

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Students' Gymkhana

Date: December 16th, 2006

Draft Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Students' Senate held on November 19th, 2006 in SAC Conference Room at 9:00 PM.

The Meeting was called to order at 9.15 PM.

Attendance Record: Total: 38 Present: 24 Absent: 14

Designation	Name	Present/Absent
The President, Students' Gymkhana.	Anirudh Harlalka	Present
The General Secretary, Cultural.	Nishant Singh	Present
The General Secretary, Films.	Atul Kumar Ramuka	Present
The General Secretary, Science and Technology.	Saumya Jain	Present
The General Secretary, Games.	Sandeep Shinde	Present
Senator UG (Y2)	Navdeep Bhulli	Absent *
Senator UG (Y3)	Chirag Mittal	Present
--	Devesh K Agrawal	Absent *
--	Manish Kumar Sultania	Present
--	Sumant Singh	Present
Senator UG (Y4)	Arvind Kothari	Absent
--	Cherian Varkey Mathew	Present
--	Chandan Kumar	Present
--	Rahul Gupta	Present
--	Shobhit Chandra Misra	Absent
Senator UG (Y5)	Abhiraj Singh Bhal	Absent *
--	Amit Kumar Singh	Absent *
--	C Saipriyadarshan	Absent

--	Mrigank Gupta	Absent *
--	Varun Khaitan	Present
Senator UG (Y6)	Deepanshu Arora	Present
--	Saurabh Moondhra	Present
--	Paritosh Karnatak	Present
--	Aman Dhesi	Present
--	Ripu Singla	Present
Senator MBA+M.Des (Y5)	Jasminder Singh	Present
Senator PhD	Dhiraj Kumar Mahajan	Absent *
--	Akshay Srivastava	Absent *
--	Tony Jacob	Present
--	Vijyendra Pandey	Present
--	Prashant Kr Srivastava	Present
--	Prabhat Patel	Present
--	G. Ravikumar	Absent
Senator MTech (Y5)	Pramod Chandra Tiwari	Present
--	P T Akhil	Absent *
--	Nishant Bhatnagar	Absent *
--	Aaditya Agarwal	Present
Senator (GR)	Jyoti Kaushal	Absent *

* Absent without Permission

Some General Body Members were also present.

Item No. 1 Ratification of Draft Minutes of the 5th Meeting of Students' Senate.

The Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob informed the Senate that the minutes of the 5th meeting had not yet been circulated. It was decided to table the minutes for ratification in the next meeting after circulation.

Item No. 2 Announcements and Remarks

The General Secretary, Cultural, Nishant Singh informed the Senate of the successful completion of Antaragni 2006. The Senate congratulated the General Secretary and his team on the successful conduct of the event.

Item No. 3 Submission of Action Take Reports.

a) Update on Matching Grant from Institute: Anirudh Harlalka.

The President, Students' Gymkhana, Anirudh Harlalka informed the Senate that the revised budget as per the requirements of various councils have been prepared and is listed as item no. 5 for discussion. - **ACTION IN PROGRESS.**

b) Proposal for issuing equipment to all students: Sandeep Shinde.

The General Secretary, Games, Sandeep Shinde informed the Senate that the proposal has been prepared and is listed as item no. 10 for discussion. - **ACTION COMPLETED.**

c) Survey regarding the bulk purchase of computers: Saumya Jain.

The General Secretary, S&T, Saumya Jain informed the Senate that the survey has been completed with about 600 students participating and the Computer Center is finalizing the specifications for the laptops to be considered for bulk purchase. - **ACTION COMPLETED.**

d) Update on the use of Air Coolers: Tony Jacob.

The Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob informed the Senate that the Dean has informed him that a committee with representation from the Senate will be formed to study the charges for Air Coolers for summer months as well as Room Heaters to be used during the winter months. - **ACTION IN PROGRESS.**

e) Status of Minimum Wage Implementation: Tony Jacob.

The Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob informed the Senate that meetings of the Minimum Wage Monitoring Committee scheduled in Halls 2, 3, 7 and 8 have been completed. The meetings in the rest of the Halls will be done in consultation with the respective Hall Executive Committees. - **ACTION IN PROGRESS.**

f) Proposal for maintaining study material in Book Club: Arvind Kothari.

