

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

Date: August 26, 2008

Draft Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Students' Senate held on August 10 in L13 conference room.

The Meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm.

Attendance Record: Total: 29 Present: 25 Absent: 4

Post	Name	06-04-08
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	Present
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	Present
-do-	Ashank Mittal	Present
-do-	Chetan Sharma	Present
-do-	Himanshu Govil	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Abhishek Khetan	Present
-do-	Manu Agarwal	Present
-do-	Mohit Kumar Jolly	Present
-do-	Tanmay Shekhar	Present
Senator, UG Y7	Anurag Bhagat	Absent
-do-	Harmeet Singh	Absent

-do-	Palash Soni	Present
-do-	Prabhakar Misra	Present
-do-	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	Present
-do-	Mekala B	Absent
-do-	Gorky Shaw	Present

*** With Permission**

Item No. 1	Ratification of the draft minutes of Third Senate meeting and Summer Senate meetings
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Minutes of third senate meeting and emergency-1, 2, 3 and first summer senate meeting were ratified by senate.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks
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President, Students Gymkhana made the following announcement/remark:

Anand N. Pandey who was suffering from acute blood cancer is now out of danger. Thanked the entire IIT Kanpur Community, Alumni and all the donors for their support.

General Secretary, Games and Sports Council made the following announcement:

Varchasva will be started on 16th August, 08 and the first game would be football.

General Secretary, Cultural Council made the following announcement:

Fresher's night is going to be held on 14th August, 08.

Convener, Students' Senate made the following remark:

Deputy Director on the request of festival grant suggested that Director Directory Fund should be used as a buffer amount and not included in the budget for festivals under the Gymkhana.

Convener, Students' Senate made the following announcement:

Mr. Vivek (senator UG Y7) and Mr. Ahish (Senator UG Y6) have resigned from the senator post. Mr. Rahul (Senator UG 5Yr Y3), Mr. Kshitij, Mr. Mudit, Mr. Puneet, Mr. Vishal (Senators UG Y4) and Mr. Arun (Senator Mtech Y61) have completed their tenure as senators. For the vacant posts Bi-elections will be held.

Item No. 15	Questions and remarks
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M. Tech senator made the following remark: Extended M. Tech students (registered in this semester) were charged Rs.25 per day from July 20 till late registration.

Senate felt that a request should be made to Dean, Student Affairs to refund the same.

Item No. 3	To note the minutes of COSHA meetings
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Minutes of the COSHA meetings were presented for the information to the student's senate and no comments were received on the floor of senate.

Item No. 4	Election of the vacant posts in various standing committees of the students' senate
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(i) Election of the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate

Mr. Abhishek Khetan was elected by majority

(ii) Elected Members of the vacant posts in various standing committees of the Students Senate are as follows:

A. Steering Committee: Mr. Prabhakar Misra (UG senator)

B. Nominations Committee: Mr. Abhishek Khetan (UG senator)

C. Finance Committee: Mr. Himanshu Goyal (ad-hoc member)

Item No. 5	Endorsement of Antaragni-08 Coordinators and Executives.
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Senate noted the list of Antaragni-08 coordinators and executives which were ratified in the summer senate meeting.

Item No. 11	Ratification of Fresher's Night Coordinator
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List of Fresher's Night '08 coordinators were ratified by the senate.

Item No. 12	Ratification of in charge Affairs division, S&T council
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Senate noted that Mr. Shashant Anand had sent a mail to student list as post holder before the ratification. With a warning senate ratified Mr. Shashant Anand name for in charge Affairs division, S&T council.

Item No. 13	Ratification of students' senate nominees to the institute committees
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As no comments were received for the proposed names, they were ratified by the senate.

Item No. 14	Ratification of Prayas and Book club coordinators
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Senate ratified the names as no objections were received.

Item No. 16	Any other item with the permission of chair
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(i) Replacement Mr. Arun Raghavan in the Internet Usage committee

Senate recommended the name of Mr. Ramik Sadana in place of Mr. Arun.

(ii) Ratification of Web and Varchasva Coordinators of Games and Sports council

The names were provisionally ratified subject to no valid objections being found within 72 hours after their announcement.

Item No. 6	Discussion on “poor academic performance(LAN restriction/regulations)”
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Convener apprised the student senate regarding the discussions held in the summer senate. The main points which are of concern are abuse the internet facility and addiction to LAN games etc.

Senate felt that abuse of internet has been under monitor by cc authorities. Controlling the abuse and actions against violators was well addressed in the past. Senate recommends the same to be implemented again. But however restricting the access of internet would affect the majority of people; such a thing is not desirable. Senate strongly agrees with control of abuse but should not have time restriction for the same.

After discussing adverse effects of the LAN, senate agreed that LAN access can be stopped from 12AM-6AM (note that internet should be working). This would reduce the adverse effects even though they may not completely vanish. Even it may not solve the problem at all. Considering this senate also requested that if at such a BAN is going to be imposed it should be on trial basis. There should be a proper evaluation process by which the difference can be noticed. Apart from this senate felt that restricting internet will have more damage. There were numerous reasons discussed. Few of them are:

- 1) People interact with abroad people, it will be impossible to use the alternative that will be provided
- 2) People stay in library/lab till late night and generally they spend time for further collection of information once they come back.
- 3) Many times the access is required round the clock (for example train running status etc)

Based on the above it was felt that if the above is not technically possible then putting the blanket LAN BAN would adversely affect the majority of the student community. Considering this student senate feels that there should not be any ban till such a technology is acquired and installed.

Senate also authorized the Internet Usage Committee student members to make the appropriate alternative proposals in the committee if necessary.

All other sub points were differed to next senate meeting.

Item No. 7	Discussion on “Insurance Policy”
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Convener informed the senate that re tendering is under process and new proposal for self insurance will be brought to notice of the senate as soon as it is ready.

Item No. 8	Discussion on “Introduction of Jeevan Vidya in Counseling Service”
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Convener appraised the senate with the discussion held in the summer senate meeting and till date none of the proposals (either from the Student’s or from Administration) has been received.

Item No. 9	Discussion on increased number of suicides in IIT-Kanpur
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Convener informed the senate that Open house could not be held due to time limitations, however it will be held as soon as possible. Once the open house is held the agenda will be taken up again.

Item No. 10	Discussion on issues regarding treatment at Heath Centre
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Convener informed that the cases should be referred to Mr. Manu Agarwal (Health centre committee member). Mr. Manu Agarwal will take appropriate further steps to sort out the problems.

The meeting was concluded at 7:20PM on August 10, 2008.

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