



# Students' Senate

## Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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### Minutes: 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate

**The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Students' Senate (2012 – 2013) was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012. It was called to order by the Convener, Students' Senate at 6:45 PM.**

The attendance record of the senators is:

- Total: 39
- Present: 27
- Absent: 12
- Absent with permission: 8

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

<b>Item No. 1</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any.
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- The Convener announced that a proposal regarding transparency in the grading system has been proposed in the academic Senate. It is expected to be discussed in the next meeting.
- He also announced that the proposal to convert some Saturdays of the 2013-14 1st semester into working days had not been favored by the academic Senate, and that the Monday after Diwali had been declared a holiday.
- Finally, he announced that the tentative Students' Senate Meeting schedule had been put up in the Gymkhana calendar.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Ratification of the Minutes of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. 2012-13/4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate held on 03.09.2012.</li><li>ii. 2012-13/2<sup>nd</sup> (Emergency) Meeting of the Students' Senate held on 27.08.2012.</li></ul>
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The Minutes of the 2012-13/4<sup>th</sup> Meeting had been circulated by the Convener. They were ratified without any changes. The Minutes of the 2012-13/2<sup>nd</sup> (Emergency) Meeting had not been prepared by the Convener, and hence its ratification was deferred to the next Meeting by the Senate.

In the course of the ratification, Senator, UG Y9, Kanish Manuja, requested that one member of each festival be added to the ad-hoc subcommittee set up to look into the proposal for a Senate Festival Monitoring Committee. It was decided that one member from each festival would be invited to committee meetings as special invitees.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To report on action taken.
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The Action Taken Report for all Meetings up to and including the 2012-13/4<sup>th</sup> Meeting was presented by the Secretary, Students' Senate, with clarifications from Executives and other functionaries as and when needed.

The following clarifications were not included in the ATR:

- The ad-hoc committee looking into the SFMC has had preliminary discussions and is moving on to framing the guidelines for the functioning of the committee.
- The President clarified about certain issues relating to use of plastic bags, as communicated to him by the administration, and, at his request, the Senate decided to forgo action regarding plastic bags.
- The vendors in front of Hall 3 have certain cleanliness clauses, the specifics of which the President was able to find. It was decided that a letter will be sent pertaining to this by the Convener, copied to the President, to the vendors regarding the same.
- The Convener clarified that the Superintendent Engineer, IWD was on leave till September, 5, 2012 and hence no letter had not been sent regarding this issue yet.

The report was accepted by the Senate, with the abovementioned clarifications.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	Discussion on the proposal for cashless registration in inter-collegiate Gymkhana festivals.
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The proposal was presented in detail by the Finance Convener, who justified the move by suggesting that the administration was in favor of this policy. After a long discussion over the specifics of the proposal, its method of implementation and the timeframe in which it would be implemented, it was decided that an ad-hoc committee would be set up to come up with a concrete proposal.

Furthermore, it was decided that the recommendations of the committee would not be put into effect for Udghosh'12 or Antaragni'12. The composition of the committee is as follows:

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| • Abhay Jain           | Chair    |
| • Srijan Shetty        | Convener |
| • Jyoti Gupta          | Member   |
| • Sonal Kumari         | Member   |
| • Ashish Dabas         | Member   |
| • Himanshu Pandey      | Member   |
| • Karthik Balasundaram | Member   |
| • Rekha Raja           | Member   |

The committee was directed to submit its report by the November meeting of the Senate.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	Ratification of the recommendations of the interview panel for the Core Team, Udghosh'12.
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The names recommended were:

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| • Avneet Nigam        | Y9160 | Head, Events (Media and Publicity) |
| • Manish Kumar        | Y9318 | Head, Events (Competitions)        |
| • Sarthak Malik       | 10647 | Head, Events (Competitions)        |
| • Aarush Mohit Mittal | Y9006 | Head, Events (Design)              |

The names were accepted without any change.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	Ratification of the HCUC nominee for the year 2012-13.
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The name of Mr. Abhinav Varshney (11106061) had been proposed for the Student nominee to the Health Centre Users' Committee, and was accepted by the Senate.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	Ratification of Senior Executives (Media and Publicity) and Principal Security Officers for Udghosh'12.
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The names proposed for Senior Executive (Media and Publicity) and Principal Security Officers for Udghosh'12 were accepted without any change.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	Noting of the changes to the schedule of and the call for nominations for the Gymkhana By-election.
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The Chief Election Officer, Kanish Manuja presented the changes in the relevant election document. The change in the schedule was due to a clash with the Gymkhana Golden Jubilee Opening Ceremony, while the change in the Call for Nominations was due to a change in the number of PhD students (to more than 1050), meaning that there were now 11 posts for Senator, PhD, of which only 4 were filled.

The update documents were accepted by the Senate.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	Ratification of the list of Election Council members.
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The list was presented by the CEO, and was accepted by the Senate without any change.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	Presentation of updates from Udghosh'12.
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The updates were presented by the Festival Coordinator, and accepted by the Senate, with the addendum that the MoUs signed need to be submitted a week prior to the festival.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	Ratification of the Core Team, Impression'12
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The Core Team, Impressions'12 was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council, and accepted by the Senate without any change.