Senator Arvind Kothari was unavailable for reporting the status. - **ACTION PENDING.**

g) Update on the proposed Constitutional Amendments: Cherian V. Mathew.

Senator Cherian Varkey Mathew informed the Senate that preliminary discussions were held in the Rules and Procedures Committee regarding the proposed amendments. He informed the Senate that the final drafts of the

proposals will be tabled in the next meeting of the Students' Senate. – **ACTION IN PROGRESS.**

Item No. 4 Ratification of the dates of Umang 2007.

The General Secretary, Films, Atul Kumar Ramuka proposed 11th to 14th of January, 2007 as the dates for Umang 2007. After queries from members regarding the change in the structure of the festival, the Senate ratified the dates by majority.

Item No. 5 Discussion on the Revised Budget for Gymkhana Year 2006-07.

The Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob proposed that the discussion on the Budget be held after items 8, 9 and 10 as they too need budgetary support. The Senate unanimously agreed to the proposal.

Item No. 6 Presentation of Udghosh Conduction Report.

The General Secretary, Games, Sandeep Shinde presented the details of Udghosh 2006. The report is attached as **AT1**.

Item No. 7 Presentation of Antaragni Conduction Report.

The General Secretary, Cultural, Nishant Singh informed the Senate that the report could not be completed due to lack of time. It was decided that the report will be presented in the next meeting of the Students' Senate.

Item No. 8 Discussion on the proposal regarding Chess Club.

The General Secretary, Games, Sandeep Shinde proposed that a Chess Club be set up as part of the Games Council. The details presented are attached as **AT2**. The Senate agreed to the proposal and decided to discuss the budget allocation as part of the budget review.

Item No. 9 Discussion on the proposal regarding the subsidy for Gliding Club.

The General Secretary, S&T, Saumya Jain tabled the proposal for a revised subsidy structure for the Gliding Club. The details of the proposal are attached as **AT3**. The Senate agreed to the new subsidy structure by majority. It was decided that the budgetary allocation for the club will be discussed as part of the budget review.

Item No. 10 Discussion on the proposal regarding purchase of sports equipments for general body members.

The General Secretary, Games, Sandeep Shinde tabled the proposal for purchase of equipments for General Body Members. The details of the proposal are attached as **AT4**. Concerns were raised by several members regarding the difficulty in providing adequate quantity of consumables. After prolonged discussion, the Senate approved the purchase of items 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 in the list. The fine amount was fixed to be 1% per day and the issue time was decided to be 2 days. The house opined that the procedures to be followed for issue should be decided by the Games Council.

Item No. 5 (Discussion on the Revised Budget continued ...)

The Convener, Finance Committee, Sumant Singh proposed the revised budget for the Gymkhana Year 2006-07. After debate the budget was approved with minor amendments (attached as **AT5**). Several members expressed their concern over the fact that a huge fraction of the expenses through the Games Council is for the purchase of equipments which are solely accessible to the Institute Team members. It was decided to have further discussions on the issue in the forthcoming senate meetings. The General Secretary, Games, Sandeep Shinde requested that the Dean, Students' Affairs, Dr. Prawal Sinha as well as Dr. P. Shunmugaraj and Dr. C. S. Upadhyay be invited to the session in which the discussions are planned to provide their opinion on the issue.

Item No. 11 Questions and Remarks.

The Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob enquired regarding the status of the requests for rooms in SAC to be furnished by the Executive Councils. The Senate expressed its serious concern over the delay in the requests being finalized. It was decided that the Executive Councils will submit the requests by the 21st of November, 2006 to the President, Students' Gymkhana with a copy to the Convener, Students' Senate.

Item No. 12 Any other item with the permission of the chair.

The Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob proposed the need to formulate a comprehensive plan for Hall Allocation which can cater to the expected increase in the strength of the student body. The details of the proposal are attached as **AT6**. The Senate constituted an ad-hoc subcommittee with Anirudh Harlalka, Tony Jacob, Sandeep Shinde and Nishant Singh as the members. The committee will report back to the Senate by the 31st of January, 2007.

The Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob proposed the need for augmenting the present facilities provided by the Counseling Service with the inclusion of a Resident Counselor (details attached as **AT7**). The members observed that presently there is no expert available on the campus on a permanent basis. It was felt that several students are stressed out and regular stress relief camps may help alleviate the situation. It was decided to forward the proposal along with the comments of the members to the Dean, Students' Affairs for further discussions.

At this point the meeting was adjourned. **The meeting concluded at 12.45 PM.**

Tony Jacob,
Convener, Students' Senate.

CC: Director, All Faculty Counselors
All Senators, All General Body Members

AT1

Students' Gymkhana, IIT Kanpur Games Council

Udghosh 2006 Conduction Report

Udghosh 2006, which was organized from 21st to 24th September 2006, witnessed mass and quality participation from outside colleges. Some of the salient features of the festival were as under:

- Total number of outside participants was 527 from various colleges from the country. The size of the IITK contingent was around 130.
- All the standard Inter IIT competitive events were organized except for Water polo due to the teams not turning up. Participation was scaled up in some events which were witnessing fewer colleges over the past years.
- Informal events such as Chess, Carom and Slow Cycling were also conducted with a huge participation from outside colleges as well as IITK people. The enthusiasm for Chess amongst IITK students was particularly notable.
- The event was scaled up in terms of quality, mass participation and security vigilance. A Marketing Team was made for the first time to fetch sponsorship and we were able to attain success on this front by getting Institute team kits and equipments sponsored.
- The dedicated team of volunteers of the Security team along with the HECs of different halls and the SIS ensured smooth conduct of the festival.
- No untoward incident took place and all of the participants and particularly the IITK students cooperated well to maintain the discipline during the conduct of the festival.
- The opening ceremony was done in unique manner by inviting Brigadier B. K. Sharma (Sena Medal) Station Commander, 62 Inf. BDE being the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Deputy Director, IIT Kanpur and the Dean, Students Affairs were amongst the dignitaries present. The march past of all the college contingents was escorted by the Pipe Band of 5th Kumaon Regiment in an exotic fashion.
- As advised by the Dean, Students Affairs, a meeting with the contingent leaders was convened every night to address issues if any. All schedules were made as per the convenience of every team during the event every night ensuring no clashes whatsoever.
- IIT Kanpur students excelled in almost every event winning Gold Medals in Athletics (Men), Basketball (Men), Badminton (Men and Women), Cricket, Hockey, Football, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting and Silver Medals in Basketball (Women), Table Tennis (Women).
- IIT Kanpur came well ahead of all the competitors winning the General Championship. SGSITS - Indore, the second in the points tally was given the General Championship of Udghosh'06.
- The participants were quite satisfied with the Hospitality of IIT Kanpur and the keenness of the organizing team to sort out their problems at the earliest.

The events were finally called off by Dr. Prawal Sinha on 24th September in the felicitation and closing ceremony.

**Students' Gymkhana, IIT Kanpur
Games Council**

Proposal for Chess Club

The Games and Sports Council proposes to start a Chess Club due to growing response and enthusiasm for Chess amongst the student community.

The Vision:

The Chess club would be focusing on conducting regular Chess activities such as the tournament during weekends, Intra-IITK Sports Festival (Josh) and even during the Gymkhana festivals as a competitive event.

Expenses:

The expenses that would take place in setting up the club are quite modest and are as under:

1. Chess Sets
2. Chess Clocks
3. Expenses for various chess tournaments all round the year with a Flagship event called as the **Grand Masters Challenge**.

Keeping in mind these expenses a modest allocation of **Rupees Fifteen Thousand only** towards the start of the club should be sufficient.

Issue of Chess Sets:

As playing chess does not require a specific arena, the Chess sets can be issued from a centralized place at nights (which is more preferable to IITK Students). These logistic can be worked out either by issuing it from SAC book club. However, a specific recommendation can only be given once a Coordinator is appointed for the same.

**Students' Gymkhana, IIT Kanpur
S&T Council**

Proposal for revised subsidy for students for Gliding Club

The Issue: The Gliding Club was set up to encourage this hobby for students of the institute and heavy subsidy was provided so that students can avail of the facility at very cheap rates. In the past most of the regular Gliding Club members had very impressive flying records and most of them ended up getting the license, the procedures for which are conducted by the Gliding Center itself. However, of late the club has seen an **enormous amount of people rushing in for joyrides and a very few interested in training**. In a nutshell, the club has been reduced to a fun facility rather than a focused group learning to fly gliders.

