festival Coordinator shall place a request on the floor of the Students' Senate (along with the recommendation of the COFA regarding the same). If the request is considered favourably by the Senate, the Chairperson shall forward the request to the Patron, Students' Gymkhana through the Chief Counsellor. The money may not be accessed if either the Senate, or the Patron disagrees with the proposal.
- Any amount remaining in the festival buffer shall be passed on to the next festival.
- Any expense made on Public Relations shall be explicitly approved by the COFA as it has been observed that major deficits occur due to overspending on PR.
- A timeline shall be set beyond which the account must be closed.



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Item No. 26	To consider the post-conduction finance report of Antaragni '15
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The Finance report was presented and there was a deficit of ~11, 50, 000 primarily due to rain, venue change and a miscalculation in open fest turnout.

The report was not accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 27	To consider the post-conduction report of Techkriti '16
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 28	To consider the Hall Allocation Policy (2015-16)
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 29	To consider the interviews for the post of Festival Coordinator, Techkriti '17
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 30	Questions and Remarks, if any
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No questions or remarks were raised.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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The meeting was adjourned at 02:20 AM.



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Attendance Record

- Total Strength of the Senate : 26
- Total number of Senators present : 23
- Total number of Senators absent : 3
- Absent without notification : 0
- Absent with permission : 3

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No.	Position	Name	Sign
1.	Chairman, Students' Senate	Vedant Goenka	Present
2.	President, Students' Gymkhana	Ashutosh Ranka	Present
3.	General Secretary, Films and Media	Mayank Jain	Present
4.	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Robinson Guria	Present
5.	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Ayush Shakya	Present
6.	Senator BT/BS Y13	Karandeep Sharma	Present
7.	Senator BT/BS Y13	Shyamsunder Sihotia	Present
8.	Senator BT/BS Y13	Vijeta	Present^
9.	Senator BT/BS Y14	Amit Ranjan	Present
10.	Senator BT/BS Y14	Arshil Abbas Naqvi	Absent#
11.	Senator BT/BS Y14	Ayushya Agarwal	Present
12.	Senator BT/BS Y14	Deepali Gupta	Present
13.	Senator BT/BS Y14	Mayank Varshney	Present



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14.	Senator BT/BS Y14	Rutuj Jugade	Present
15.	Senator BT/BS Y15	Harsh Narang	Present
16.	Senator BT/BS Y15	Kumar Kshitij Patel	Present
17.	Senator BT/BS Y15	Pranav Sao	Present
18.	Senator BT/BS Y15	Pranjal Prasoon	Present
19.	Senator BT/BS Y15	Pranshu Garg	Present
20.	Senator BT/BS Y15	Swarnadeep Mandal	Present
21.	Senator MBA/MDes Y15	Himanshu Negi	Present
22.	Senator MSc Y15	Praharsh Mohanlal Patel	Present
23.	Senator PhD	Amar Ghar	Absent#
24.	Senator PhD	Ashabari Majumdar	Absent#
25.	Senator PhD	Digvijay Singh	Present
26.	Senator PhD	Garima Bawa	Present

Key:

- * – Absent with permission
- # – Absent without notification
- ^ – Present (Nominee)