

Students' Senate (2015-16) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur



Vedant Goenka | Chairperson

Minutes: 7th Meeting of the Students' Senate

The 2016-17/7th Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Friday, 4th November, 2016 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8 PM.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	1. To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:
	i. 2016-17/2nd Special Meeting
	ii. 2016-17/2nd Meeting
	iii. 2016-17/3rd Meeting
	iv. 2016-17/4th Meeting
	v. 2016-17/5th Meeting
	vi. 2016-17/3rd Special Meeting

The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the minutes of the 2nd (Special) meeting for confirmation. The minutes were confirmed by the Senate with no changes.

The Confirmation of remaining minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any

The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate:

- The senate was informed that Urban crave, a food outlet in New Shopping Centre had been opened for public.
- The senate was also informed that the Institute foundation day had been successfully organised.
- The senate was also informed that the newly constructed Hall 12 had been inaugurated.
- The Acting General Secretary, Cultural informed that the Inter IIT Cultural Meet was to be organised from 20th to 21st December 2016 in IIT Bombay.

Item No. 3	To note the decisions taken by the Senate over the mailing list
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The senate was informed that no decisions were taken on the mailing list since the last senate meeting.

Item No. 4	To report on the actions taken on the decisions of the Senate

The item was deferred for the next meeting.

Item No. 5	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the post of
	Team Captains of Robocon '16



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The senate did not ratify the names for the Captain, Robocon'16 as the team shall be unable to participate in the competition due to a clash of the event schedule with the mid-semester examinations.

Item No. 6	To consider for ratification, the name of a student for the post of					
	Secretary, Students' Senate					

The senate ratified the name for the position Secretary, Students' Senate.

Item No. 7	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Core
	team of General Affairs Council

The senate ratified the name of President's nominee CEMMC but didn't do so for the other proposed position after deliberation.

Item No. 8	То	consider	a	proposal	to	increase	Convocation	prizes	and
	repr	esentation	in t	he SUGC					

The senate accepted the proposal to include one girl nominee apart from six nominees to the SUGC. The senate also decided to club MBA and MDes programme for consideration in the convocation prizes. The senate decided to keep two nominees for the PhD programme mandatory. The senate decided to cite the increase of gymkhana activities as a reason for the increase in convocation prize.

Item No. 9	To consider a proposal to fix the issue of poor street lighting in few areas
	of the campus

The senate discussed the various causes for this issue and opined its view on how can it be resolved. The senate asked the President Student's Gymkhana to take up this issue with the concerned authorities and provide an update to the senate once it gets resolved.

Item No. 10	To consider the issue of Poor condition of Campus Maps
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After deliberation and sharing of opinions, the Senate directed the FMC General Secretary to take proper actions and update the Senate about the same.

Item No. 11	To consider a proposal for replacement of Tube lights and CFLs in Halls
	of residence with energy efficient CFLs

This senate discussed the issue diligently and decided to update DCF accordingly. The senate decided to drop this agenda.

Item No. 12	To consider a proposal regarding first aid boxes





The senate pointed out that the HEC is not responsible to implement the same as they were unable to do that in the Hall Office. The senate directed the president to discuss the issue with the hall presidents in the upcoming COSHA meeting and deliberate upon the implementation issues.

Item No. 13	To consider the revised Mid-Term status of the finances of Students'
	Gymkhana and to revise the Gymkhana Budget accordingly

The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 14	To consider the Mid-Term report of President, Students' Gymkhana
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The senate was informed that the report was a bit old so some updates were not included in it. It was informed that Urban Crave has been opened for public use. The senate was informed that the construction of subway was supposed to be completed by the end of president's tenure. The senate was informed that the signing of MoU with Shiru Café has been completed. The senate was informed that the issue of child labour in the Hall Canteens is to be looked into and proper actions would be taken soon. The senate was informed that updates related to the Satyendra K memorial award were not present in the report. The senate sought updates on the various topics and all the comments were addressed by President, Student's Gymkhana. The president was given the few recommendations. The first recommendation provided by the senate was accepted in principle and a letter was to be sent to the Academic Senate. Other two recommendations were rejected by the senate. Following updates related to the CDC were given by the President, Student's Gymkhana. An idea to give a tender to the British Council was being deliberated upon which would cost around Rs.5000 per student. It was discussed that there was a project in the DORA account due to which the DORA cannot give any funds. Also no special effort is being made from the students' side. The senate discussed about a plan to have an outreach cell and to talk about the alumni network, to be under the DORA. The senate also discussed the idea of working towards pitching the projects to the alumni. The report was accepted with the recommended changes.

