

# Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

## Students' Senate

**Date: June 20, 2007**  
**Students' Senate/Minutes/2007-08/4**

Draft Minutes of the fourth Meeting of the Students' Senate held on May 3, 2007 in SAC Conference Room.

**The Meeting was called to order at 9:15 pm.**

Attendance Record:          Total: 37          Present: 23          Absent: 14

Post	Name	Sign.
President, Students' Gymkhana	Arvind Kothari	Present
General Secretary, S & T Council	K. Ashwin	Present
General Secretary, Cultural Council	Sumeet Kale	Present
General Secretary, Games Council	Rohit Kumar Bishnoi	Present
General Secretary, Films Council	Vaibhav Singhal	Present
Senator, UG Y2 (Dual)	Ankit Soni	Present
Senator, UG Y3 (Dual)	Chirag Mittal	Present
Senator, UG Y3	Piyush Singh	<b>Absent</b>
--	Ravi Bhadauria	<b>Absent</b>
--	Siddharth Kirtikar	<b>Absent</b>
Senator, UG Y4	Ankur Aggarwal	<b>Absent</b>
--	Ankit Sharma	Present
--	Rahul Singh Parihar	Present

--	Sanjay Katheria	<b><i>Absent with Permssion</i></b>
--	Nishith Khantal	Present
Senator, UG Y5	Anurag Sujania	Present
--	Kirodi Lal Meena	Present
--	Mohd. Asif Khan	Present
--	Suchit Singh	Present
--	Taru Agarwal	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Ashish Agarwal	<b><i>Absent with Permssion</i></b>
--	N. Mrithyunjayan	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
--	G. Sai Srinivas Kiran	Present
--	Sharad Kohli	Present
--	Tarun Katiyar	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
Senator, M.B.A. + M.Des. Y5	V. Santosh Anand	Present
Senator, M.B.A. + M.Des. Y6	S. Sankar Anand	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
Senator, M.Tech Y5	Deepshikha Priyadarshani	Present
Senator, M.Tech Y6	Monika Nain	Present
--	Ravi Bajpai	Present

--	Sumant Kumar	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
Senator, Ph.D	Akhlaq Husain	<b><i>Absent with Permssion</i></b>
--	Anand Narayan Pandey	Present
--	Sarvesh Kumar Tripathi	<b><i>Absent with Permssion</i></b>
--	Sumit Kumar Mishra	Present
--	Sushil Kumar Tomar	<b><i>Absent with Permssion</i></b>
--	Vivek Sangwan	<b><i>Absent with Permission</i></b>

<b>Item No. 1</b>	<b>Ratification of the Draft Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting and that of the Joint Meeting of Students' Senate.</b>
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The Convener informed the Senate that the Draft Minutes of the previous meetings are not yet ready and shall be presented for ratification in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	<b>Announcements and Remarks</b>
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Convener, Chirag Mittal announced in the senate that nominees of the senators are allowed to attend the senate meeting on behalf of them.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	<b>Submission of Action Taken Reports.</b>
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A) *Change in the hall allocation policy as decided in the last senate meeting:* A letter was drafted to Dean of Students' Affairs informing about the decision. However, the DoSA refused to accept the recommendation on the senate and asked the senate to reconsider the matter with his recommendation of keeping the undergraduate students of first three years together.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	<b>Discussion on "Hall Allocation Policy".</b>
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Senate discussed the matter at length and concluded the following:

1. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate students should stay together.
2. 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate students should be allowed to stay in Hall 1
3. Postgraduate students should continue to stay in Hall 4, Hall 7 and Hall 8.
4. Hall 9 should not made exclusive PG hostel for the present year and spill over of the undergraduate students can be accommodated in Hall 9

The issue of accommodating spill over of undergraduate students in PG hostels (Hall 4, Hall 7 and Hall 8) was discussed in detail and senate concluded the following:

***"Most of the vacancies in PG hostels are scattered and in view of the wing culture for undergraduate students, they should not be accommodated in those scattered rooms."***

It was further decided that president and convener, students' senate will work upon the final figures of Hall Allocation and inform the senate, through mail, as soon as possible. He may call the meeting of Emergency committee if required.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	<b>Discussion on increased number of suicides in IIT-Kanpur</b>
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Senate debated the issue in details and received the following comments:

1. There is a problem of interaction among students. This has reached to an alarming state in last 2-3 years.
2. There is a problem of faculty-student interaction
3. Excessive use of computers at rooms is a major reason for this fall in interaction.
4. Some restriction on LAN or computers may result in students to come out of their rooms and interact with others.

