



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



1st Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Attendance Record

Date: 9th April 2018

Total Strength of the Senate: 34
Total number of Senators present: 30
Total number of Senators absent: 4
Absent without notification: 4
Absent with permission: 0

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No.	Name	Post	Status
1	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3	Anshumali Prakash	Officiating General Secretary, Media and Cultural	Present
4	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
5	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
6	Shreyansh Mridul	Senator, BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	Present
7	Diyanshu Verma	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
8	Abhishek Rai	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
9	Ahir Sudhendu Prashant	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
10	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
11	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
12	Sohail Saifi	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent
13	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
14	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
15	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
16	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
17	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
18	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present



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19	Siddhartha Srivastava	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
20	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
21	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
23	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
24	Risab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
25	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
26	Deepak Singh Attri	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
27	Hemant Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
28	Jitendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
29	Narayan Mishra	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
30	Danish Abbas	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
31	Karanvir Singh Bhatia	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
32	Viswadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes	Present
33	Santhosh Kumar	Senator, MSR	Absent
34	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

* - Present with Nominee

- Absent with Permission



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1st Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes

The 2018-19/1 st Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Tuesday, 10th April, 2018 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: * 2017-18/6th Meeting * 2017-18/Joint Meeting
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the minutes of 2017-18/6th meetings. The minutes were confirmed with the changes proposed.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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No Announcements and Remarks were made.

Item No. 3	To report the actions taken on the decisions on the Students' Senate 2017-18
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This item was deferred since the Chairperson, Students' Senate (2017-18) was not available.

Item No. 4	To consider the election of the members of the following standing committees and councils of the Students' Senate: *i. Finance Committee *ii. Steering Committee *iii. Rules and Procedures Committee *iv. Nominations Committee *v. Council of Students for Hostel Affairs (COSHA)
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Elections were held on the floor of the Senate and the composition of the committees stands as follows:



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Finance Committee :

Mr. Sudhendu Ahir, Finance Convener (Ex-Officio Convener)

Mr Aditya Mishra, Senator BT/BS Y17

Mr Mayank Chauhan, Senator BT/BS Y15

Ms Navanya Sharma, Senator BT/BS Y16

Steering Committee :

Mr. Ayushya Agarwal, Chairperson, Students' Senate (Ex-Officio Convener)

Mr. Mataria Pence Jagatkumar, Senator BT/BS Y17

Mr. Yash Maheshwari, Senator BT/BS Y17

Rules and Procedures Committee :

Mr. Siddharth Srivastava, Parliamentarian (Ex-Officio Convener)

Mr. Rishabh Agarwal, Senator BT/BS Y17

Mr. Yash Maheshwari, Senator BT/BS Y17

Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Senator MTech Y17

Nominations Committee :

Mr. Pratyush Rai, President, Students' Gymkhana (Ex-Officio Convener)

Mr. Ayushya Agarwal, Chairperson, Students' Senate

Mr. Panchjanya Sanyal, Senator PhD

Council of Students for Hostel Affairs (COSHA) :

Ms. Aayushi Bansal (COSHA Convener)

Mr. Nikunj Kothari (Senator BT/BS Y17)

Ms. Navanya Sharma (Senator BT/BS Y16)

Item No. 5	To ratify the names of the recipients of the Gymkhana Awards
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The names of the recipients of the Gymkhana Awards were presented and accepted by the Senate. The President, Students' Gymkhana explained the reasons due to which there was no awardee for the Gymkhana Blues. Since there were procedural flaws in the conduction of the meeting of the Gymkhana Blues panel, the Senate directed the convener of the Gymkhana Blues panel to hold another meeting of the panel and come up with new recommendations.



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Item No. 6	To consider the End Term Report of General Secretary, Media and Culture
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The End Term Report of General Secretary, Media and Culture 2017-18 was not presented as the General Secretary was unavailable due to academic commitments.

Item No.7	To consider the pre-term Report of General Secretary, Games and Sports
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The pre-term report was deferred to the next meeting since the input from all the sub-entities of the council could not be taken. The Council formation had not been completed and there were vacant club coordinator posts.

Item No. 8	To consider the pre-term Report of the General Secretary, Media and Culture
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The pre-term report was deferred to the next meeting since the input from all the sub-entities of the council could not be taken. The Council formation had not been completed and there were vacant club coordinator posts.

Item No. 9	To consider the pre-term Report of General Secretary, Science and Technology
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The pre-term report was deferred to the next meeting since consultation with council members could not take place due to a lack of time.

Item No. 10	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Science and Technology Council
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The report was presented by General Secretary Science and Technology Council and was accepted by the Senate, with the caveat that the General Secretary will make available the interview presentations of the members of the council.



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Item No. 11	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for Core Team, Antaragni'18
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The list was presented by the Chairperson, Students' Senate on behalf of the convener of the interview panel. The Students' Senate ratified the proposed names.

