



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



**9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes**

**The 2018-19/9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Saturday, 2nd March, 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.**

<b>S. no.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3.	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
4.	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
5.	Abhishek Aryan	Finance Convener	Present
7.	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
8.	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present*
10.	Sirsendu Sarkar	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
11.	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent#
12.	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
13.	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
14.	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
15.	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
16.	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
17.	Siddhartha Srivastava	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
18.	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
19.	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent
20.	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present



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21.	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22.	Rishab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
23.	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
24.	Ankur Banga	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Absent#
25.	Ashutosh Bajpai	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
26.	Chinmay Goyal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present*
27.	Deepankur Kansal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Absent
30.	Abhishek Verma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
31.	Akshay Bajaj	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
32.	Somya Sharma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
33.	Yogendra Vyas	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
34.	Deepak Singh Attri	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
35.	Hemant Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
36.	Jitendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y17	Present*
37.	Narayan Mishra	Senator, MTech Y17	Absent#
38.	Viswadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y17	Present
41.	Suraj	Senator, MSR	Present
42.	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

\* - Present with Nominee, # - Absent with Permission

The meeting was commenced at 8:44 pm.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings  i) 2018/19 – 6th (Special) Meeting  ii) 2018/19 – 7th (Special) Meeting
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	iii) 2018/19 - 8th (Special) Meeting
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The Chairperson Students' Senate 2018-19 informed the Senate that the minutes of the Meetings were not prepared due to time constraints and gave an assurance to present the same in the next meeting of the Students' Senate.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements, remarks, and questions, if any
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The following announcements were made on the floor of the Senate -

- A Senator informed the Senate that he would need help from the Senate to proceed with his work on a proposal to establish a Driving School in the campus. The Senate directed the President elect to work with the Senator till the Charge Handover Ceremony.
- Mr. Siddharth Srivastava requested the Senate to discuss the issues raised over the mailing list regarding the conduction of Enthusia 2019.  
Both the General Secretary, Games and Sports and the Incoming General Secretary, Games and Sports put forth their viewpoints on the series of events. The General Secretary, Games and Sports claimed that he had no knowledge of the event being conducted and did not know if the relevant permissions and finances of the event were in place. He claimed that the Incoming General Secretary, Games and Sports used his official mail id without his permission and that him nominating the Overall Managers for the event without an interview was a malpractice.  
The Incoming General Secretary, Games and Sports claimed that he was working in consultation with the General Secretary and that the General Secretary himself gave him access to the webmail of [sportsecy@iitk.ac.in](mailto:sportsecy@iitk.ac.in). Him nominating the Overall Managers without an interview was a mistake on his part citing lack of awareness about the practices of the Senate.  
Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.
- President Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that an Investors' Summit was being planned to be organized on 8th March, in the midst of Techkriti 2019, scheduled over the same weekend. Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi was expected to visit the campus for the Summit. It was estimated that Techkriti 2019 might have to face financial losses amounting to around 30-40 lakhs. However, in the middle of the discussion, President



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Students' Gymkhana was informed by the Chief Counsellor that the summit has been cancelled and Techkriti 2019 shall proceed as planned

- A Senator demanded an update from the Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into the finances of Antaragni 2018. The Chairperson Students' Senate informed the Senate that an informal discussion was done. A Senator pointed out that he was not a part of any such discussion despite being a member of the committee. Chairperson, Students' Senate assured the Senate that a formal meeting will be called soon.
- A General Body Member pointed out that a mail was sent over the Hall 12 mailing list warning the residents of the fines to be levied against students feeding dogs within the hall premises. A Senator pointed out that levying fines on feeding stray animals was against the national law. It was stated that the CoSHA had recommended halls to create feeding zones and the Chairperson, CoSHA was asked to take an update on the same.
- A Senator questioned the Senate if the Grievances and Redressal Committee for the General Elections 2019 was active. Chairperson, Students' Senate informed the Senate that the committee was active and was investigating about the malpractices followed in the Elections in lieu of a complaint filed by a General Body Member.
- A Senator raised a concern about the penalty imposed on Peshwas for forcing Y18 students to participate in Galaxy 2019. He claimed that the no penalty was reflected in the pre conduction report. The Chairperson, Students' Senate asked the Senator to raise the aforementioned concern during the presentation of the post conduction report of Galaxy 2019.
- A Senator informed the Senate that the Core Team, Antaragni 2018 had been taking interviews for Core Team, Antaragni 2019 without involving the interview panel in the process. The Chairperson, Students' clarified that no official interviews have been conducted yet and formal interviews in the presence of the panel shall be conducted with an invite to all senators.
- An update on the midterm report of Students' Senate Nominees was demanded. The Chairperson, Students' Senate clarified that given the short time that has elapsed since the appointment of these nominees, it would be rational to have them submit their reports along with the End Term report of Chairperson, Students' Senate.
- It was pointed out that the Merger Review Report was not discussed in an Official Meeting of the Media and Culture Council. The Senate directed the Officiating General Secretary, Media and Culture.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the reply of the Senators issued a Show Cause Notice for the
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	violation of attendance rules of the Senate
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The following Senators were issued a Show Cause Notice for the violation of attendance rules of the Senate and were asked about their respective reasons for the same:

1. Mr. Mayank Chauhan, Senator, BT/BS Y15-

The Senator presented his reasons for violating the attendance rules of the Senate which were accepted by the Senate with the caveat that if the senator missed another meeting without informing the Senate, he would stand removed from his post.

