

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Students' Gymkhana

Date: December 8, 2005

Draft Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the Students' Senate held on **November 16th, 2005** in SAC conference room at 8:30 pm.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm.

Attendance Record:

Present: 21

Absent: 18

Designation	Name	Present/Absent – Signature
The President	Neeraj Kumar	Present
The General Secretary – Cultural	Vipin Kumar Pathak	Present
The General Secretary - Films	Abhinav Biyani	Present
The General Secretary - Science and Technology	Varun Garg	Present
The General Secretary – Games	Harendra Verma	Present
Senator PG 5th Year, students in 5 year program	Saksham Agarwal	Absent with Permission
Senator UG 4th Year (Y2 Batch)	Harish Awasthi	Present
	Pranay Das	Present
	Saurabh Awasthi	Absent with Permission
	Vaibhav Tripathi	Present
Senator UG 3rd Year (Y3 Batch)	Abhishek Gupta	Absent Without Permission
	Arpit Srivastava	Present
	Jatinder Singh Randhawa	Present
	Vaibhav Ketewa	Present
Senator UG 2nd Year (Y4 Batch)	Ankit Raj	Present
	Nikhil Suri	Present
	Pawan Kadyan	Absent Without Permission
	Saurab Gupta	Present
	Siddharth Sodhani	Absent with Permission

Senator UG 1st Year (Y5 Batch)	Anuj Gupta	Present
	Aviral Chopra	Absent without Permission
	Shashank Yalakala Rao	Absent without Permission
	Taha Sadiq Hissain Malik	Absent with Permission
Senator MBA+M.Des+ others (Final Year) Senator MBA+M.Des+Others Senator PhD	Vikas Pandey	Absent without Permission
	Yashodhan Shevade	Present
	Jasminder Singh	Present
	Arjun Singh Yadav	Absent without Permission
	Jaydev	Absent without Permission
	Tony Jacob	Present
	Vikas Gupta	Absent without Permission
	Ankur Purwar	Absent without Permission
	Shyam Kumar Chaudhary	Absent without Permission
	Kulkarni Rushikesh Dileep	Absent with Permission
Senator MTech – Final Year.	Pankaj Kumar	Absent with Permission
	Pawan Bir Singh	Absent with Permission
	Lava Kumar P	Present
	Bipin Ramesh Inamdar	Absent With Permission
Senator MTech – Final Year.	G P Madhav Varma	Present
	Shubham Nath	Present
Girls' Representative		

Some General Body Members were also present.

Item No. 1 Ratification of the Draft Minutes of the Sixth Meeting.

The minutes were ratified without any changes.

Item No. 2 Announcement and Remarks

The convener, Yashodhan Shevade expressed his disappointment with regards to the unpleasant discussion that happened on the students' senate mailing list on the issue of awarding blazers to the executive members before the completion of their tenure. After some more discussion it was concluded that for the year the status quo shall be maintained, however in future senate meetings a decision could be taken for the incoming executives and a policy could be formulated, which would hence affect the future senates and not the present.

