

## **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Students' Gymkhana**

**Date: November 7, 2008**

Draft Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Students' Senate, held on September 14<sup>th</sup> in the SAC conference room.

**The Meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm.**

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| 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    | Absent        |
| General Secretary, F&M Council      | Ramik Sadana      | Present       |
| Senator, UG Y4 (5 year program)     | Shubham Goel      | Present       |
| Senator, UG Y5                      | Ananya Pareek     | Present       |
| -do-                                | Ankit Sachan      | Absent        |
| -do-                                | Ashank Mittal     | Present       |
| -do-                                | Chetan Sharma     | Present       |
| -do-                                | Himanshu Govil    | Present       |
| Senator, UG Y6                      | Abhishek Khetan   | Present       |
| -do-                                | Manu Agarwal      | Absent        |
| -do-                                | Mohit Kumar Jolly | Present       |
| -do-                                | Tanmay Shekhar    | Present       |
| Senator, UG Y7                      | Anurag Bhagat     | Absent        |
| -do-                                | Harmeet Singh     | Absent        |
| -do-                                | Palash Soni       | Absent        |
| -do-                                | Prabhakar Misra   | Absent        |

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| 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 Y7, other Equivalent Masters Program | Shivam Gupta      | Absent  |
| Senator, Ph.D.                               | Indranuj Dey      | Present |
| -do-   | K Sudheendra Rao  | Present |
| -do-   | Suman Banerjee    | Absent* |
| -do-   | Mekala B          | Present |
| -do-   | Gorky Shaw        | Present |

**\* With Permission**

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| <b>Item No.1</b> | <b>Ratification of the draft minutes of the Fourth Senate meeting</b> |
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Senate ratified the draft minutes of fourth meeting which were circulated on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August.

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| <b>Item No. 2</b> | <b>Announcements and Remarks</b> |
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General Secretary, Films and Media Council made the following announcements:-

- Introduction of a photography competition- Shutterbug
- Introduction of Video Journalism by STV. Every week new videos would be posted on Navya.
- Big FM organized the “BIG Radio Jockey Hunt” in IITK
- Workshops and lectures to be organized in the week from 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September by Mr. Nikhil Taneja in the campus.

General Secretary, Cultural Council announced that the Dance Extravaganza would be conducted on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September.

The Convener, Student’s Senate remarked that Shivam Gupta and Harmeet Singh will be ceased being Senators if they do not attend this meeting, as it amounts to absence in three Senate meetings, without permission.

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

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| <b>Item No.4</b> | <b>Election for the UG Senator post in Rules and Procedures Committee</b> |
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Chetan Sharma, UG Y5 Senator, was elected for the post.

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| <b>Item No.5</b> | <b>Ratification of the Secretaries, Affair Division of S&amp;T Council</b> |
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Senate ratified the names proposed.

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| <b>Item No.6</b> | <b>Ratification of PG editors of Meander</b> |
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Senate ratified the proposed names with a note that even though a special call was made for PG students being editors, there will no differences in working between various editors.

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| <b>Item No.7</b> | <b>Ratification of the Coordinators of the Skating Club</b> |
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Senate ratified the proposed names.

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| <b>Item No.8</b> | <b>Ratification of CEO for gymkhana by-elections</b> |
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On behalf of nomination committee President, Students’ Gymkhana presented the name of Mrityunjaya Shukla for the post. The proposed name was ratified by the Senate. The Senate requested the CEO to come up with detailed plan for the conduction of by-elections.

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| <b>Item No.9</b> | <b>Discussion on “poor Academic Performance (LAN restriction/regulation)”</b> |
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During summer Senate had cited 6 factors for poor academic performance in IITK. Since “Excessive use of LAN facilities” had already been discussed in the Fourth Senate Meeting, it was decided to form a committee to look into the matter and give its recommendations. The following constitution of the committee

- Anurag Sujania- Chairman
- Ashank Mittal - Convener
- Tanmaya Shekhar - Member
- Shubham Goel - Member
- Abhishek Khaitan - Member

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| <b>Item No.11</b> | <b>Preliminary report of Udghosh’08 by festival coordinator</b> |
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General Body Member pointed that the report was being submitted a fortnight later than its due date (one month before the festival). The coordinator apologized for the delay.

