



Students' Senate (2018-19)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Ayushya Agarwal | Chairperson



6th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes

The 2018-19/6th Special Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Tuesday, 5th March 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.

S. no.	Name	Post	Status
1.	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3.	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
4.	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
5.	Abhishek Aryan	Finance Convener	Present
6.	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
7.	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
8.	Sirsendu Sarkar	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present*
9.	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
10.	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
11.	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
12.	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
13.	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
14.	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent#
15.	Siddhartha Srivastava	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
16.	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
17.	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent#



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18.	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent#
19.	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
20.	Rishab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
21.	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22.	Ashutosh Bajpai	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
23.	Chinmay Goyal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Absent#
24.	Deepankur Kansal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
25.	Abhishek Verma	Senator, MTech Y18	Absent#
26.	Akshay Bajaj	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
27.	Somya Sharma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
28.	Yogendra Vyas	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
29.	Deepak Singh Attri	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
30.	Hemant Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
31.	Jitendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
32.	Narayan Mishra	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
33.	Viswadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y17	Present
34.	Suraj	Senator, MSR	Present
35.	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

* - Present with Nominee, # - Absent with Permission

The meeting was called to order at 8:54 pm.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i) 2018/19 – 6th (Special) Meeting
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	ii) 2018/19 – 7th (Special) Meeting iii) 2018/19 – 8th (Special) Meeting iv) 2018/19 – 9th (Special) Meeting
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The minutes of the 6th Special and the 7th Special meeting were presented and ratified on the floor of the Senate.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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Item No. 3	To consider the ATR
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 4	To consider the minutes of the meeting of COFA(U)
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 5	To consider the post-conduction report of Techkriti'18
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council presented the post-conduction report of Techkriti 2018. The report consisted of only the Marketing Finances and not the entire Finance report which raised some concerns amongst the Senators. The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council assured the Senate the Finance report would be shared with the Senate. The presenter of the report informed the Senate that of the marketing funds that had to be received post-fest by Techkriti 2018 around 17 lakhs still remained. The Senate was informed that most of the funds were expected to be recovered by the end of April and the team had written confirmation from the companies assuring the recovery payment. The Festival Coordinator mentioned the following companies and the corresponding reasons for the delayed recovery of the marketing funds of Techkriti 2018:



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- DST: The company asked for a Utilising Certificate from the Techkriti Team, after formulating which the team found out that the POC of the concerned company changed and they had to re-initiate the process from the start which took time.
- Capgemini: The company required a Vendor registration form, formulation of which was successful after 2-3 trials and took more than 3 months. Later, the team found that the POC of the company changed which restricted further development of the process. The Festival Coordinator informed the Senate that the team had dropped a mail to the finance department of the company about a month ago and the approval from their side is yet awaited.
- Airbus: The company had refused to return the amount as they assumed that the branding material would be first verified from them before being put up which was not addressed in the agreement signed between the team and the companies. The team had signed the agreement for 2019 as well and the Festival Coordinator assured the Senate that they had rectified the agreement this time to prevent any such misunderstanding between the company and the Techkriti team
- The Senate was informed that there were some companies like Havells, Gati Kwe, etc. whose POC's were not being responsive to the emails of the team and the marketing money from such companies was not expected. The Senate directed the COFA to maintain a blacklist of such companies and ensure that future agreements with these companies be avoided.

The Senate opined that there was a significant delay in the presentation of the post-conduction report of Techkriti 2018 and the finance report had not been presented along on the floor of the Senate. This raised concerns as the Senate felt that the discussion on the pre-conduction report of Techkriti 2019 would be meaningful only once the post conduction report of Techkriti 2018 be accepted by the Senate. Some Senators suggested that presenting the post-conduction reports a year later reflects the negligence of the conducting authorities of the event towards the same and that they should be reprimanded for the same. The Chairperson Students' Senate informed the Senate that the item was being put up on the agenda for past few meetings and was being deferred owing to the time constraints. After discussions on the same, the Chairperson Students' Senate requested the Senators and the executives for a show of hands on reprimanding the Chairperson, Students' Senate, the General Secretary, Science and Technology and the members of the Techkriti'18 team on campus. The majority voted to reprimand only the Techkriti 2018 core team members in the campus for the matter. Following this, the post-conduction report of Techkriti 2018 was accepted by the Senate.



