

Draft minutes of the emergency summer senate meeting-2 (held on May 09, 2008 at SAC conference room.)

Senate adopted the following resolution:

This is with regards to the office order issued by the Director and Chief Executive Officer, IIT Kanpur via Prof. Phalguni Gupta, Head, Computer Center, dated 7th May, 2008 at 11:57 pm, mandating the shutting down of the Internet facility in all hostels from 0000-0600 hours with immediate effect.

We, the Students of IIT Kanpur, strongly condemn the undemocratic and dictatorial manner in which this decision has been taken and implemented. The office order was issued 3 minutes before its implementation, during the summer session, when the vast majority of the students are not present on campus. There had also not been any consultation with the student body or its representatives on this matter.

Furthermore, on being approached by student representatives, the Director of the Institute refused to provide either reason or justification for the manner of the implementation of the order. Our requests to know the reasons behind the decision were also turned down.

We strongly believe that this goes against the fundamental values based on which this Institute has been run for the past several decades while simultaneously undermining students' trust on the administration of the Institute.

In this light, we demand the following:

1. The office order must be revoked with immediate effect.
2. A proper process to address the issues that were intended to be solved by the office order can only be initiated after the revocation of the order.
3. There should not be further instances where such decisions are autocratically taken and implemented under such circumstances.

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