2. Ms. Aayushi Bansal, Senator, BT/BS Y16-

The Senator presented her reasons for violating the attendance rules of the Senate which were accepted by the Senate with the caveat that if the senator missed another meeting without informing the Senate, she would stand removed from her post.

3. Mr. Suraj, Senator, MSR-

The Senator presented his reasons for violating the attendance rules of the Senate which were accepted by the Senate with the caveat that if the senator missed another meeting without informing the Senate, he would stand removed from his post.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the minutes of the meeting of COFA(U)
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The General Secretary, Games and Sports was not present in the meeting and the item was deferred to the next meeting. A General Body Member pointed out that the item had been pending since 23/10/2018. The Senate directed the Chairperson, Students' Senate to send a Show Cause to the General Secretary and the Festival Coordinators of Udghosh 2018.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider the minutes of the meeting of COFA(J)
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The Senate considered the minutes of the meeting of COFA(J) and the following agenda items were discussed.

- To consider the proposed changes in the structure of the body for festival affairs - The Senate agreed in principle that there is a need for a Council of Festival Affairs for delegation and discussion of agenda items related to Festivals. The Senate agreed with the recommendation of COFA(J) to constitute Festival specific standing subcommittees



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of the newly formed Council. Further, it was decided by the Senate that the composition of the newly constituted Council would be along the lines of the proposal by the GRC and not the recommendations made in the COFA(J) since the Senate felt that there would be value addition from the ex-core team members and the model could be tried out.

- The second item of the discussion related to Item 8 of the agenda of the current meeting. The Senate accepted that there was merit in the proposal and the General Secretary needed to be individual responsible for the vision of the Festival.
- The Senate accepted the 1st structure as proposed. It was decided that the festival teams shall be helping in the marketing overtures of the Chief Marketing Officer by providing information through the General Secretary of the respective council.

<b>Item No.6</b>	To consider the post-conduction report of Techkriti'18
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to the absence of the General Secretary, Science and Technology..

<b>Item No. 7</b>	To consider the Interim Reports of the Gymkhana Review Committee (GRC)
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The Convener, Gymkhana Review Committee presented the Festival Review Report. It was noted that the recommendations of the report were discussed previously and there was no new point to discuss.

The Report was accepted by the Senate unanimously.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider a proposal for the formal provision of executive powers to the General Secretary during the respective festival.
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This proposal was discussed in the Joint COFA and was taken up along with the minutes of COFA(J).

<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider a proposal to increase the Gymkhana Fees
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The Senate discussed the proposal and came to a conclusion that despite being in the right spirit, the proposal wasn't detailed enough to take a decision of this magnitude.

The Proposer was asked to come up with a more detailed proposal in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider modifications in the working of the SSAC
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The proposal was discussed by the Senate and the following points were raised -

- A Senator pointed out that a repository of cases considered by the SSAC would not be able to reflect the context in which the decisions were made, without compromising the privacy of the individuals involved. It was assured that it would be the responsibility of the SSAC nominees to prepare the report in a way that the privacy of individuals involved is ensured.
- The Senate felt that the time limit of four semesters given for re appeals needs to be reconsidered. The Senate agreed to remove the given time limit from the proposal.

The Senate directed the SSAC nominees to take up this proposal with the committee in its next meeting.

<b>Item No. 11.</b>	To consider the issue of accessibility in Gymkhana Festivals
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The Proposal was presented on the floor of the Senate by Mr Pawan Patel and the following points were raised.

<b>Item No.12.</b>	To consider for ratification the names of students to the following posts in the Entrepreneurship Cell: 1. Head, Events 2. Head, Startup Development 3. Head, Media and Publicity
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The Senate was of the opinion that the Overall Coordinators of E-Cell must give a valid justification for sending a post-facto ratification list to the Students' Senate.

The Senate deferred this item to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 13.</b>	To consider a proposal for the formation of a Hobby Group for Public Speaking
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 14.</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of an Analytics Hobby Group
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The Proposal was presented on the floor of the Senate and the following points were raised.

- The proposer was questioned on how is the mandate of the Hobby Group different from Programming Club or IITK Consultancy Group. It was clarified that Analytics and Consultancy are two separate fields and the vision of the Hobby Group is to train and educate people about Analytics.

The Proposal was accepted by the Senate and the Hobby Group was formed under the Science and Technology Council. The item was forwarded to the Rules and Procedures Committee update Appendix D accordingly.

<b>Item No. 15.</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of the Students Opinion Cell
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The Proposal was presented on the floor of the Senate and the following points were raised.

- A Senator questioned the need of a Cell to conduct the activities and events mentioned in the proposal. The proposer clarified that being a Hobby Group, Students' Opinion Society had to face difficulties in conducting events of the magnitude they originally envisioned.

The Senate considered the case and decided to make it a club under the Media and Culture Council.

<b>Item No. 16.</b>	To Interview candidates for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni'19
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.