

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Students' Gymkhana

Date: November 7, 2008

Draft Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the Students' Senate, held on October 19th in the SAC conference room.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm.

Attendance in the meeting:

Post	Name	Status
President, Students' Gymkhana	Anurag Sujania	Present
General Secretary, Cultural Council	Anuj Gupta	Present
General Secretary, Sports Council	Abhishek Tewari	Present
General Secretary, S&T Council	Abhineet Gupta	Present
General Secretary, F&M Council	Ramik Sadana	Present
Senator, UG Y4 (5 year program)	Shubham Goel	Absent
Senator, UG Y5	Ananya Pareek	Absent*
-do-	Ankit Sachan	Present
-do-	Ashank Mittal	Absent*
-do-	Chetan Sharma	Present
-do-	Himanshu Govil	Absent
Senator, UG Y6	Abhishek Khetan	Present
-do-	Manu Agarwal	Present
-do-	Mohit Kumar Jolly	Absent
-do-	Tanmay Shekhar	Absent
-do-	Kritika Singh	Present
Senator, UG Y7	Anurag Bhagat	Absent
-do-	Palash Soni	Present
-do-	Prabhakar Misra	Absent*
-do-	Anurag Awasthi	Present
-do-	Keshav Goel	Present

Senator, UG Y8	Amit B Chandra	Absent
-do-	Chirag Sidana	Absent*
-do-	Parth Gupta	Absent
-do-	Sahil Gupta	Present
-do-	Sanchit Singhal	Absent*
-do-	Shashank Dwivedi	Present
Senator, M.Tech. Y6	Gurulakshmi	Present
Senator, M.Tech. Y7	Chiranjeevi P. B.	Present
-do-	MD Ayaz	Present
-do-	V V R S Pradeep	Present
Senator, M.Tech. Y8	Narain K Cs	Present
-do-	Vijaya Raghava Sharma	Present
-do-	Abhishek Kumar	Absent
Senator Y7, other Equivalent Masters Programs	Vikram Agarwal	Absent
Senator Y8, other Equivalent Masters Programs	Ashutosh Dwivedi	Present
Senator, Ph.D.	Indranuj Dey	Present
-do-	K Sudheendra Rao	Present
-do-	Suman Banerjee	Present
-do-	Mekala B	Present
-do-	Gorky Shaw	Absent*
-do-	Balakrishna Mehta	Absent
-do-	Vijay Madhav	Present
Senator, M.sc Y7	Gaurav Singh	Absent
Senator, M.sc Y8	Amlendu Kumar	Present

*** With Permission**

Item No.1	Ratification of the draft minutes of the Fifth Senate meeting
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Convener announced that the following corrections were requested for the minutes circulated:

1) The subject of Item 17 should be changed to “**Any other item with the permission of chair**” from “Discussion on increasing number of suicides at IIT Kanpur”.

2) The terms of reference is missing for “Festivals Streamlining Committee” under Item 13.

Convener requested the senate to permit re-submission of the modified draft minutes for ratification. Senate approved the request of the convener.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks
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The President requested for more time to formulate the “Festivals Streamlining Committee”. Senate approved the same and requested the report of the committee to submit the same as soon as possible.

The Convener informed that he did not receive the MOU’s with the sponsors from the Antaragni’08 team till date. On behalf of the team Himanshu Singh agreed that team submit the same by Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

Chairman of the committee for Placement Preparation Coordinator requested the senate that he would like to withdraw the proposal as it has not completed all the procedures (current agenda no. 9).

Convener informed the senate that academic calendar for the next semester is available. The executives were requested to submit the gymkhana calendar for the next semester by November 15, 2008.

Item No.3	Submission of Action take Reports
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Convener Students’ Senate submitted the action take report on the floor of the senate.

Item No.4	Ratification of results, Gymkhana bi-elections 2008-09
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As there were no objections received for the declared results of gymkhana bi-elections, the results were ratified by the senate.

Item No. 24 (v)	Final report of election council
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The CEO submitted EC council’s conduction report on the floor of the senate.