The cost price of t-shirts was listed as Rs.120 but they were being sold for Rs.180 was also raised. The festival coordinator clarified that it was being done to generate funds.

Senate requested the festival coordinators to submit all their reports on time.

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| <b>Item No.12</b> | <b>Expansion of Core Team of Antaragni &amp; Megabucks</b> |
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The festival coordinator, Antaragni requested that two more members be added to the core team. The concerned posts were:

- Head Public Relations-PR
- Head Events- Show Management

Their roles had also been satisfactorily defined and the Senate accepted the proposal of expansion.

The festival coordinator, Megabucks requested that five more members be added to the core team. The concerned posts were:

- Head, Public Relations - Corporate Affairs
- Head, Marketing - Media Relations
- Head, Events - Megaworld
- Head, Events - Casino
- Head, Design Creativity

After discussion on this expansion Senate accepted the proposal. During the discussions senate noted the festival teams are not adhering to the financial procedures laid down in the constitution and asked the festival coordinators to follow the rules and procedure. Finance convener was assigned the task of following up the matter.

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| <b>Item No.13</b> | <b>Financial Status of Megabucks'08 and reallocation of festival grant</b> |
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Finance convener on behalf of the finance committee said that there was a request from the Megabucks-08 team for the Rs. 1Lakh. He also pointed out that there was a total deficit approx Rs 2.5 Lakhs. If the Megabucks-09 team accepts then the money should be allocated from last year left over of Antaragni and the Techkriti at Rs 50,000 each, which should be returned after the conduction of megabucks-09.

On behalf of Megabucks'08 team Abhishek, the finance coordinator brought to the notice of the senate that they had faced a financial deficit of Rs 2.5 lakhs(approx). Rs 1.50 lakhs had been covered by SIDBI and DRPG and requested for financial assistance for the remaining.

Mr. Abhishek accepted that there was verbal promise from SIDBI side. Over expectation based on the verbal promise had led to the over shoot of the budget. Considering the financial mismanagement some of members present felt that case should be referred to S-SAC for investigation and appropriate action. However after a lot of deliberation, the Senate decided to help Megabucks team and referral to S-SAC is not required. It was decided that the deficit of Rs. 1 lakh will be adjusted equally from the leftover amount of Techkriti'08 and Antaragni'07 subjected to a detailed report covering all the aspects of the financial mismanagement. The Finance Committee was requested to come up with proposal along with measures to prevent such mismanagement.

Finance Convener said that finance committee recommends that Rs. 25,000 from Techkriti-09 budget. However Senate remarked that whatever is the allocation for the current year will remain the same. Leftover of Techkriti'08 can be used for the procurement of the Student Server of the Student Gymkhana.

Further all the remaining left over will carry forward to the respective team.

A discussion on Umang was also brought to the notice of senate. A committee with the following members was constituted to discuss the possibilities of having festivals as well as to review all the current festivals.

- Convener, Student's Senate
- All General Secretaries
- President, Students' Gymkhana(chair)
- Finance Convener(convener)

Committee was requested to submit the report by 18<sup>th</sup> October.

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| <b>Item No.14</b> | <b>Allocation of donation (Rs 1 lakh) that has been contributed by an alumnus of IIT Kanpur</b> |
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On behalf of finance committee, Finance convener presented the break-up of the proposed following heads to be spent of the given amount:

- Student Server-Rs 25,000

- Adventure Club-Rs 10,000
- Inter IIT equipment-Rs 25,000
- Vox Populi's last year March edition-Rs15,000
- Buffer Amount-Rs 25,000

It was brought to notice that since the Vox Populi has been shifted to FMC, and in the proposed budget did not include the allocation for March 2008 edition.

Discussion on Inter IIT allocation was withheld to discuss along with the agenda item no.15. Senate accepted the recommendation of the finance committee.