Subsidy in the past: The club has been closed for a long time now. Before it was closed down the following was the nature of the finances of the club. The membership fee was Rs. 200 for annual membership and Rs. 1500 for lifetime membership. Members, once signed up, were given cards and their training flight records were maintained at the center. The cost per launch, according to the DGCA rules in a document dated December 2004 (available with the undersigned) is Rs. 187.

In the session 2005-06 the expenditure of the club, which indicates mostly the subsidy given till December 2005 (after which the club had to close down) was **Rs. 70000**. The following were the slabs of subsidy.

	Cost per launch (Rs.)	Subsidy (Rs.)	Student pays (Rs.)
Joyrides	187	137	50
Training Flights (first 30 launches)	187	147	40
Training Flights (beyond 30 launches)	187	157	30

However, during the period 2005-06, **not even a single license was issued to any student**. Also, for the last few years, very few people are taking up the training program. There is sufficient reason to believe that most of the flights were joyrides. **Spending a huge amount in joyrides appears to be an unnecessary wastage of the gymkhana funds, especially when it is not being able to be utilized for club growth.**

Suggested solution: It is proposed that the Gliding subsidy be changed to achieve the following ends

- (a) Reduce the open encouragement for joyrides; introduce some deterrent features, for example, introducing an element of luxury to them, so that the rush for joyrides is reduced.

(b) Divert student's motivation of joyrides towards training signups (membership) by providing sufficient encouragement through subsidy and schemes.

The proposal is to **reduce the subsidy for joyrides**, while **offering some incentive to take up membership**. The membership charges and the erstwhile subsidy for members shall continue. The non-member students shall be now given a subsidy of Rs. 100 per launch. The following table sums up the proposal.

	Cost to Students (Old)	Cost to Students (Proposed)
Annual Membership	200	200
Lifetime Membership	1500	1500
Joyrides	50	100
Training Flights (first 30 launches)	40	40
Training Flights (beyond 30 launches)	30	30

In addition, for encouraging memberships, it is proposed that the 6th Training flight be free of cost to the member.

A final few comments about the proposed changes

- It will be economically advantageous for anyone interested in more than 3 launches to sign up for a membership.
- For the members, a sign-up package of Rs. 400 (=200 annual membership + 40X5 launches) will give them one free launch (the 6th launch) apart from training to procure their very own Pilot License.
- The club shall retain the right to revoke the licenses of the non-regular members, to check abuse of the membership options.

There is also a request from the Gliding Center, to consider the actual cost per launch be raised to Rs. 200 from the existing Rs. 187 (as per DGCA quotes). Because of the sudden shutting down of the club in the past the Gliding Center is in dire shortage of funds which is also affecting the motivation and morale of the staff and personnel, both because of disappeared activity as well as irregular salaries.

It is a request that Gymkhana considers raising this amount to Rs. 200 for the current session, but puts it up for consideration in the next session when hopefully the club would have reached a decent level of activity. We may revert back to the DGCA norms if it is so desired at that time. Right now, there is a pressing need to pump in money in the gliding center.

AT4

Students' Gymkhana, IIT Kanpur Games Council

Proposal for issue of equipments to General Body Members

It is being proposed that some sports equipment be procured specifically for the General body members who are not a part of the Institute teams. The available sports equipments in the respective halls may not be sufficient and hence it becomes the duty of Students' Gymkhana to fill the void.

Salient Features:

- Equipments for a particular sport shall be issued only to a student who is not a part of the Institute team in that sport or is not CPA student.
- A student has to submit back the equipment within two days of the issue of equipment. Failing to do the same, the student will be fined 10% of the equipment cost in the 1st week and subsequent increase of 5% equipment cost in the weeks to follow. The week shall start from the last date of equipment submission.
- It's the duty of the student to issue the equipment in good condition. In case the equipment is found broken or any damage is caused, the student will have to pay 50% of the cost of the equipment/equipment repair as PE section dues.
- The equipments shall be issued at first from the PE section daily from 3 to 5 PM. A revised scheme of issuing shall be introduced later on.

Equipments to be purchased:

The following equipments are proposed to be bought for the students.