There was a further discussion on whether the students who are not ratified by the Senate but have worked for various councils/festivals should be recognised in some manner.

A committee was formed to look into this issue, with the following composition:

Mr. Pratyush Rai (President)

Mr. Sudhendu Ahir (Finance Convener)

Mr. Mataria Pence Jagatkumar (Senator BT/BS Y17)

Item No. 12.	To consider the proposal to increase the maximum number of convocation awardees for awards related to student activities
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The proposal was presented by Mr. Abhishek Singh on the floor of the Senate. The Senate concurred with the fact that due to an increase in the student strength, an increase in the number of convocation awards was warranted. The proposal was accepted by the Senate and the nominees to the SSPC were directed to take up the issue there.

Item No. 14	To consider the Gymkhana budget for the year 2018-19
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The Gymkhana Budget was presented on the floor of the Senate by the Finance Convener. The Senate demanded to know the basis on which the budget was allocated between councils and within councils and was of the opinion that the budget should not be discussed till the pre-term reports of the councils were presented.

The finances of the events which had already taken place were considered and approved by the Senate.

Item No. 15	To consider the proposal for a modified structure of the General Championship (2018-19)
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented a modified structure for the conduction of the General Championship, 2018-19. The changes were aimed at improving fresher participation in the General Championship events and addressing the changes to be made due to the first year



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undergraduates being allocated a single hall. The proposal looked at dividing the fresher batch into 5 equal parts which would be cycled amongst the 5 parent pools. Further, at the end of the year the freshers would be able to choose the parent pool to which they wanted to belong and this would decide their hall of residence. The proposal was discussed by the Senate and concerns were raised that the modified structure aimed to substitute the aspect of participation for skill development and learning with participation for an unrelated reason of hall allocation.

A separate model was proposed on the floor, which continued the existing structure of the General Championship and divided the freshers into different groups which would remain attached to one particular parent pool throughout the year.

The later one was accepted since the former one had flaws such as the positive feedback loop of talent created when a particular hall had better infrastructure. This would result in a lack of a competitive environment.

Further a sub-committee was formed to address the flaws in the accepted model and to come up with ways in which students could be motivated to participate in the General Championship.

The members of the sub-committee were -

1. Mayank Chauhan
2. Siddharth Deep Srivastava
3. Abhishek Singh
4. Nikunj Kothari
5. Faizan Siddiqui
6. Rishabh Agarwal
7. Prakhar Ji Gupta
8. Maitreyee Srivastava
9. Deepak Singh Atri
10. Panchajanya

Item No. 16	To consider the Gymkhana Calendar for the year 2018-19
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The President, Students' Gymkhana proposed two versions of Gymkhana calendar. A major change in one of the presented versions was that Takneek and Galaxy were split over two weekends to reduce the load on students. This changed calendar was accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 17	Proposal for modifications in the structure of Presidents' Office
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The modifications in the structure of the President's Office were discussed in the Senate. The structure of the marketing team was discussed at length in the Senate. There were concerns raised that if the marketing team has a centralised structure then it would not be able to look at the demands of each council individually and there is a need for marketing executives in each council. The Senate opined that a central structure is required to ensure that there are no conflicts amongst the marketing agendas of the different councils. To ensure that any council is not ignored, marketing executives would be divided and attached with a particular council, with the Chief Marketing Officer coordinating all activity.

Item No. 18	Proposal for an Academic Improvement Award
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The proposer presented the proposal on the floor of the Senate and stated that the students who improve their CPI to a degree that lies above a threshold deserve appreciation. There is no framework currently to recognise this achievement since the current awards are only given to high CPI students.

The proposer was asked to come up with a definite mathematical formula to define the thresholds of improvement and the Senate passed the proposal with the caveat that the proposer will share the thresholds on the mailing list.

Item No. 20	To consider changes in the Finance Rules of the Gymkhana
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This agenda was deferred to the next special meeting.

Item No. 21	To consider for discussion - opinion of students on the shifting of Dhobi Ghat
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The President, Students' Gymkhana, asked for the opinion of the Senate on the issue of the Dhobi community being asked to leave the institute premises by the administration. The Senate directed the President to take the following points as the formal opinion of the students on the issue:

- The current washing machine facilities are not enough to allow usage by all students and thus the Dhobis should be allowed to stay till the time that such facilities are constructed.



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Further, the students find the services of the Dhobis convenient and would prefer their services to that of a washing machine

- Till the residential space outside the campus being allocated for the Dhobis is confirmed they should be allowed to continue in the current lodgings. Further, when/if they are given residence outside campus, they should be provided with entry passes.

Item No. 22	Questions and Remarks
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A question was raised on the how the biometric data of students was being stored and the individuals that had access to it. The Chairperson, Students' Senate was directed to look into the issue and take it up with the Dean of Academic Affairs.

There were no other questions and remarks.