The issue of age limit for M.Sc., M.Tech, M.Des., and Ph.D was also brought to notice of the senate. A committee was constituted to look into the details. The committee members are

- (i) Convener, Students Senate (chairman)
- (ii) Parliamentarian, Students Senate
- (iii) Mrityunjaya Shukla (General Body Member)

Item No.5	Election for the vacant posts in Emergency Committee
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Following senators were elected for the Emergency Committee.

- (i) Ashutosh Dwivedy - Third PG Senator
- (ii) Sahil Gupta – UG Y8 Senator

(iii) Amlendu Kumar – M.Sc. 2yr Senator

Item No.6	Ratification of Aquatics(girls) Captain
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The Senate ratified the proposed name (Snigdha Chaturvedi).

Item No.7	Ratification of Additional Heads of Antaragni and Megabucks
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The panel recommendations were put forward on floor of the senate

Antaragni-08:

Head, PR: Himanshu Nimje(Y5283)

Head, Show Management: Ashwani Agarwal (Y5130)

Megabucks-09:

Head, Public Relations - Corporate Affairs: Amit Arora (Y7125005)

Head, Marketing - Media Relations: Siddhartha Gupta (Y8125051)

Head, Events – Megaworld: Mohd. Asif Khan (Y5265)

Senate ratified the proposed names

Item No.8	Report of subcommittee constituted for E-cell
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On behalf of the committee the chairman submitted the report on floor of the senate.

A question was raised that, why is it called cell, and not club?

The President put forward the following the following points in support of the nomenclature.

- (i) In future, it would be a separate body detached from the Presidential Council. Hence the name would have to be changed later if it was named as club.
- (ii) It is a better name from marketing point of view, and will be easy to get sponsors.
- (iii) The electronics club is already well known as E-Club.

Item No.9	Report of subcommittee constituted for Placement Preparation coordinator
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Agenda was withdrawn by the chairman of the committee for current meeting.

Item No.10	To note the minutes of First emergency committee meeting
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The emergency meeting minutes were noted by the senate.

Item No.11	Discussion on Issues related to Health Centre
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The CMO Dr. Nirmal Kumar and Prof. M. K. Harbola were present in the meeting as special invitees. The senators were asked to provide a feedback to the CMO on which discussions could be carried out.

Many senators reported incidents related to HC:

- (i) Senator Pradeep Vempati related the incident involving Mr. Ramesh Kumar, who was mistreated in the HC.

- (ii) Senator Mekala B. raised the issue of the absence of a physiotherapist in the HC. CMO responded and said that the administrative hurdles for this case and informed that the physiotherapist was appointed only for 3 months at a time.
- (iii) FMC Gen. Secy. Ramik Sadana raised the issue of over-prescription of drugs and costly diagnostics. The shuffling of patients between the doctors was also pointed out.
- (iv) Senator Gurulakshmi complained about her own over-diagnosis by Dr. A. Sinha in regards to gall bladder stones.
- (v) Many other points were raised in general like forced admission into the HC indoor for minor illness, negligence of nurses, right to ask questions, prescription of expensive medicines, administering of close to expiry medicines and injections.
- (vi) Senator Abhishek Khaitan pointed out the dichotomy in the role of the HC.
- (vii) Senator Suman Bannerjee informed that he was asked to carry out tests for jaundice outside the HC, and no conveyance was provided. The CMO agreed that the information was of grave concern since the test facility was available in the HC and also the ambulance should have been provided.
- (viii) Dr. M. K. Harbola discussed about the concerns in general that were collected by Senator Manu Agarwal. He informed that he would request administration to constitute a committee comprising of independent medical professionals to look into the matter of (a) conduct of doctors and staff, (b) over-prescription of drugs. Based on the report PMO will be asked to take action.
- (ix) All the members felt that over prescription of certain antibiotics is serious matter and should be looked into by a committee with special attention.
- (x) The CMO gave a presentation on the HC and pointed out many common misconceptions among patients regarding drugs. He also emphasized on need for better communication between the doctors and patients, and the sensitization of the para-medical staff. He also informed the senate about the administrative hurdles and the difference of philosophy regarding the operation of HC (a first aid centre vs a hospital).