Item No. 3 Submission of Action Taken Reports

1. Convener Yashodhan Shevade informed the senate of the suspension of student Rahul Verma due to a ragging incidence for a period of two years. (Decision of the S-SAC). Also Senator Tony Jacob apprised of the routine happenings of the SPGC meeting, promised to mail the minutes of the meeting.
2. Gymkhana notice board in the SAC and the LHC & Mailboxes for all councils: Convener Yashodhan Shevade took over from senator Vaibhav the responsibility of getting notice boards instated in the Lecture Hall complex. After discussion with the relevant authorities, he insured the senate that the task shall be completed. **ACTION COMPLETED**
3. Confirmation about whether the alumni association has been requested to take over and maintain the service PerM Permanent Email Registration Module: President, Neeraj Kumar apprised the senate of the full fledged working of the PERM (permanent email registration module), for which he further mentioned that the registration process shall be mailed to the students. **ACTION COMPLETED**.
4. Counseling Session to be held for the 2nd year students by the final year students: On behalf of the SnT Secretary Varun Garg, Yashodhan informed the senate that the Y4 batch didn't feel the need for counseling sessions now; the Y4 senators confirmed the same. **ACTION DROPPED**
5. Status of the interface to be created by the Institute between students who wish to buy PCs and the PC vendors: Rates quoted by vendors for sale of PCs through the institute were considered on the higher side. Convener Yashodhan agreed to work on negotiating the rates of the PCs that the vendors would be selling to students with the institute as the interface. **ACTION PENDING**
6. Creating a proposal for requesting Dr. Sanghi to issue a laptop for Gymkhana activities as and when required: Convener Yashodhan informed the senate that, as per his talks with Prof. Sanghi, the CC had no laptops. Hence making laptops available for gymkhana activities would not be possible. **ACTION COMPLETED**
7. Arrangement of a camp for vaccination against Hepatitis B: Absence of Senator Shyam prevented any information on the developments from being shared. **ACTION PENDING**
8. Exploring the possibility of running a shuttle service in the campus from the two farthest ends of the campus: The transport committee members were asked to get involved. **ACTION PENDING**
9. Proposal to be written to the Academic Senate Secretary requesting to consider the proposal to change the term of the academic senate student nominees from the present term which begins on the 1st of Oct to 1st April every year: Convener Yashodhan informed the Senate that he had spoken to the Deputy Director and was informed by him that some statutes need to be looked into. **ACTION PENDING**
10. To request the CC Head to keep the CC open 24 hrs: After Yashodhan and Neeraj's talks with Prof. Sanghi, the CC timings have been extended to 3AM. The Senate was informed about the reasons for not being able to keep the CC open for 24 Hrs. **ACTION COMPLETED**
11. To request the Senate Library Committee to extending the library timings till 2 AM on weekdays and making it 24 hrs open on weekends: Though Yashodhan like many other senators wasn't appreciative of this proposal; he agreed to table it in the next Senate Library Committee meeting. **ACTION PENDING**
12. Follow-up on "The condition of the Old Tutorial Complex and possible renovation that can be undertaken to make it better": Senator Shashank Yalakala Rao had not looked into the matter, and was advised by the president, Neeraj Kumar to get in touch with Mr. V.P Singh of the LHC office and take action. **ACTION PENDING**
13. Request by Vipin Pathak to get the SAC white washed: President Neeraj informed the Senate that the work was in progress and should be completed shortly. **ACTION COMPLETED**
14. Duplicate links to gymkhana webpage to be corrected on the institute website: President Neeraj was yet to complete the task allotted. **ACTION PENDING**

15. To look into the issue of dysfunction desert-coolers of the Conference Room and get them repaired: Senator Taha was absent and hence the **ACTION PENDING** status.

Item No. 4 Ratification of event managers and core team of Umang'06

SFS secretary Abhinav Biyani announced the names, and the appointees shared their vision and goals for the festival. They were subsequently ratified by the senate. The list is attached as AT1

Item No. 5 Need to have a relook into the Students' Gymkhana & Senate Constitution and its structure.

Several arguments were made both in favor and against the present structure and constitution. Some senators felt that the present structure could be revised so as to include more active and better apprised campus residents like hall presidents etc. However, others felt that hall presidents have too many other things at hand, and including them in the senate would be too demanding for them. Opinion that most senators apart from the executives don't have much work to do was also aired.

In response to the active discussion that followed this issue, it was decided that an ad hoc committee (consisting of the Convener Yashodhan, Parliamentarian Arpit and volunteer Vipin) be instated, which would look into the possible changes and their repercussions. It was agreed to let his committee work under some deadline constraint which would hence be posted on the students' senate mailing list.

Item No. 6 Ratification of the Mid-term reallocation of the Gymkhana budget.

Owing to the absence of Finance Convener Saksham, this item was postponed.

Item No. 7 Discussion on "The students' placement council constitution, its procedures and the way the students' placement secretaries have to be appointed", formation of a committee to have a re-look into the SPC constitution.

UG placement coordinator Aman was asked for his opinion on the agenda item and he acknowledged the need for a re-look into the SPC constitution. The senate agreed to instate an ad hoc committee (consisting of Convener Yashodhan, President Neeraj, PG placement coordinator Abhishek and UG placement coordinator Aman) for looking into the matter and come up with recommendations.

Item No. 8 Consideration of the request by SPO to initiate the setting up of a canteen in the SAC by mid December.

UG placement coordinator strongly supported the request made by the SPO, said that not only a dry canteen but a full fledged canteen should be operational in the SAC. However, President Neeraj apprised the senate of the concerns of the vendors whom he had spoken to. He said that the vendors feared the lack of sustainable (all year round) profits, hence to start even a dry canteen may not be easy.

At this point the requisite quorum could not be fulfilled as 2 senators had left the senate room without permission and hence the meeting was adjourned according to APPENDIX I of the RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE STUDENTS' SENATE, CHAPTER I: SESSIONS OF THE STUDENTS' SENATE clause 1.5 on Quorum requirements.

The meeting was called off due to the above clause at 11.10 pm

Yashodhan Shevade
Convener, Students' Senate.

CC: DOSA, [students] list

AT 1

The following were ratified as event managers and core team of Umang'06:

Event Managers:

Ashutosh Madeshiya
Asutosha Kumar Mourya
Rahul Sinha

Core Team:

Arpit Patni
Rohit Garg
Ravishankar Sundararaman
Raghav Rastogi
Poojan Rana
Gopal Dwivedi