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Item No. 6	To consider the minutes of COFA(T) and the following reports of Techkriti'19: 1. Pre-Conduction Report 2. Pre-festival Finance Report 3. Pre-festival Marketing Report 4. Security Plan 5. STF list
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- COFA(T) Minutes: The minutes of COFA(T) were presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council on the floor of the Senate and were accepted by the Senate.
- Pre-Conduction Report: The pre-conduction report of Techkriti 2019 was presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council on the floor of the Senate. The report included the major details of the festival ranging from the theme, major events, competitions, exhibitions, and talks. The Senate was informed that the Techkriti team had invited Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, who is the National spokesperson of a political party, for a talk on the theme of leadership. However, the title of the talk was aligned with the political agenda of the party and concerns were raised that such a talk, being held close to the Lok Sabha Election period would become political and can be used by the speaker to polarise the student community and propagate the agenda of the political party to which the speaker belongs. The festival Coordinator, Techkriti 2019 clarified that there was no biases of the team in inviting the concerned speaker for the talk as they also approached speakers of other major parties as well, though the invitations for the talks were declined by them for certain reasons. Also, the Senate was informed that the agenda of the talk had not been clarified till then and it would be assured by the Festival team that the agenda would not include any political favor to any party. The Senate was of the opinion that concerns of the Senate be informed to the DOSA and Director, IIT Kanpur. The Techkriti team suggested that they will personally inform the speaker about not choosing any political discourse and if so happens, will try to stop the talk in between as well. After much discussion on the issue, The Chairperson Students' Senate requested the senators and the executives for a closed ballot voting to decide between the following two viewpoints:
 - Talk of Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi should not take place



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- Talk of Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi should take place and concerns of the Senate be conveyed to the administrative authorities, and any political discourse of the event will be the responsibility of the concerned administrative authorities.

The majority of the Senate voted the second point and the Senate decide not to cancel the talk. The Chairperson Students' Senate directed the Festival Coordinator, Techkriti 2019 to remove the mentions of the political party from the posters of the talk and circulate the final agenda of the talk by 8pm, the next day. Following this, the pre-conduction report was accepted by the Senate.

- Pre-festival Finance Report: The Pre-festival Finance Report was presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council on the floor of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate.
- Pre-festival Marketing Report: The Pre-festival Marketing Report was presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council on the floor of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate.
- Security Plan: The Security Plan was presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council on the floor of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate with minor modifications.
- STF list: The STF list for Techkriti 2019 was presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council on the floor of the Senate. A Senator pointed out that there was not member from the Antaragni 2018 core team present in the STF list. The Chairperson Students' Senate informed that the Techkriti 2019 team expresses no trust in the Antaragni 2018 core team as previously during Antaragni' 18, no STF I-Cards were provided to the members of the Techkriti 2018 core team members, whose names were mentioned in the STF list. The Senate opined that appropriate action should be taken against the Antaragni' 18 team for such course of action. Nevertheless, the Senate felt that having no member from the Antaragni' 18 team in the STF list meant missing out on the experience of the members and that should not happen. Following this, the Chairperson directed the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council to ensure that Head, Security, Antaragni' 18 be added to the STF list. The STF list was accepted by the Senate with the proposed modifications.

