



**Students' Senate (2018-19)**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  
**Ayushya Agarwal | Chairperson**



**8<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes**

**The 2018-19/8<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Thursday, 26th February 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.**

<b>S. no.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3.	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
4.	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
5.	Abhishek Aryan	Finance Convener	Present
6.	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
7.	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
8.	Sirsendu Sarkar	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
9.	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent#
10.	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent#
11.	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
12.	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
13.	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
14.	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
15.	Siddhartha Srivastava	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
16.	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent#
17.	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present



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18.	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present*
19.	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
20.	Rishab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present*
21.	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22.	Ankur Banga	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
23.	Ashutosh Bajpai	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
24.	Chinmay Goyal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
25.	Deepankur Kansal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present*
26.	Abhishek Verma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
27.	Akshay Bajaj	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
28.	Somya Sharma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
29.	Yogendra Vyas	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
30.	Deepak Singh Attri	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
31.	Hemant Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y17	Absent#
32.	Jitendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
33.	Narayan Mishra	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
34.	Viswadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y17	Present
35.	Suraj	Senator, MSR	Absent#
36.	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

\* - Present with Nominee, # - Absent with Permission

The meeting was called to order at 8:53 pm.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:
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	i) 2018/19 – 6th (Special) Meeting ii) 2018/19 – 7th (Special) Meeting
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The minutes of the meetings had not been prepared and were not ratified.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements were made on the floor of the Senate -

- A Senator asked about the status of the Hall President's report to which the Chairperson Students' Senate replied that the last meeting of COSHA was held on 10th Jan 2019 and the next meeting was scheduled in the upcoming week.
- A Senator enquired about when will the Action Taken Report be presented. The Chairperson Students' Senate informed the Senate that the ATR is scheduled to be presented in the next Senate meeting.
- One of the Senators also asked the Chairperson Student's Senate about the mail that was to be sent to those incoming Senators, who had not submitted their manifestos earlier during the time of the General Elections 2019, asking them to draft the same and submit to the Students' Senate during one of their initial meetings. The Chairperson Students' Senate assured the Senate that he would positively send the mail soon.
- One of the Senators also asked the Chairperson Student's Senate about the mail that was to be sent to the Y18 batch informing them of the removal of one of the Senators of their batch from his post, due to irregularity in attending the Senate meetings. This was decided as the concerned Senator was re-elected for the post of the Senator from his batch. The Chairperson Student's Senate informed the Senate that the reasons upon which the Senator was removed from the post were not true and this happened due to some miscommunication and hence the decision of removing the senator from his post was rectified.
- A Senator raised the issue that the Constitution uploaded on the Students' Senate website was not in line with the structures being followed in the Senate. The Parliamentarian, Students' Senate informed the Senate that the constitutional amendments that had been accepted in principle by the Students' Senate had not actually been voted upon in the Senate leading to these discrepancies. The Senate directed the Parliamentarian to correct the issue at the earliest.



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- A Senator enquired about the dates that were decided for the conduction of PG Open House. The President Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that after deliberations with the Director, IIT Kanpur, the PG Open house could be held either in 3rd-4th March or in the last week of March depending on when the Director is able to take time for it.
- The UG-SAC Convener informed the Senate the attendance of the Senators in the UG-SAC meetings had been considerably low and this indirectly reflects the negligence of the UG Senators towards the committee and its proceedings. The Senate was also informed that there are no specific clauses in the constitution too that pertain to the attendance rules for the UG-SAC meetings. The Chairperson Student's Senate informed that the constitution under the review process with the RPC and the stated issue will be addressed therein. The Senate also felt that the actual cause of the problem may be the unawareness of the Senators of the importance of the works and procedures that the UG-SAC undertakes. In this regard, the Chairperson Student's Senate explained the Senate of the importance, works and the mandate of the UG-SAC. A Senator also requested the Chairperson Student's Senate to circulate a mail on the Student's Senate mailing list regarding the same to which the Chairperson Student's Senate duly agreed.
- A Senator enquired regarding the Chaupati tender to which the President Student's Gymkhana replied that the meetings of the tender committee took place and that the process of the establishment may take some the Senate that cycle pool would be resolved by the end of April and that the contract of the Urban Crave had been canceled. Apart from these, an Institute cafeteria was being planned to be established.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the reply of the Senators issued a Show Cause Notice for the violation of attendance rules of the Senate
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The following Senators were issued a Show Cause Notice for the violation of attendance rules of the Senate and were asked about their respective reasons for the same-

1. Ms. Aayushi Bansal, Senator, BT/BS Y16-

The Senator was not present in the Senate.

2. Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Senator, M.Tech Y17-

In his defense, the senator stated that he was suffering from illness during the missed meetings.

The Senate accepted the defense of the Senator.

3. Mr. Abhishek Verma, Senator, M.Tech (2-year) Y18-

The Senator was not present in the Senate.

4. Mr. Ashutosh Bajpai, Senator, BT/BS Y18-



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The Senator had missed 4 meetings of the Students' Senate with and without permission. In his defense, the Senator stated that he was ill during one of the missed meetings while during the other, he was not on campus. The Senate accepted the defense of the Senator with the caveat that if the senator missed another meeting without informing the Senate, he would stand removed from his post.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the mid-term reports of the following: 1. Finance Convener, Students' Senate
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The mid-term allocation report of the Finance Convener was presented by the Finance Convener on the floor of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider the Interim Reports of the Gymkhana Review Committee (GRC)
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The Interim Report of the GRC was presented by the Convener, GRC on the floor of the Senate. The following were the major discussions pertaining to the various sections of the report -

- Interim Report of the Managing Committee -

The Interim Report of the Managing Committee reported the status of various sub-committees and presented a Pan-IIT review along with its reports on the President's Office, Gymkhana Advisory Board of Alumni, and Inclusion of Hall Representatives in Students' Senate. The President Students' Gymkhana suggested that the committee should not present their opinions or broad ideas in the report rather specify only recommendations. The presenter of the report clarified that the mandate of the committee was to investigate and provide the essential details of the sections and that a disclaimer has been specifically added stating that any implicit form of recommendations not be considered as the recommendations on behalf of the committee. The committee felt that the structure for the President's Office shall be minimal due to its mandate and as the office's environment is not conducive for the growth of regular activities. The committee felt that instead of the current practice where President's nominees are ratified corresponding to the Institute committee, a pool of President's nominees be created which shall together be responsible for representing the President in various institute committee. Coordination of their work shall be a responsibility of the Chief Secretary. ---



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For this purpose, a 5-membered sub-committee was constituted on the floor of the Senate-

1. Shubham - Convener (Overall Coordinator, Outreach Cell)
2. Saqib Mohammed (General Body Member)
3. Richeek Awasthi (General Body Member)
4. Shashi Shekhar (General Body Member)
5. Rhythm Pathak (General Body Member)

The report was accepted by the Senate.

- Cells Review - Revised Interim Report -

The committee observed that there was a lack of a clear vision for Cells on its working principles, objectives and guidelines to achieve them which has not only inhibited the overall growth of the Cells but also caused the Cell to start nearly afresh each term. Therefore, the committee recommended that each Cell shall prepare/revise a detailed Vision document to be discussed in and accepted by the Senate. This proposal was accepted by the Senate and the Chairperson Students' Senate assured the Senate that the same will be forwarded to the Overall Coordinators of various Cells.

Taking into account that concept of wings has now been formally adopted in the Gymkhana Constitution, the committee recommended that it shall be formally incorporated in the structure of Cells as well and further, to ensure uniformity with other positions with similar workload, responsibility and tenure, the committee recommended that the position of 'Secretary' be used in hierarchy of Cells while if alternate titles are being used for ratification for similar positions, the same shall be explicitly stated in the Cell Manual. These recommendations were also accepted by the Senate.

The Committee recommended that the nomination procedure for Overall Coordinators shall be the same as the present process for Festival Coordinators, i.e. their interviews should be held in a full Senate meeting considering the immense significance Cells hold to the student community and that they are independent entities in the Executive branch headed by the Overall Coordinators. The Senate decided not to accept this recommendation citing logistical concerns.

The committee observed that many Cells have suffered a critical loss of time in past due to a loose timeline and hence it was recommended that the nomination process of Overall





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Coordinators shall be complete by the Joint Senate meeting, where charge shall be handed over along with other Office bearers. The Senate opined that such formalization of the functioning of the cells will ensure proper delegation of power and hence accepted the recommendation.

The committee, for the same reason as above, also recommended that the Overall coordinator(s) shall also appoint someone to act on their behalf if none of them are unable to discharge their duties for a significant period of time. The Senate had concerns that mandating the Overall coordinator(s) to appoint acting Overall coordinator(s) would make things over-formalized which is not required. After much discussion on the issue, the Chairperson Student's Senate requested the Senators and executives for a show of hands in favor of the motion. The majority disagreed to the viewpoint and the recommendation was not accepted by the Senate.