The senate decided that all problems will be collected and forwarded to the HCUC through Senator Manu Agarwal.

Senators Mekala B. and Amlendu Kumar were appointed as student nominees to HCUC by the Senate.

Item No.12	Discussion on Letter submitted by the Megabucks-08 team for the financial crisis
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It was noted that Mr. Abhishek Kumar, the finance coordinator representing the Megabucks' 08 team was absent from the floor of the Senate.

The Convener pointed out discrepancies in the billing and budgeting in the submitted report.

A committee was constituted to look into the report and to perform full fledged scrutiny of bills. The committee comprises of the following members.

- (i) Convener, Students Senate(Chair and convener)
- (ii) Finance Convener
- (iii) Ankur Bhartia (Festival Coordinator, Megabucks 09)
- (iv) Vijay Madhav (Senator)

Convener strongly emphasized that any person (current or graduated) involved would be asked for explanation as and when necessary.

Item No.13	Discussion on increased number of suicides in IIT-Kanpur
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The proposal was circulated in the mailing list previously and the key points were discussed in the Senate for recommendations.

- (i) No academic duty for the DOSA: - The term no-academic is ambiguous and does not explicitly mention research duties - The constituted subcommittee will submit its recommendation on this point.
- (ii) Mental Health related information on CS website: - Information is essential. The content to be decided.
- (iii) Dedicated helpline all throughout the year: - **Recommended.** Such help line would help the community.
- (iv) More number of trained personnel and involvement of the HC: - The senate has been making repeated requests to administration in this regard. **Recommended.**
- (v) Proper training to staffs: - **Recommended.**
- (vi) Psychiatric evaluation: - As such psychiatric evaluation has already started as routine check for all new admitted students. **Recommended.**
- (vii) More number of Student Guides: - Better training must be provided to the dedicated SG's for better effectiveness. Senator Abhishek Khaitan pointed that the expansion should actually take place at higher levels with induction of more counselors and psychiatrists. The number should be based on capable and eligible candidates.
- (viii) Sensitivity training to faculty: - Senate felt that such a thing might help. **Recommended.**
- (ix) Interaction with parents and guardians: - Such a gesture was welcomed by senate. **Recommended.**
- (x) Training of the Director for better understanding of the issues: - As per the document a better handling of such situations is required. Senate also felt the same. **Recommended.**
- (xi) Privacy policies: - Finer points to be discussed at the subcommittee level. **Recommended.**
- (xii) The Academic Review report was acknowledged. Appropriate input will be given after discussion.
- (xiii) Proposal for extra help: - **Recommended.**
- (xiv) Alumni help: - To be discussed in details at the subcommittee level.
- (xv) Outside committee to review: - **Recommended.**

A Senate sub-committee was constituted to discuss the relevant points in details. The committee is composed of.

(a) The President(chair); (b) The Convener(convener); (c) Abhishek Khaitan; (d) Abhishek Tewari; (e) Kritika; (f) Vijay Madhav; (g) Abhineet.

The sub-committee should submit its report by the 1st week of January consisting of a comprehensive review and recommendations.

Item No.14	Presentation of Preliminary report - Antaragni 08(events etc) by festival coordinator
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The festival coordinator presented a brief preliminary report on Antaragni 08. The main points were.

- (i) About 2200 people will visit the campus for Antaragni 08. Their accommodation has been arranged mainly in the hostels and a very few people will be housed in faculty housing areas.
- (ii) The rulebook has been sent to the respective participating institutes.
- (iii) Shankar-Ehsaan and Loy would be performing in the professional night to be held on 24th October. A Russian Troupe would perform on the opening night. An yet to be confirmed Indian Rock band may perform in the Rock night along with the Irish band Glyder.
- (iv) Apart from the glamorous events, other events like India Inspired, Kavi Sammelan, and various workshops would rope in many eminent personalities.