Senate requested the president to send a note to all the students, informing them that one of alumni had sent donation of Rs. 1 lakh for the activities of Students' Gymkhana.

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| <b>Item No.15</b> | <b>Discussion on issues raised by Hall 4Sports Secretary regarding the conduction of Varchasva'08</b> |
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Convener brought to notice of the senate that a mail from sport secretary was sent to him regarding issue. The mail pointed that Hall4 had objections to the knock-out format of Varchasva. Hall-4 felt that is not the right way to go about if we need to instill a popular sports culture in the Institute, league format would have been more appropriate. He also claimed that the General Secretary, Games & Sports Council, Mr. Abhishek Tewari, was very unparliamentarily in his behavior and said in a meeting that. He further said that the no sports equipment was being issued by the Council for the use by General Body Members.

Mr.Abhishek Tewari, General Secretary Games and Sports council said that the knock-out format had been decided last semester and nobody had raised objection at that point of time. Any last minute adjustments were impossible. Since the sports secretary of Hall-4 was not available, the second point was held. Regarding the last issue, Mr. Abhishek responded that the Gymkhana provided consumables for Varchasva, and they demanded for shin-pads, spikes etc. which cannot be provided as they cannot be provided in the budget of Varchasva.

A following mail from Faculty councilor of Games and sports council to warden hall-4 was also brought to notice of the senate by the Sports secretary hall4 through convener, students' senate. It mainly pointed that there are no funds that are being allocated to the Inter IIT team or the CPA team. So it will not be possible for them to provide equipment to the general students. However Mr. Abhishek on the floor of the senate pointed that there is some miscommunication, there has been budget that has been being used for inter IIT equipment in the past.

The Senate decided that the figure of Rs 1.9 lakhs that the Council spends on Inter-IIT equipment every year should be given by the administration. The money instead, should be spent on facilities/infrastructure to be used by the General Body members. Senate took a resolution that "Sports Council would stop sponsoring the Inter-IIT equipment purchases from next year onwards".

Finance convener was given the responsibility of collecting last ten years data regarding the expenditure on CPA, Inter-IIT etc.

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| <b>Item No.17</b> | <b>Any other item with the permission of chair</b> |
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**(i) Discussion on Extra-Curricular Grade Card for the students in light of a proposal proposed by the director in his newsletter:**

The subcommittee which was constituted had submitted report on this matter. It was strongly recommended that such grade card should not be introduced. Senate accepted the proposal.

**(ii) Discussion on YES+ course fee structure and functioning**

The Student Senate felt that the money collection shouldn't be a problem, and felt that the activities of the YES+ course may continue.

However, since the Institute wants the opinion of the Senate for this particular organization, the Student's Senate felt that discussion on all such activities on campus should be held. So a note requesting for the proposals should be sent to the Dean, Students Affairs.

**(iii) M. Tech students who are not able to complete their degree on time despite the fact that they generally get 'S' grades in their thesis units**

The Senate felt that it would more appropriate if the DPGC student nominees put up this in DPGC meetings. As new PGSAAC will be constituted soon, the agenda will be referred to that sub-committee.

**(iv) Distribution of pending cash prizes of Antaragni-07**

Convener pointed out that there was request from Antaragni'07 team that they had missed out the distribution of two cash prizes worth Rs 2250. Senate endorsed the same to be distributed as soon as possible.

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| <b>Item No.16</b> | <b>Questions and remarks</b> |
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A question was raised whether IITJ students would be charged any additional fee, for participating in the festivals. Senate felt that IITJ need not be charged any extra fees for the facilities which they use on campus. No registration fees should be charged from them for attending all IITK festivals.

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| <b>Item No.10</b> | <b>Discussion on increasing number of suicides at IIT Kanpur</b> |
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The Convener expressed his disheartened feeling about the student participation at a GLDC panel discussion which he had organized on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September in L-16. Senate suggested that more discussions in this regard need to be organized.

**The meeting was concluded at 7:10PM on September 14, 2008.**

K. Sudheendra Rao  
Convener, Students' Senate  
Student's Gymkhana