S.No.	Equipment	Quantity	App. Cost
1	Complete Cricket Kit *	1 kit	Rs 6000/-
2	Soft Cricket Balls	6 dozen	Rs 1000/-
3	Leather Cricket Balls	2 dozen	Rs 2500/-
4	Cricket bats	5 bats	Rs 4000/-
5	Badminton Racquets	10 pairs	Rs 5000/-
6	Shuttle Cocks	20 boxes	Rs 5000/-
7	Tennis Racquets	10 nos.	Rs 6000/-
8	Tennis Balls	20 cans	Rs 4000/-
9	Volleyballs	5 nos.	Rs 2000/-
10	Football Shoes	10 pairs	Rs 3500/-
11	Basketballs	4 nos.	Rs 1500/-
12	TT Bats	10 nos.	Rs 1000/-
13	TT balls	6 dozens	Rs 1000/-
14	Footballs	4 nos.	Rs 1000/-
15	Cricket Bats (Soft Balls)	10 nos.	Rs 2500/-

* Kit bag, ADs, Thigh Guards, Pads, Gloves, Helmet, etc.

Total: **Forty Five thousand only.**

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Students' Gymkhana

Revised Annual Budget, 2006 – 07

I. Estimated Income

1	Students' Fees (@300 /-)	10,00,000.00
2	Institute Grant (matching)	10,00,000.00
	Estimated Income	20,00,000.00

- The club membership incomes will be added to the respective clubs.

II. Council-wise Allocation

1	Presidential Council	3,25,000.00
2	Student's Film Society	2,83,000.00
3	Science and Technology Council	3,85,000.00
4	Cultural Council	3,55,000.00
5	Games Council	5,52,000.00
6	Buffer	1,00,000.00
7	Equipment	0.00
	Total Estimated Expenditure	20,00,000.00

- The allocations from the buffer amount will be made through a recommendation by the Finance Committee, ratified by the Senate. Under exceptional conditions, however, a proposal may be approved immediately, and ratified when the Senate meets next.

III. Detailed allocation

1 Presidential Council

	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation
Prayas	15,000.00	20,000.00
Elections	12,000.00	12,000.00
Festivals Celebration	11,000.00	16,000.00
Gymkhana Lecture Discussion Club	15,000.00	35,000.00
Nostalgia	25,000.00	30,000.00
Year Book	15,000.00	15,000.00
Blazers and Ties	32,000.00	35,000.00
Miscellaneous	25,000.00	37,000.00
Gymkhana Day	40,000.00	40,000.00
SAC Book Club	50,000.00	70,000.00
Meander and Spark	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total	2,55,000.00	3,25,000.00

Expected Income:

SAC Book Club

10,000.00

2 Student's Film Society

	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation
Movie Rent	42,000.00	42,000.00
CD Purchases	38,000.00	38,000.00
Equipment purchase & Repairs	24,000.00	24,000.00
Operator + OT charges	10,000.00	10,000.00
Publicity(Posters and Stationary)	10,000.00	10,000.00
Animation Club	15,000.00	15,000.00
STV	10,000.00	20,000.00
Refreshments and Missed Meals	6,000.00	6,000.00
Le Montage	5,000.00	5,000.00
Regional Movies	3,000.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	20,000.00	20,000.00
Personalities and Professionals	50,000.00	90,000.00
Total	2,33,000.00	2,83,000.00

Expected Income:

CD club

1,000.00

3 Science and Technology Council

	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation
Infrastructure(publicity,finance,web)	20,000.00	20,000.00
Business Club	15,000.00	40,000.00
Ham Club	20,000.00	20,000.00
Electronics Club	50,000.00	50,000.00
Robotics Club	40,000.00	43,000.00
Aeromodeling Club	40,000.00	40,000.00
Astronomy Club	20,000.00	20,000.00
Photography Club	40,000.00	40,000.00
Participation Trips	0.00	7,000.00
Gliding Club	20,000.00	70,000.00
Navya/LUG	0.00	0.00
Summer Projects	0.00	0.00
Programming Club	10,000.00	10,000.00
Computer Purchase	0.00	0.00
Buffer	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total	3,00,000.00	385,000.00