5. Students need more opportunities and events so as to increase the interaction among students. They also need more sports infrastructure as the present infrastructure is being used for institute teams and CPA.
6. Senior students also require some counseling for their academic, career and non-academic purposes. To pursue this, there can be a committee of senior students, under president, who can counsel and guide their juniors. Also, there is a need of professional counselor.
7. Marking scheme for a course should be explained in starting and there should be no change thereafter.
8. Attendance factor should be kept with teachers only. Faculty should be more active & interactive and should include some interesting means in their teaching process.

In view of the above comments, senate made the following recommendation:

***“Undergraduate Students should not be allowed to use computers and LAN at their rooms in their first three semesters. This decision should be revisited after two years after taking feedback of students. In view of this, CC should be available for 24 hours.”***

It was further decided that senate will discuss the matter of LAN restriction for senior students in next meeting. General Affairs Committee should work on the issue of attendance and take the input of students as well as faculty and present its report to senate in next meetings.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	<b>Ratification of cultural council</b>
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All the members of cultural council were ratified by the senate as proposed by cultural secretary. All the relevant detail is available in appendix-1.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	<b>Ratification for the post of Web coordinator in Games and Sports council</b>
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As the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council was not present, the senate deferred the agenda for the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	<b>Ratification for the post of Hospitality cell coordinator, Marketing team members for Udgosh'07</b>
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As the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council was not present, the senate deferred the agenda for the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	<b>Presenting the Games and Sports council's year planner</b>
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As the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council was not present, the senate deferred the agenda for the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	<b>Presentation of finance report by ex-finance convener</b>
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The finance report of the year was not up-to-date and the same will be circulated on senate list afterwards.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	<b>Discussion on the financial Budget for year 2007-08</b>
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The executives were asked to submit their final proposal by May 5, 2007 to the finance convener. Amount of Rs. 50000 has been issued to each council till the final budget is allocated.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	<b>Discussion on a proposed constitutional amendment 2007-08/I (Mr. Vaibhav Singhal)</b>
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Since the proposal did not have the comments of Rules and Procedure Committee (RPC), it was asked to present the proposal with the comments of RPC in next meeting.

<b>Item No. 13</b>	<b>Discussion on a proposed constitutional amendment 2007-08/II</b>
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Since the proposal did not have the comments of Rules and Procedure Committee (RPC), it was asked to present the proposal with the comments of RPC in next meeting.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	<b>Any issue brought to the notice of GAC.</b>
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No issue was brought to the notice of GAC.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	<b>Questions and Remarks</b>
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Following remarks were received on the floor of senate:

1. The newly proposed grade point policy, with reference to the report of Grade Point Committee to be in presented in Academic Senate, is not in accordance with the demand of students. Moreover, Senate felt that the F grade being awarded '0' points, according the proposal, may be problematic for some students and the number of AP, warnings and termination cased may be increased due to this. Also, this may create a lot of pressure on weak students hence it was suggested that two points should be awarded for 'F' grade as for 'E' grade.
2. President should be notified for all the meetings of the Councils.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	<b>Any other item with the permission of chair.</b>
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*It was proposed by General Secretary, SFS to shift photography club from S&T council to SFS council and Meander from Presidential council to SFS council*

As this proposal has already been debated in senate in previous meetings and accepted in principle, senate accepted this proposal.

***The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all the senate members and general body members who attended the meeting.***

## Appendix 1

The various Club coordinators are tabulated below

Clubs	Proposed Coordinators
<b>Music Club</b>	Sankalp Gulati
<b>Dramatics Club</b>	Anuj Gupta 
	Shivam Agarwal
	Vijaya Shah
<b>Dance Club</b>	Shruti Gupta
	Zafar Ali
	Ravi Kiran Reddi
<b>Fine Arts Club</b>	Rahul Mangal
	Anshul Jain
	Junaid Hassan Hashmi
	Neha Walani
<b>English Literary Society</b>	Soham Ganguly
	Abhiraj Bhal
	Aman mohunta
<b>Hindi Sahitya Sabha</b>	Amardeep Singh
	Santosh kumar
<b>Vivekanand Samiti</b>	Arvind Modi
	Mayank Ratan Bhardwaj
<b>Quiz Club</b>	Tejaswi
	Sameer Garg
<b>Show Managemant</b>	Abhishek Bajpai
	Yadvinder Singh
	Amit Bhawsingha