Item No.7	To consider the Interim Reports of the Gymkhana Review Committee (GRC)
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 8	To consider a proposal for the formation of a Hobby Group for Public Speaking
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 9	To consider a proposal for an Award on Entrepreneurship
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 10	To consider the proposal for reformation of Departmental Societies
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 11	To consider the Proposal to restructure the Ombudsgroup
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 12.	To consider a proposal to start a Dual Degree programme in Entrepreneurship
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No.13.	To consider a proposal for Honours and Specialisations in Undergraduate programmes
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 14.	To consider a proposal to increase the Gymkhana Fees
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 15.	To consider a proposal for allowing Summer Internships for PG programs
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.



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Item No. 16.	To consider a proposal for MS(R) Scholarship Enhancement
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 17.	To consider a proposal to consider a Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for Differently-Abled Students in SPO exams
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 18.	To consider a proposal for a new team structure of Vox Populi
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The concerned was presented on the floor of the Senate by the Chief Editor, Vox Populi. The presenter informed the Senate the new team structure was being proposed for better work distribution between various aspects of the working of the Vox. A new post of Editor (Writing-Hindi) was inculcated in the proposal. The Senate opined that introducing a post of a specific work set should be after there in some showable work pertaining to the post. Hence, it was suggested that the Vox may continue with the present post of only Editor (Writing) and further diversify the post in the next tenure. A Senator informed the Senate that the GRC reports have also introduced some changes in the structure of the cells and that it would be better if the new team structure being proposed by the Vox, first be discussed with the GRC so as to align it with the ideas being proposed by the GRC. The Chairperson Students' Senate advised the Chief Editor, Vox Populi to consider taking the proposal first with the GRC and then presenting it on the floor of the Senate in the next meeting. The discussion on the item was closed and the item was deferred to be considered in the next Senate meeting.

Item No. 19.	To consider for voting the Constitutional Amendments presented by the Rules and Procedures Committee
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The Parliamentarian explained the four Constitutional Amendments presented by the Rules and Procedures Committee on the floor of the Senate, The Chairperson Students' Senate informed the Senate that passing a Constitutional Amendment would require the favor of two-thirds of the majority and hence, requested the Senators and the executives for a show of hands in the favor of



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the amendments being presented. The following were the Amendments texts presented and their corresponding status:

- Text 1: The Text was passed by the two-thirds of the majority of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate to be incorporated in the Constitution.
- Text 2: The Text was passed by the two-thirds of the majority of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate to be incorporated in the Constitution.
- Text 3: There was an amendment proposed by some of the Senators to the amendment presented. The text for the amendment stated that in case of nominations on the floor of the Senate if there is a tie between two of the candidates, the President Students' Gymkhana could cast a NOTA vote. The Senate had concerns that this will be forcing the President Students' Gymkhana to choose one of the sides irrespective of the fact whether he wants to choose between the two or not and moreover, in such cases, the tie would then be resolved by a coin toss as also stated in the Constitution of India. There were also concerns it would not be very wise for a body to decide its future bearers or executives based on a coin toss. The Chairperson Students' Senate requested the Senators and executives for their vote on the same and the majority voted in favor of the latter viewpoint. Thus, the proposed amendment to the amendment was not passed by the Senate while the text was passed by the two-thirds of the majority of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate to incorporate in the Constitution by a show of hands. However, Mr. Anant Chopra, Senator BT/BS Y15, expressed dissent regarding the non-inclusion of the amendment to the original amendment proposed by the Senate
- Text 4: The Text was passed by the two-thirds of the majority of the Senate and was accepted by the Senate to incorporate in the Constitution.

Item No. 20.	To consider the proposal for a modification in the constitution of the Local Purchase Committee
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 21.	To consider the formation of the committees for Gymkhana Awards
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 22.	To consider for ratification the names of students to the following posts in the
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	Entrepreneurship Cell: 1. Head, Events 2. Head, Startup Development 3. Head, Media and Publicity
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The names of the students for the concerned posts were ratified by the Senate after ascertaining that they were not post facto ratifications and there was a need for the individuals for work of the Cell that had to be done at a later stage.

Item No. 23.	To consider the vision document for Academics and Career Council
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 24.	To Interview candidates for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni'19
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 am with a vote of thanks to all the members.