

Students' Senate Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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Minutes: 3rd Meeting of the Students' Senate-31st July 2011

The 3rd Meeting of the Students' Senate (2011-12) was held on 31st July 2011. It was called to order at 2:14 pm.

The attendance record of the 2011-12 senators is:

- Total: 39
- Present: 26
- Absent: 13
- Absent with permission: 3

1. Announcements and Remarks

- The Convener announced that the dates that had been proposed for Antaragni 2011, i.e., October 13th to 16th would hold as there was no clash with these dates in the new academic calendar.
- The addition of SAE and Robocon as hobby groups under the Science and Technology Council was ratified by the Senate.
- The President announced that Nostalgia 2011 had been successfully conducted on the 27th of May 2011, and some new additions to the event, such as the distribution of year discs and alumni cards, and many cultural events had also been done.
- The President also announced that the hall allocation had been successfully completed, though some glitches had been encountered.
- The President announced that there would be a CCD set up in place of the existing Cultures Café, the tenders for which, along with the tenders for the food court would be out within a fortnight.
- The President also announced that IITK alumni had been approached for DRPG funding, and an amount of Rs. 10- 15 Lakhs had been sanctioned for certain projects of the Gymkhana.
- The President also announced that the proposal for an Inter-IIT technical and cultural meet had been sent to the other IITs for consideration.
- The President also expressed his approval of the way the interaction and quad sessions for the Y11 batch had been conducted so far, and said that he hoped they would be sustained in the same manner till the Freshers' Nite.

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- The General Secretary, Cultural Council announced the inclusion of Gunjan Kohle, who now satisfied the CPI criterion, as a Coordinator of the Dance Club. The same was ratified by the Senate.

2. Ratification of Udghosh dates

- The dates proposed by the Festival Coordinators for Udghosh 2011, September 22nd to 25th were ratified by the Senate.

3. Ratification of Techkriti dates

- The dates proposed by the Festival Coordinators for Techkriti 2012, February 2nd to 5th were ratified by the Senate.

4. Ratification of minutes of 1st, 2nd and 1st emergency meeting of the Students' Senate 2011-12

- The minutes of the 1st and 2nd meeting of the Students' Senate had been previously circulated by the Convener, and were ratified by the Senate. The minutes of the first emergency meeting of the Senate had been circulated on the evening prior to the Senate meeting, and were provisionally ratified, and any concerns about the same were to be brought to the notice of the Convener by midnight of July 31st 2011.

5. Ratification of Coordinators and Executives, Antaragni 2011

- The list of the Coordinators and Executives for Antaragni 2011 had been sent late by the Festival Coordinators. The names were circulated in the meeting and it was decided that if no objections were received in the next 24 hrs the same would be considered ratified. It was also agreed by the Senators that the future Festival Coordinators of Antaragni would be advised to inform the Senate of the Coordinators and Executives for Antaragni, Udghosh before the summers. If need be, this could be done by circulating the names on the Senate mailing list, during the summer vacations.

6. Ratification of dates and Coordinators for Freshers' Night 2011

- The date proposed for the Freshers' Night 2011, 5th August 2011 was ratified by the Senate. The following list of Coordinators for the same was ratified:

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Nitish Gupta	10461
Saurabh Dixit	10656
Himanshu Pandey	10300
Vaibhav Patni	10783
Gaurush Hiranandani	10266
Anchal Goyal	10087

7. Ratification of the Overall Placement Coordinator, SPO

- On request of the President Students' Gymkhana, this agenda item was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

8. Ratification of the addition into Core Team, Antaragni, 2011

- The addition of Siddharth Sikka as Head, Marketing into the Core Team for Antaragni, 2011 was ratified by the Senate.

9. Ratification of the additions to Core Team, Udghosh 2011

- The addition of Vidur Goel as Head Events, Competitions, and Prerak Shah as Head, Security to the Core Team, Udghosh 2011 was ratified by the Senate.

10. Discussion on the Interim report of the sub-committee to look into Techkriti 2011

- The findings of the sub-committee were presented to the senate. It was decided that the sub-committee should meet once more and also present a proposed future course of Action, which would be presented in the next Senate meeting.

11. Gymkhana festival allocation

- Extending the provisional allocation done previously, the following allocation, proposed by the Finance Committee was accepted by the Senate:
 - Rs. 3.5 Lakhs to Udghosh.
 - Rs. 2.0 Lakhs to Antaragni.
 - Rs. 2.0 Lakhs to Techkriti.

12. Request by the Udghosh Team regarding the Festival Team size.

- The Udghosh Team requested the introduction of two more posts, namely those of Head Events, Design, and Head, Events, Show Management. The request was accepted

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by the Senate, and it was decided that nominations for the aforementioned posts would be called for.

13. Discussion on applicability of ARC changes on the existing batches.

- After some discussion on the existing policy, and on the new policy applicable from the Y11 batch onwards, a committee was formed to draft a proposal regarding the applicability of ARC changes for existing batches. The members of the committee are:
 - Ankit Bhutani (Chair)
 - Nirant Ramakuru
 - Abhay Jain
 - Abhishek Saxena
 - Jyoti Gupta
 - Vibhav Agarwal
 - Viraj Agnihotri
 - Abhiroop Bhatnagar
 - Ruhi Dang
 - Pratik Moona

The deadline for submission of the report was decided to be the 8th of August, 2011.

