

Students' Senate Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur



Karthik Balasundaram | Convener

Meeting Details and Attendance Record:

The 9^{th} meeting of the Students' Senate (2010-11) was held on 16^{th} Feburary 2011. It was called to order at 4:30pm. The attendance record of the senators is:

Total: 40 Present: 26 Absent: 14

Absent*(Absent without permission):00

Sl no	Post	Name	Signature
1	President, Students' Gymkhana	Vivek Agarwal	Present
2	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Rishi Raj Singh	Present
3	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Tarun Bhatia	Absent
4	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Pulkit Agarwal	Present
	Council		
5	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Hemant Gupta	Present
6	Convener Students' Senate(Senator, Ph.D)	Karthik Balasundaram	Present
7	Senator, UG Y6 (for students in 5 year	Sahil Singhal	Absent
	program)		
8	Senator, UG Y7	Ashutosh Sharma	Present
9	Senator, UG Y7	Dharmendra	Present
		Hiranandani	
10	Senator, UG Y7	Take Sanket Uttamrao	Absent
11	Senator, UG Y7	Pranav Gupta	Present
12	Senator, UG Y7	Prince Arora	Absent
13	Senator, UG Y8	Aditya Gupta	Present
14	Senator, UG Y8	Anurag Agarwal	Present
15	Senator, UG Y8	Chirag Sidana	Present
16	Senator, UG Y8	Mangalam Tewari	Absent
17	Senator, UG Y8	Sanchit Singhal	Present
18	Senator, UG Y8	Shekhar Suman	Absent
19	Senator, UG Y9	Abhay Jain	Present
20	Senator, UG Y9	Anirudh Gupta	Absent
21	Senator, UG Y9	Ankit Bhutani	Present
22	Senator, UG Y9	Kumar Ritikesh	Present
23	Senator, UG Y9	Kushagra Singh	Present
24	Senator, UG Y9	Pratik Moona	Present
25	Senator, UG Y9	Yuvraj Dhillon	Absent
26	Senator, UG 10	Abhiroop Bhatnagar	Present

27	Senator, UG 10	Aman	Absent
28	Senator, UG 10	Devesh Prakash	Present
29	Senator, UG 10	Himanshu Pandey	Present
30	Senator, UG 10	Praneeta Pujari	Present
31	Senator, UG 10	Raghav Khandelwal	Absent
32	Senator, UG 10	Swapnil Agarwal	Absent
33	Senator, UG 10	Vibhav Agarwal	Present
34	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Satyam Agarwal	Present
35	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Anuj Kumar Singh	Present
36	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Vinod Parmar	Absent
37	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Sandeep Mokashi	Present
38	Senator, M.Tech. Y9	A.Y.Santosh	Absent
39	Senator, M.Tech. Y9	Ishant Jain	Present
40	Girl Representative	Swamita Srivastava	Present

1. Ratification of the minutes of the 7th and 2nd special meeting of Students' Senate 2010-2011.

The minutes of the 7th and 2nd special senate meeting of Students' Senate were ratified without any changes.

2. Announcements and Remarks.

- The Convener, Students Senate announced that Mr. Sahil Singhal, Mr. Anirudh Gupta, Mr. Nikhilesh Diwedi, Mr. Yuvraj Dhillon, Mr. Anuj Kumar Singh, Mr. AY Santosh and Mr. Ishant Jain cease to function as Senators as per clause 2.20a of Students Gymkhana Constitution.
- The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council made the following announcements
 - B-Club won various events at St. Stephens college
 - Techkriti-2011 will be held from 18th to 20th Feburary 2011.
 - The Science and Technology magazine was launched.
- The President, Students Gymkhana made the following announcements
 - Meeting of students on warning, AP and AP* was organized with Director, Deputy Director, DOAA, DOSA, Chairman SUGC, Chairman SPGC and HOD of all departments.
 - GLDC talk by Dr. Arundhati Ghosh will be held on 23/02/2011.
 - GLDC talk by ISB and Poonam Mathur was held on 11/02/2011 and 09/02/2011 respectively.