The committee also recommended the following-

- The Overall Coordinator(s) shall be made permanent special invitees to all Senate meetings.
- The Overall Coordinator(s) of each cell shall be present in all meetings of the Senate until the Questions & Remarks section or presentation of ATR, whichever is later.
- For all other times during meetings, the OCs shall be present whenever an agenda relevant to their Cell is to be discussed. The responsibility of inviting them shall lay with Steering Committee.

The Senate was of the opinion that making the Overall Coordinator(s) as permanent special invitees to all Senate meetings would consume a lot of their time and may act as a constraint in their work. It was subsequently opined that the Overall Coordinator(s) shall be made permanent special invitees only to regular Senate meetings. The recommendation (with the suggested modification was accepted by the Senate).

**Cell Monitoring Committee-** The committee felt a serious need for direct and continuous monitoring mechanism for Cells. Therefore, the committee recommended that a 'Cells Monitoring Committee' of the Senate be formed. The Senate opined that as the Overall Coordinator will be special invitees to the regular Senate Meetings, this committee would be redundant as they would already be accountable to the Senate. Senate was also of the opinion that as cells are supposed to be relatively independent identities in the Gymkhana, the committee, if formed should be called Cell Management Committee. The structure of the committee would be similar to that of CoFA and similar councils. After due deliberations, it was decided that the committee would function on an ad-hoc basis in its first year and can be made functional afterwards if deemed to be beneficial by the Senate.



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- Senate Review - Revised 2nd Interim Report -

**Planning of Sessions-**The committee recommended that all meetings specified in the Calendar shall compulsorily be regular meetings. This was accepted by the Senate.

**Call for Agenda-** The Chairperson suggested that the 24 hour deadline should be continued as some logistical constraints were found in the 36 hour deadline by him. It was pointed out that the 24 hour deadline has been abused before and therefore the Senate decided that if any item is to be added after the 24 hour deadline, it will be considered as an additional agenda item. Hence the Senate decided to continue the 24 hour deadline. Rest of the changes were accepted by the Senate.

**Special Sessions-** It was pointed out that limiting number of agenda items in a special meeting would lead to limiting the working of the Senate and therefore it should not happen. It was also opined that the theme of the meeting should be presented beforehand and items that went beyond the theme would be itemised as additional items. These changes were accepted by the Senate.

**Minutes-** The committee recommended that the Chairperson must circulate the draft minutes to the General Body within 7 days of the meeting. It was suggested and accepted by the Senate that the draft minutes should be first circulated on the Senate list so that the mistakes (if any are found) in the draft minutes can be rectified first. Then, if no objection is raised on the mailing list within 3 days of circulating the minutes, the minutes would then be sent to the General Body.

**ATR-** The committee opined that the complete Action Taken Report shall compulsorily be presented in every regular meeting. This was accepted by the Senate and was passed to the RPC.

**Annual and Event Reports-**The committee recommends that the pre/post-conduction reports of all events shall be first discussed in a formal meeting of the respective bodies (CoFA, Council Core committee etc.) and then be sent to the Senate for ratification. All the changes proposed by the committee were accepted by the Senate.

**Ratifications-** The changes proposed were accepted by the Senate and were passed to the RPC.

**Attendance-** The changes proposed were accepted by the Senate and were passed to the RPC.

**Girls' Representatives-** The recommendation of the committee to include 1 Masters and 1 PhD Girls' Representative was accepted by the Senate. Regarding the increase of the number of UG girls' representative, the committee opined that as the ratio of male to female members is usually not same as that in the general body, the number should be increased to 2 to account for fair representation of the female population of the campus. The contention raised against this argument was that this would eventually discourage the female population from contesting in the elections and would facilitate the backdoor entry of female representatives in the Senate and





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therefore the number should be kept 1. As the Senate was not able to reach on consensus, a closed ballot vote was called on the same. The proposal was then rejected by the Senate by a vote count of 8 in favour of the proposal and 15 against the same. Therefore, the final number of Girls' Representatives accepted by the Senate was 1 UG, 1 Masters and 1 PhD.

Conveners- The committee strongly recommended that General Body members shall be allowed to contest for the position of Conveners of Standing Council. This proposal was accepted by the Senate and was passed to the RPC to incorporate the same in the Constitution.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider a proposal for the formation of a Hobby Group for Public Speaking
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No.7</b>	To consider a proposal to increase the Gymkhana Fees
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider modifications in the working of the SSAC
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of an Analytics Hobby Group
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of the Students Opinion Cell
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the vision document for Academics and Career Council
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.



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<b>Item No. 12.</b>	To consider the proposal for a modification in the constitution of the Local Purchase Committee
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 am with a vote of thanks to all the members.