4 Cultural Council

	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation
Music Club	25,000.00	35,000.00
SPIC MACAY	55,000.00	55,000.00
Dance Club	20,000.00	34,000.00
Dramatics Club	20,000.00	34,000.00
Quiz Club	8,000.00	8,000.00
Fresher's Nite	20,000.00	20,000.00
Show Management	5,000.00	5,000.00
Hindi Sahitya Sabha(HSS)	7,000.00	7,000.00
English Literary Society(ELS)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Vivekananda Samiti	20,000.00	20,000.00
Impression	10,000.00	10,000.00

Miscellaneous	47,000.00	67,000.00
Participation Trips	20,000.00	35,000.00
Fine Arts Club	8,000.00	20,000.00
Total	2,70,000.00	3,55,000.00

5 Games Council

	Initial Allocation	Final Allocation
Inter Hall Tournaments	10,000.00	10,000.00
Adventure Sports Club	60,000.00	60,000.00
Tae-kwon-do Club	45,000.00	60,000.00
Nature Club	5,000.00	5,000.00
Equipments	160,000.00	2,00,000.00
Refreshments & Medicals	15,000.00	20,000.00
Open tournaments	10,000.00	15,000.00
Outside Trip	20,000.00	20,000.00
Local Tournaments	5,000.00	10,000.00
Prizes and Blazers	25,000.00	25,000.00
Josh	30,000.00	30,000.00
Miscellaneous	25,000.00	25,000.00
Gym	0.00	30,000.00
Bridge club	5000.00	12,000.00
Chess Club	NA	10,000.00
Equipments (for General Body)	NA	20,000.00
Total	4,15,000.00	5,52,000.00

Expected Income:

Tae-Kwon-Do Club

20,000.00

Gymnasium

30,000.00

**Students' Gymkhana, IIT Kanpur
Students' Senate**

Hall Allocation Policy

The following proposal is in continuation with the discussion in the Summer Senate meeting held on the 23rd of May, 2006 regarding Section 3.10 of the report "IIT Education System – Retrospect". After due discussion in the Students' Senate, the matter was referred to COSHA which was considered in the first meeting of COSHA held on the 11th of September, 2006. The details of these discussions along with the extracts from the minutes of the meeting with Director, IIT Kanpur held on the 22nd of May, 2006 are appended after the proposal.

The Proposal

The following models for Hall Allocation and Wing Distribution were proposed in the first meeting of COSHA.

- g) Mixed room allocation in wings: All four years in a wing.
- h) Wings from different batches in a single block.

No consensus could be arrived in COSHA regarding the details of the plan. A comprehensive plan needs to be finalized with inputs from the Institute administration regarding the plans for development of infrastructure in view of the proposed increase in the student strength with the implementation of the reservation policy. There is a need to plan for three alternative scenarios.

1. A normal increase in the student strength as in the past.
2. Partial implementation of reservation quotas.
3. Full implementation of reservation quotas.

It is proposed that the Senate constitute an ad-hoc subcommittee to study the problem and propose a comprehensive plan for all the three alternative scenarios. It is also proposed that the committee submit its final report for consideration of the Senate by the 31st of January 2007.

Section 3.10 of the report "IIT Education System - Retrospect"

The current system of year wise distribution of hall of residence limits the socialization of the student to his batch only. Such a system promotes a higher level of competitiveness among the students, which gets to the extent of being unhealthy. Also, such a system introduces a concept of a 4 year degree which we are against. Instead, a system of Hall allocation where students from all the years share a hall will help eliminate a separate identity of year. In present scenario, a student staying back after the stipulated duration of the degree (due to some backlogs) feels highly isolated and a sense of inferiority complex creeps in. A uniform distribution of halls of residence where students across batches live together, we believe, will contribute positively in minimizing the prestige system and foster a healthy society.

Extracts from the minutes of the meeting with Director (22nd May, 2006)

On the issue of hall allocation different views were expressed and it was felt that the matter also requires acceptance by the students' body so that the matter may then be taken up for implementation as soon as possible. It was suggested that the students may discuss the matter in their proposed meeting and intimate the outcome to the Director for further consideration.

Summary of discussions in Students' Senate (23rd May, 2006)

The Students' Senate decided to refer the issue to the Council of Students for Hotel Affairs (COSHA) to provide detailed input regarding the proposal. It was decided that a meeting of COSHA be arranged after the Summer Vacations for this purpose.