<b>Item No. 13</b>	Discussion on the report of the committee to look into constitutional changes for the COSHA.
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The report of the committee was presented by the chair, Himahsu Pandey. Following the comments on the floor of the Senate it was decided that the committee should reconsider its report regarding the membership from each hostel. Hence, the committee was requested to come up with a revised report in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	Presentation of the pre-conduction report of the Energy Championship
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The pre-conduction report of Green Opus, the Energy Championship was presented by the GE3 coordinators and the President for the consideration of the Senate. Several concerns were raised about the specifics of the competition's implementation and the sustainability of the event. After a discussion, it was accepted that the current implementation should be continued with, though the coordinators of GE3 were requested to come up with a better proposal, if possible.

The report was accepted by the Senate without any changes.

The Senate now resumed the normal order of proceedings.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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- Himanshu Pandey (Senator, UG Y10) also requested the General Secretary, Games and Sports to clarify some issues with the point structure for Inferno along with Freshers' Inferno and Impulse, which was done by the General Secretary.
- Himanshu Pandey (Senator, UG Y10) gave some recommendations about the Awareness Week which had been conducted by the Institute, and requested the President to follow up on the same.
- At a query, the President, Students' Gymkhana remarked that the Campus Restaurant, Shopping Centre had received excellent reviews in a survey conducted, and was thus unlikely to be changed.
- He also announced that a new Shopping Centre was being considered near SBRA.
- The President also announced that a tender will be called for the New SAC Food Court, in which "Veggies" which had received extremely good reviews during the trial run is likely to be contracted. He further announced that a series of trial runs were being organized for the remaining outlet in the Food Court, and indicated the possibility of "Subway" being invited for a trial run.



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- The President also announced that a coordinator of the Vivekananda Samiti Deepak Ojhahad resigned, and that re-nominations were being called.
- Ashish Dabas, Senator Y11, asked Subhojit Ghosh, General Secretary SnT Council about the re-conduction of an event over a dispute in the tie-break mechanism. The General Secretary clarified that the event was re-conducted only after all the stakeholders had reached to a consensus for conducting the event again.
- Yuvraj Dhillon, General Secretary Games and Sports Council requested the senators to volunteer to help him out in matters of his council as he was unable to prepare the reports and carry out several things by himself. However, no Senator volunteered for the same.
- A concern was raised about the fact that the Yearbook hobby group was officiating under the name of Campus Magazine without any notification to, or approval from the Senate. The General Secretary, Films and Media Council was asked to look into it.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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No other items were introduced.

**The meeting was adjourned by the Convener, Students' Senate at 11:00 PM.**

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#### Approved and Published by:

Ankit Bhutani	Convener, Students' Senate
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**Attendance Record**

Sl.No.	Senators	Name of the Post	Attendance
1	Abhay Jain	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
2	Sonal Kumari	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
3	Subhojit Ghosh	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Present
4	Yuvraj Dhillon	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Present
5	Yashovardhan Bhagat	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Absent*
6	Ankit Bhutani	Convener, Students' Senate	Present
7	Sumit Bhagwani	Senator, UG Y8 (5 Year )	Absent*
8	Akella Ravi Nagarjun	Senator, UG Y8 (5 Year )	Present
9	Kanish Manuja	Senator UG Y9	Present
10	Jyoti Gupta	Senator UG Y9	Present
11	Pratik Moona	Senator UG Y9	Absent
12	Aman Haji	Senator UG Y9	Absent
13	Digraj Singh Chahal	Senator UG Y9	Absent
14	Anurag Dash	Senator UG Y9	Absent*
15	Himanshu Pandey	Senator UG Y10	Present
16	Abhiroop Bhatnagar	Senator UG Y10	Absent*
17	Rahul Arora	Senator UG Y10	Present
18	Saurabh Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Absent*
19	Amritanshu Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Present
20	Saurabh Dixit	Senator UG Y10	Present
21	Sanchit Khattar	Senator UG Y10	Present
22	Shivam Trivedi	Senator UG Y10	Present
23	Ankur Atul Agarwal	Senator UG Y11	Present
24	Amrit Rijhwani	Senator UG Y11	Absent*



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25	Samarth Bansal	Senator UG Y11	Present
26	Srijan R Shetty	Senator UG Y11	Present
27	Shouvik Sachdeva	Senator UG Y11	Present
28	Ashish Dabas	Senator UG Y11	Present
29	Pranjal Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Present
30	Diksha Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Present
31	Arjun Ravichandran	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
32	Adwait Parulekar	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent*
33	Abhimanyu M A	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent
34	Srinivas Chitturi	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
35	Nishant Maheshwari	Senator, MBA + M.Des. + other equivalent Masters Programmes Y11	Present
36	Karthik Balasundaram	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
37	Kumar Gaurav	Senator, Ph.D.	Absent*
38	Payel Pal	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
39	Rekha Raja	Senator, Ph.D.	Present

Absent\* - Absent with permission