The festival coordinator informed that the carryover from Antaragni 07 has become 1.5 lakh from 2.0 lakh, due to discrepancy in accounts in the DOSA office.

On behalf of the team festival coordinator informed that MOU's with the sponsors will be submitted by tuesday to convener, students' senate.

Item No.15	Discussion on constitution of Special Task Force for Antaragni-08(festival coordinator antraragni-08)
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The following list was proposed for Special Task Force(STF) by festival coordinator:

- (i) President, Students' Gymkhana
- (ii) All General Secretaries
- (iii) Samanvaya Srivastava
- (iv) Piyush Gautam
- (v) Vivek Kumar Mehta
- (vi) Dwijendra Narayan Pandey
- (vii) Himanshu Singh

In addition to proposed list, Senate felt that Convener, Students' Senate should also be included in the list. Senate ratified the proposed list along with Convener, Students' Senate to be included as STF member.

Item No.16	Presentation of Preliminary report - Antaragni 08(security plans) by head securities
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The head-securities outlined the key points in security arrangement for Antaragni 08

- (i) There would be 10 security teams who will be posted at different events round the clock.
- (ii) The security team would themselves be under vigilance by the faculty members and the STF.
- (iii) The students will be required to carry both pass and their identity card in the professional nights.
- (iv) No requests for guest passes would be entertained.

- (v) Disc timings may change and the slot would be divided into two with a gap of 15 minutes for evacuating the disc ground and allowing the people who are waiting outside.
- (vi) Securities would also be provided at the accommodations since there have been cases of theft in the past.
- (vii) Pass policy: (a) Students – 1 student per pass; (b) Staff – 2 persons per pass; (c) Faculty – 4 persons per pass.
- (viii) The entry scheme on the professional nights was presented.

The pass policy and the entry scheme were ratified.

Item No.17	Discussion on midterm reports of councils and finance committee
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The Convener expressed dissatisfaction at the late submission of the mid-term reports and asked for clarification from the President and the General Secretaries. The reasons given were

- (i) Reports from Clubs could not be collected on time.
- (ii) Mid-Sem recess interfered.

The President assured that the future reports would be submitted on time in the future.

General Secretary, S & T council was asked to publish the report on public forum.

The financial status was briefly discussed, where it was pointed out by the Convener on behalf of finance committee that the telephone bills of the councils which exceed Rs. 500/- per month must be explained in details.

The sharing of the telephone between the festival and council must be approved by the finance committee as this will have financial implications. Sharing of the phones should be discontinued with immediate effect.

The President and the General Secretaries presented their mid-term reports in brief to the senate.

Some clarifications and comments that were made on the Senate floor:

- (i) General Secretary, Cultural council was asked to investigate the complaint received on the conduction of a dance workshop, which was not open to all. Workshops during vacations were discouraged by the Senate.
- (ii) General Secretary, Games and Sports council was asked to show-cause the Nature Club coordinators for failing to host any activities.
- (iii) There was a complaint by the club coordinators on the lack of information regarding the budget allocations to the clubs. The General Secretaries were advised to discuss and provide a more transparent budget allocation to the club coordinators.
- (iv) General Secretary, Games and Sports council asked for the allocation of Rs. 25,000/- for subsidizing sports consumables (TT balls etc). The Finance committee disagreed with the proposal and emphasized that the money should be spent on development of the infrastructure. The Senate also felt that subsidizing the consumables should not be done.

Item No.18	Conduction report of Udghosh-08 by festival coordinator
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As the festival coordinator was not available, the agenda was differed to next senate meeting.

Item No.19	Discussion on “Galaxy 2009”
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General Secretary, Cultural council and President, Gtudents’ Gymkhana presented the proposal and guidelines for Galaxy. The salient points are:

- Galaxy 09 is scheduled to be held from 17th – 21st March. The HEC’s would be advised to not to organize any activities during that period.
- Various cultural competitions are planned. The judging would be done only by the faculty members to ensure neutrality.
- The Halls have been clubbed together by lottery to make the groups.
- The budget limitation per group is Rs. 30,000/-. The HEC and the Cultural Council will share the total budget.