Item No. 15	To consider the Mid-Term report of General Secretary, Films and Media
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 16	To consider the Mid-Term report of General Secretary, Games and
	Sports

The senate discussed the report and sought for a clarification regarding the snooker table in hall 4 which was supposed to be transported. The General Secretary, Games and Sports clarified the concerns and the senate accepted the report.





Item No. 17	To consider the Mid-Term report of General Secretary, Science and
	Technology

The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 18	To consider the Mid-Term report of Chairperson, Students' Senate
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 19	To consider the Mid-Term report of Convener, COSHA
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 20	To consider the report of the committee constituted regarding poor	
	voter-turnout in Gymkhana Elections	

The following decisions were taken upon the recommendations were given by the senate:

The first recommendation was supposed to be taken ahead in this Elections. The turnout will be compared to that of last year and then further action will be taken. The second recommendation was accepted by the senate. The third recommendation was deliberated upon and it was decided that it would be on EC discretion whether they want to accept the recommendation or not.

The following decisions were taken upon the recommendations were given by the EC:

The members for the publicity to be taken care of in the precondition. The EC recommended to send all election mails through the DoSA. The EC recommended that the CEO should have the discretion for taking relevant decisions on the time duration between the Call for nomination and the Code of Conduct. The EC also recommended that the HEC members should barred from campaigning in their own halls. Many other recommendations were proposed regarding the functioning of HEC were accepted by the senate. Recommendations related to the resources required were presented which included a section for monetary funding which was not accepted. It was decided to that the EC should go ahead with the use of SSF. A proposal related to the use of voting machines was also presented to which the president decided to take this idea to the CC head for further deliberations. The report was accepted with the recommended changes.





Item No. 21	To consider the Hall Allocation Policy for the 2016-17/II Semester and
	the Inter-IIT accommodation plan

The senate deliberated upon the report and came to the following conclusions. It was discussed that the people who have to shift in the next semester should be clear that they will have to shift again in the summers. The senate discussed the alternate policy to shift the Hall 10 UG students to the Hall 12. The specifics were deliberated on and it was decided that almost half of the students of Hall 10 will have to shift their baggage to Hall 12 in November and to shift rest of them in January. It was also decided that the students would be given the choice and the opinions of the girl representatives to be taken into account while their shifting. The HAP was passed with the recommended changes and the senate was advised to aid the President, Student's Senate and CoSHA Convener in implementing the same. The senate directed to inform all the authorities that as long as clarification is not received, the room would not be allocated. It was decided that the numbers would be cross checked before allocation. With the above caveats, the allocation policy for the Inter IIT is accepted.

Item No. 22	To consider a proposal for combining the courses TA201A and TA202A
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 23	Questions and Remarks, if any
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The following questions were raised by the members present:

- A senator questioned whether the issue of a student who not being given proper recognition can be taken up in some place and how could we lodge a complaint regarding that matter. The senate discussed upon the issue and answered that it could be forwarded to the Ethics Cell.
- A senator asked for an update on the mail to the Board of Directors about the functioning of the Dean of Student's Affairs. The senate answered that it was supposed to be sent on the following weekend and was delayed due to some student activities.

Item No. 23	To consider issues regarding OARS.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana and the Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the item for the consideration of the Senate, in lieu of the recent malfunction and delays in OARS during





pre-registration. The President also informed the Senate that Office Automation is set to begin work on a new OARS module soon. The Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to write a letter to the DOAA expressing concern and asking for speedy action in this regard.

Item No. 24	To consider the post conduction report of Takneek'16.
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The following recommendations were proposed by the senate:

It was decided to note the names of the participants and the relevant positions held would be ratified later. The senate also decided to relook into the implementation of the SNT Code. The first recommendation was rejected. The fifth recommendation had a correction needed to be made to include the term 'final day'. All other recommendations were accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 AM the next day.