14. Discussion on the proposal for website revamping

- The proposal for revamping of the Gymkhana website was presented by Abhay Jain. It was decided that Abhay Jain, helped by Pratik Moona would coordinate the activities of the webmasters and take the responsibility for the Gymkhana website.

On the issue of appointing a Secretary to the Senate, it was decided that the Rules and Procedures committee would discuss the issue.

15. Discussion on proposal for Traffic Management at LHC gate

- The proposal was presented by Pratik Moona. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the administration, highlighting the issue of the traffic management problems at the LHC gate during peak hours, requesting them to look into the matter.

16. Discussion on the proposal to have Sanskrit as a certified language

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- The proposal was presented by Karthik Balasundaram. It was decided that he would get in touch with the DOSA office regarding the feasibility of introducing the teaching of new languages. Based on the feedback other languages could also be considered for the Foreign Language Program.

17. Questions and Remarks

- In answer to a query about the losses incurred during Galaxy due to damaged musical instruments, the General Secretary, Cultural Council said that he had spoken to the students responsible, and suggested that though it was necessary for the various pools to use the Music Club equipment for practice due to logistical reasons, having a certain caution money deposited before issuing of instruments could be considered as a preventive measure against such damages.
- Karthik Balasundaram said that a request would be made to the Head, Computer Center to coordinate the days during exam time on which the CC would be open round-the-clock, with those of the Library.
- Pratik Moona, who raised a concern about the excessive activities held for the freshers during their initial months of stay on campus, and suggested cutting down on, or spreading out of the activities, was asked to come up with a formal proposal with definite suggestions regarding the same.
- A question was raised regarding the reconstitution of the committee to look into the overall championships which had been dissolved in the previous Senate meeting. It was agreed that such suggestions shall be taken into consideration once the new pool structure had been decided.

18. Any other items with the permission of the chair.

Proposal for reducing the number of mails received on webmail.

- A concern was raised by Ankit Bhutani regarding the mass mailing rights, and he suggested that the Senate should consider stricter rules for mass mailing on the students list. The Senate opined on the matter at length, and decided that a letter be sent to the head Computer Centre seeking batch-wise mailing rights for the Executives/Convener. Apart from that the mails sent on the students list would remain at the discretion of the Executive/ Convener.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm, 31st July 2011 by the Convener, Students' Senate.

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

S No.	Post	Name	Attendance
1	President, Students' Gymkhana	Sanchit Singhal	Present
2	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Shantanu Singh	Present
3	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Anurag Agarwal	Present
4	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Abhinav Prateek	Present
5	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Rohit Singh	Present
6	Convener, Students' Senate	Aditya Gupta	Present
7	Senator, UG Y7(5-year)	Arun Pratap Singh (Y7027087)	Absent
8	Senator, UG Y7(5-year)	Mohit Sharma (Y7027242)	Absent*
9	Senator, UG Y8	Kewal Dharamshi (Y8248)	Present
10	Senator, UG Y8	Lalit Garg (Y8265)	Present
11	Senator, UG Y8	Priyam Sachan (Y8370)	Absent
12	Senator, UG Y8	Robin C. Sharma (Y8422)	Present
13	Senator, UG Y8	Rohan Sharma (Y8423)	Present
14	Senator, UG Y9	Abhay Jain (Y9009)	Present
15	Senator, UG Y9	Abhishek Saxena (Y9032)	Present
16	Senator, UG Y9	Ankit Bhutani (Y9094)	Present
17	Senator, UG Y9	Jyoti Gupta (Y9265)	Present
18	Senator, UG Y9	Pratik Moona (Y9433)	Present
19	Senator, UG Y9	Nirant Ramakuru (Y9476)	Present
20	Senator, UG Y9	Vishal Kumar (Y9660)	Absent*
21	Senator, UG 10	Abhiroop Bhatnagar (10015)	Present
22	Senator, UG 10	Himanshu Pandey (10300)	Present
23	Senator, UG 10	Priyank Jaini (10538)	Present
24	Senator, UG 10	Sanchit Khattar (10636)	Absent
25	Senator, UG 10	Vaibhav Patni (10783)	Present
26	Senator, UG 10	Vedant Khamesra (10791)	Present
27	Senator, UG 10	Vibhav Agarwal (10795)	Present
28	Senator, UG 10	Viraj Agnihotri (10811)	Present
29	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Russel Aziz (10103039)	Present
30	Senator, M.Tech. 10	A Krishna Phaneendra (10104001)	Absent
31	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Kishore Vedavyasan (10104050)	Present
32	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Manda Avinash (10104054)	Absent
33	Senator, Ph.D	Ranjan Goyal (Y9108068)	Absent
34	Senator, Ph.D	Rajeev Kumar Gautam (Y9112063)	Absent
35	Senator, Ph.D	Karthik Balasundaram (10103066)	Present
36	Senator, Ph.D	Abhinav R. Dehadrai (10205061)	Absent*

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37	Senator, Ph.D.	Dinkar Verma (10215061)	Absent
38	Senator, Ph.D.	Anuj Kumar Trivedi (10215061)	Absent
39	Senator, MBA + M. Des + Other Equivalent Masters Program, Y10	Ankit Chugh (10125005)	Absent