3. Ratification of selected candidates for core team of Antaragni - 2011.

The selected candidates for Antaragni -2011 were ratified.

4. Voting on proposed Constitutional Amendments regarding restructuring of Students Gymkhana.

Based on voting the proposed constitutional amendments to clauses 5.04a, 5.05a, 5.06a, 5.07a and 5.08a were passed. The amended clause(s) are as given below:

<u>Amended 5.04a</u>) The aim of the Presidential Council shall be to help the President in discharging his/her duties and any other duty assigned by the Senate. The president for this purpose may form clubs and/or hobby groups. However, the number of clubs shall be limited to maximum of 6.

Amended 5.05a) The aim of the Games Council is to organize and promote all extracurricular activities in the field of games and any other duties assigned by the Senate. The General Secretary Games for this purpose may form clubs and/or hobby groups. However, the number of clubs shall be limited to maximum of 6.

<u>Amended 5.06a</u>) The aim of the Cultural Council is to organize and promote all cultural extra-curricular activities and any other duty assigned by the Senate. The General Secretary Cultural for this purpose may form clubs and/or hobby groups. However, the number of clubs shall be limited to maximum of 6

<u>Amended 5.07a</u>) The aim of the Films & Media Council is to organize and promote all Cinematic activities on behalf of the Students' Gymkhana and any other duty assigned by the Senate. The General Secretary Films and Media for this purpose may form clubs and/or hobby groups. However, the number of clubs shall be limited to maximum of 6.

<u>Amended 5.08a</u>) The aim of the Science and Technology council is to organize and promote all scientific and technological activities and any other duty assigned by the Senate. The General Secretary Science and Technology for this purpose may form clubs and/or hobby groups. However, the number of clubs shall be limited to maximum of 6.

The following amendment will introduce a new chapter namely chapter VI in the constitution. Based on voting the proposed introduction of clauses 6.01 and 6.02 in the new chapter was passed. Consequently, all subsequent chapters have to be renumbered.

Amended New Chapter 6) Clubs and Hobby Groups

6.01) Hobby Group

- a) A hobby group shall be an association of 10 or more students united by a common interest or goal. Such groups shall identify themselves with a council with the written consent of the concerned General Secretary.
- b) The hobby group shall function through a captain/coordinator/manager duly appointed by the concerned general secretary through a democratic process.
- c) The captain/coordinator/manager shall be responsible for all the group's activities with the consent of general secretary's consent. The general secretary shall, in turn, intimate the senate about the group's activities at regular interval.
- d) The funding for all such groups shall come through senators' seed fund.

6.02) Clubs

- a) Any hobby group which has been performing exceptionally well for a period of minimum 6 months can request the senate for an upgradation to the status of club.
- b) The coordinators shall be elected through a call of nominations to the General Body.
- c) The club shall receive promised fund from the gymkhana at the beginning of each financial year.

The following amendment introduces a new section after section 6.06 in chapter 6 of the present constitution (chapter 7 in the updated constitution). All later sections in this chapter, as a result, have to be renumbered.

Amended 6.07/ new 7.07) Senator Seed Fund

- a) The Finance Convener shall allocate an amount as seed fund to every senator at the beginning of each financial year. This fund shall be referred to as Senator Seed Fund.
- b) The senator seed fund shall be used to fund a hobby group or any other activity with due intimation to the senate.
- c) The senator seed fund should be at least around ¼ (one-fourth) of the total gymkhana budget which shall equally be distributed among all senators.
- d) A senator shall commit a maximum of $\frac{1}{4}$ (one-fourth) of his seed fund to a particular activity. Also, a maximum of $\frac{1}{4}$ (one-fourth) of the senate shall commit itself to a particular activity.
- e) The Finance Convener shall reallocate the unspent fund to other activities towards the end of the financial year.