Summary of discussions in COSHA (11th September, 2006)

The house was convinced that the present system of Hall Allocation and Wing Distribution needs a review in the view of the increasing batch size and the decreasing interaction among the students. The following models for allocation were proposed:

- Mixed room allocation in wings: All four years in a wing.
- Wings from different batches in a single block.

There was some discord as to whether the final year students be involved in the new system or should the identity of Hall 1 as the final year Hall be kept intact. The house was informed that in the view of increasing batch size, sooner or later the final year students will have to be involved in the new allocation system. Since there was no consensus on the exact model to be followed, it was decided to convey the discussion in its entirety to the Students' Senate.

**Students' Gymkhana, IIT Kanpur
Students' Senate**

Restructuring of Counseling Service

The following proposal has evolved from Section 3.4 and 3.11 of the report "IIT Education System – Retrospect" discussed in the Summer Senate meeting held on the 23rd of May, 2006. The details of these discussions along with the extracts from the minutes of the meeting with Director, IIT Kanpur held on the 22nd of May, 2006 are appended after the proposal.

The Counseling Service in its present form is a centralized body headed by a faculty member with student volunteers from various batches functioning as the Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators and Student Guides. It also employs semiprofessional counselors to assist in its functioning. It also arranges regular visits of professional psychiatrists to the Institute to help the students. This structure has catered very well to the needs of first year students of various programs in the Institute but has been found lacking in the academic counseling of students in the senior batches.

The Proposal

The need of a professional **Resident Counselor** has been felt in the past and is all the more significant in the present scenario with several cases of suicides and attempted suicides in the past one year. Serious structural changes in the functioning of the Counseling Service are required with inputs from such professionals.

It is also important to have Counseling Cells in each department for the academic counseling of students from the respective departments. This should augment the present structure and strengthen it, both in its outreach and effectiveness.

The departmental counseling cells can coordinate with the respective departmental students' associations to improve student-faculty interaction through informal functions at the department level. A faculty member from each department should be chosen by the students of the same department to function as the faculty coordinator for this purpose.

Section 3.4 of the report "IIT Education System - Retrospect"

Most of us feel that the F-list should not be disclosed in public and the counseling service can individually inform the students. In such a way the counseling service can help in reducing the pressure and can help in handling the tension. It is also in a better situation to suggest further course of action to the student.

We have also felt that there is a lot of pressure from the side of parents, as they are unable to understand the grades in right aspect. They are not able to understand the meaning of such grades, as students from other colleges get better percentage in their exams. Director can make a point to discuss this during the inaugural speech.

Further, an informal student-faculty interaction can contribute enormously towards such cause. For example, a Professor can visit a hostel occasionally, or can invite students for an informal meet. Department can also organize informal parties occasionally, which would definitely improve the student-faculty interaction.

Section 3.11 of the report “IIT Education System - Retrospect”

The current system of assigning the faculty counselor can be improved such that the students of a particular department have their counselor from department itself. Since students who face any academic problems will get better feedback and counseling regarding particular courses. This is not possible if the counselor belongs to a different department than the student.

Extracts from the minutes of the meeting with Director (22nd May, 2006)

Several models for strengthening the counseling service as also the suggestions for improving the informal students-faculty interaction were considered at length. It was agreed that the Institute Advisory Committee will consider the matter further in its future meetings and come to some understanding on the issue of increasing the number of departmental counselors, inducting retired faculty for purposes of counseling and such other measures as would be practicable and help the Institute as well as the students in good measure.

Summary of discussions in Students’ Senate (23rd May, 2006)

The Senate was informed that the Director has agreed to the proposal for not displaying the list of students who have obtained an ‘F’ grade and that the counseling service will inform the students regarding the same. It was also informed that the Director has agreed to provide all the support required for improving student-faculty interaction through informal functions at the department level. The members expressed the need to strengthen the Departmental Students’ Associations in improving the student-faculty interaction.

The members also expressed the need to strengthen the present system of academic counseling by having counselors within each department. The Senate unanimously agreed to the suggestion of having retired faculty members from the departments to counsel students regarding the difficulties faced with regard to their academic program. It was felt that such a system will be most beneficial to senior students.