Item No.20	Discussion on Rules and guidelines for News group, Computer centre and Direct Connect Vigilance
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The NG rules were discussed and it was felt that two of the rules were modified:

- Posting in non-English languages using Roman script may be allowed for the postings on iitk.fun and iitk.misc
- Congratulatory messages may be allowed as this may help the juniors take guidance from the concerned person.

Senate felt that committee should notify DC++ operators about their responsibility of monitoring the share.

Item No.21	Discussion on Purchase of Antaragni.org and Techkriti.org domain names
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Clarifications were sought by the general body through the Convener regarding the utility of the domain names. The concern about Antaragni and Techkriti striving to portray as an independent organization from IIT Kanpur was raised. The following points were clarified by the concerned member:

- (i) The question of the festivals striving to be bigger than IITK did not arise since on every page and every link, it is emphasized that these are the festivals of IITK.
- (ii) The hashing of *.org by the search engines is much faster than that of *.iitk.ac.in. It is also easier to remember.
- (iii) Nowadays, *.org domain are being used not only by organizations but also by various other concerns eg., www.wikipedia.org.
- (iv) The issue of intellectual property rights was also sighted.
- (v) Restriction on LAN is affecting the maintenance of the site after 12:00 midnight. The Head – CC had been informed about this problem, but there was no response. The Institute authorities did not cooperate in this regard. The maintenance of the site in a server outside IITK will solve this problem The President was asked to follow up the matter.

The purchases of the domain names were approved by the senate.

Item No.22	Discussion on “PoWER project”
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The item was discussed. There was no particular comment on the matter. Senate approved the proposal.

Item No.23	Questions and Remarks
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The Convener informed that, Mr. Tony Jacob would be the acting Convener during his absence in the forth coming week as parliamentarian is busy, being coordinator for one of the events of Antaragni-08.

Item No.24	Any other item with the permission of chair
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- i. **Ratification of the Faculty Counselors of councils:**
The following names were informed to the Senate – (a) Dr. Satyaki Roy (FMC); (b) Dr. Rajat Mona (S &T Council); (c) Dr. Anupam Saxena (Games and Sports council); (d) Dr. Suchitra Mathur (Cultural Council)
A note should be sent to DOSA regarding the appointment of the counselors without proposal from the Senate.
- ii. **Ratification of Festival chairman:**
The following names were recommended by the Senate – (a) Dr. Satyaki Roy (Antaragni 08); (b) Dr. B. V. Phani (Megabucks 09).
The points sited in favour of choosing Dr. B. B. Phani as the Megabucks 09 Chairman were questioned since there were financial mismanagement problems regarding Megabucks 08, in which he was the Festival Chairman. The Convener also expressed displeasure about the usage of the SIDBI facilities for the festival.
- iii. **Use of institute sports facility by faculty and staff members:**
The problems related to use of the facilities by faculty and staff members was discussed. Instances of breach of protocol, involving forcible use of under renovation facility were raised. The matter is to be discussed with the Institute Games Council.
- iv. **Rates of Taxi service providers:** A committee was constituted to look into the matter. The members are (a) Asutosh; (b) Vijay Madhav; (c) Abhishek Tiwari (chairman); (d) Narayan; (e) Chetan Sharma; (f) Convener
- vi. **Discussion on “Motorized vehicles on campus:**
Agenda was differed for the next senate meeting
- vii. **Ratification of Security team antaragni-08:**
The Festival Coordinator and the Head Security presented the names. Convener suggested the inclusion of few PG officers to assist the security teams. The concerned reported that there were no nominations received for the post of security officers from the PG students. The Festival Coordinator requested few PG Senators to volunteer for this purpose. The following Senators volunteered to be Security Officers – (a) Vijay Madhav; (b) Suman Bannerjee; (c) Gurulakshmi; (d) Indranuj Dey; (e) Mekala B. The security team along with the above PG senators as security officers was ratified by the Senate.

The meeting was concluded at 6:20 pm.

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