5. Voting on proposed Constitutional Amendments regarding election of Finance Convener along with Convener Students' Senate.

Based on show of hands the proposed constitutional amendment regarding election of Finance Convener along with Convener Students' Senate was passed. The proposed constitutional amendment regarding the election of Parliamentarian of Student Senate along with Convener Students' Senate was **not** passed and therefore the constitution is **not** amended in this regard. The amended clause is as given below:

The following amendment introduces a new section after section 3.08 of the present constitution.

<u>Amended Clause 3.09</u>) The Convener and the Parliamentarian of the outgoing Senate shall conduct the election of the Convener, and the Finance Convener of the incoming Senate.

6. Noting of the minutes of the 5th COSHA meeting.

The minutes of the 5th COSHA meeting was noted without any changes. The dates of GALAXY-2011 remain the same as proposed in the gymkhana calendar. The Convener Students Senate requested everybody to use recycled A4 printer paper.

7. Discussion on the report submitted by the Committee for Gymkhana Awards-2011.

The Chair of the committee presented the report. The Senate accepted the guidelines with the following changes/additions:

- Outstanding Freshman: Minium CPI criteria was changed to 7.5. Maximum number of awards was restricted to 3 UG and 3 PG students.
- O Gymkhana Awards: A student shall be eligible only for one Gymkhana award in one Gymkhana Calendar year. The Senate requested the panel members to suggest exact name for the Gymkhana Awards. The Senate decided that the DOSA can recommend a student for Gymkhana award. The panel for Literary and Arts was changed to only one Senate nominee.
- o <u>Gymkhana Blues Award:</u> NO panel member is eligible for the award. The Senate should ensure that no deserving member should be part of the panel.

The following Senators were nominated as Senate nominees for various Gymkhana Awards Nominee for Literary and Arts: Abhay Jain

Nominee for Science and Technology: Ankit Bhutani and Khushagra Singh

Nominee for Community and Leadership: Abhiroop Bhatnagar and Sanchit Singhal

The following committee was formed for Gymkhana Blues Award

Karthik Balasundaram (Chair)

Pratik Moona

Chirag Sidana

Ankit Bhutani

Vibhav Agarwal

Ashutosh Sharma

8. Discussion on the report submitted by the Committee for Department Ranking system.

The agenda item was deferred to the next Senate meeting

9. Discussion on the proposal submitted by Mr. Ankit Bhutani for providing dustbins in campus.

The Senate accepted the proposal. Convener Students Senate will pursue the matter with Deputy Director.

10. Discussion on proposal to launch an online book request module for the library.

The Senate accepted the proposal. Mr. Pratik Moona will develop the portal and present to the Senate.

11. Discussion on proposal to upgrade the facilities at the library.

The Senate requested Mr. Pratik Moona to submit a detailed proposal incorporating all the suggestions given by Senators.

12. Discussion on proposal on Traffic Management at the LHC gate.

The agenda item was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

13. Discussion on increasing the number of computers in Hall CCs.

The agenda item was deferred to the next Senate meeting

14. Discussion on asking all Gymkhana clubs to present mandatory bi-monthly reports.

The proposal was withdrawn by the proposer.

15. Discussion on proposal to have Open house session of Students Gymkhana

The Senate discussed the proposal in detail. Some Senators opined that it will be difficult to maintain decorum in an Open House meeting. Based on the discussions, the Senate decided that instead of an Open House meeting the Convener, Students Senate should convene a Senate meeting with a single agenda point of question and remarks. The frequency of such a meeting should be at least once every semester.

16. Discussion on the proposal for maintenance of places like the area in front of hall 4 and side paths of roads.

The agenda item was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

17. Discussion on the sale of cigarettes in campus and (precisely MT).

The agenda item was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

18. Status/Action taken report of the following committees formed

The agenda item was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

19. Questions and Remarks.

No questions/remarks were raised in the meeting.

20. Any other item with the permission of the chair.

No agenda item was bought up in the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Karthik Balasundaram Convener Students' Senate