

# Students' Senate

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### **Minutes: 6th Meeting of the Students' Senate- 8th January 2012**

The 6th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2011-12) was held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012. It was called to order at 3:30 pm.

The attendance record of the 2011-12 senators is:

- Total: 55
- Present: 32
- Absent: 23
- Absent with permission: 9

### **1. Announcements and Remarks**

- The General Secretary, Cultural Council announced that the process of reimbursement of bills of the Cultural Council would be started and the President, Students' Gymkhana, Finance Convener and the General Secretary, Cultural Council would look further into the matter.
- The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council announced that three students had qualified the finals of ICPC and that the Aero modeling Club had delivered a commendable performance at the IIT Bombay Tech-fest.
- The President, Student's Gymkhana announced that the E Cell Startup Program had started from this year along with placements to startups.
- The President also announced that a students' lounge was to be set up in the academic area and various venues for the same were currently being examined.
- The President announced that the quotations for the furniture for the new SAC had been received, and would be finalized by the end of January, so that the furniture could arrive by February.
- The Convener, Students' Senate informed the Senate that Mr. Prasad P. Iyer, Head Events (Media & Publicity) had submitted his resignation citing his inability to devote enough time towards the festival. The resignation was accepted by the Senate.
- The Convener informed the Senate that one of the members of the Techkriti 2012 Core Team, Prateek Singh Lodhi, had not satisfied the eligibility criteria

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at the time of application and had submitted incorrect details in his application. The Senate decided that he would henceforth be removed from his post as Head, Security, Techkriti 2012. It was also decided that the matter would be brought to the notice of the Dean, Students' Affairs. The Senate also decided that to prevent such incidents from being repeated in the future, transcripts would be sought from all students applying for the Festival Team Posts.

- The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council announced the indoor gym, Pool Tables and the Rock Climbing Wall in the new Sports/SAC complex had been open.
- The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council also announced that JOSH had been successfully conducted with record participation from the student community.

#### **2. Ratification of minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate 2011-12**

- The ratification of the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Students' Senate was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **3. Ratification of the Schedule for Gymkhana General Elections 2012**

- The schedule for Gymkhana General Elections 2012 was presented by the Chief Election Officer, and was verified by the Senate.

#### **4. Presentation of the Mid Term Report of the Gymkhana Councils**

- The Mid Term Report of the Cultural Council was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council and accepted by the Senate.
- The Mid Term Report of the Games and Sports Council was presented by the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council and accepted by the Senate.
- The Mid Term Report of the Films and Media Council was presented by the General Secretary, Films and Media Council and accepted by the Senate.
- The Mid Term Report of the Science and Technology Council was presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council and accepted by the Senate.

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- The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the Mid-Term Report of the Presidential Council and the office of the President, Students' Gymkhana. Y9 Senator, Jyoti Gupta inquired about the status of a complaint against one of the Doctors from the Health Centre. The President informed the Senate that he would provide an update to the Senate in the next meeting.

### **5. Presentation of Post Conduction Report of Antaragni 2011**

- The Post Conduction Report of Antaragni 2011 was presented by the Festival Coordinators and was accepted by the Senate.
- The recommendation made by the Festival Coordinators regarding the removal of the posts of Head, Professional Shows, and Head, MUN from the Core Team was accepted by the Senate.

### **6. Proposal for the formation of a Board Games and Cards hobby group**

- The proposal for the formation of a Board Games and Cards hobby group was presented by the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council, and was approved by the Senate with a directive that the group should not facilitate gambling in any form.

### **7. Presentation of the Gymkhana Budget after Mid-Term Re-allocation**

- The Gymkhana Budget as presented by the Finance Convener was approved by the Senate.

### **8. Discussion on the need for Automation in Academic and other Institute services**

- The need for automation in academic and other institute services was discussed in the Senate and a committee comprising of the following members was formed by the Senate to come up with a more detailed proposal:
  - Aditya Gupta                      Chair
  - Abhay Jain                          Member
  - Pratik Moona                      Member

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- Priyank Jaini                      Member
- Mohit Sharma                    Member
- Vibhav Agarwal                 Member
- Abhishek Kar                    Member

## **9. Presentation of Gymkhana Calendar for the year 2011-12 II Semester.**

- The Gymkhana Calendar for the year 2011-12 was circulated by the Convener, Students' Senate and was approved.

## **10. Presentation of the Pre-conduction report and Preliminary Finance report of Techkriti 2012.**

- The Pre-conduction report and Preliminary Finance report of Techkriti 2012 were presented by the Festival Coordinators and was accepted by the Senate.

## **11. Discussion on the recommendations of the SPO with regard to the Academic Calendar.**

- The SPO informed the Senate that in their opinion the End-Semester Exams ending close to the placement season adversely affects the placements. The Senate agreed with the concerns of the SPO and it was decided that a letter shall be sent to the Dean, Academic Affairs informing him of the same.

## **12. Presentation of the proposed Constitutional Amendment submitted by the committee to look into the feasibility of No-Preference vote in the Gymkhana Elections.**

- The committee to look into the feasibility of No-Preference vote which had been constituted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate was submitted its proposal for the Constitutional Amendment. The Senate voted on the same and the amendment was passed with consensus. The proposed amendment is available in the Appendix.

## **13. Proposal regarding construction of woman's toilets in boys' hostels.**

- The item was deferred to the next Senate meeting.

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#### **14. Discussion on the need to have an Ayurveda consultant at the Health Centre.**

- The proposal was presented by a General Body Member. It was decided that feed-back would be taken from the students with the help of the proposer, HCUC nominee and the President regarding the need for an Ayurveda consultant.

#### **15. Proposal regarding names not being written on Answer Sheets in Examinations**

- The proposal was presented by the Y9 Senator Ankit Bhutani and was discussed at length in the Senate. However, it was decided that the action may not be in the right spirit and hence was not taken forward by the Senate.

#### **16. Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

- There were no such items.

#### **17. Announcements and Remarks**

- Himanshu Pandey, Senator Y10 made a request to the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council regarding improvement of the travelling conditions of the contingent going for the Inter IIT Sports Tournament. The General Secretary responded by saying that an attempt to improve the travelling conditions would be made and would most probably be implemented for all the councils by next year.
- Karthik Balasundaram raised the issue of there not being enough coaches for the General Body Members for the various games and sports. The General Secretary, Games and Sports council said that this was due to the problem of the lack of adequate number of coaches and would be taken up at the institute level, and would be rectified when new coaches are appointed.
- Himanshu Pandey, Senator Y10 questioned the COSHA Convener regarding the minimum wages issue for mess workers. The COSHA convener assured him that the issue would be dealt with after discussion in the next COSHA meeting and the Hall wardens.

**The 6th Meeting of the Students' Senate was adjourned by the Convener, Students' Senate at 9:30 pm.**

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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)	Present
9	Senator, UG Y8	Kewal Dharamshi (Y8248)	Absent*
10	Senator, UG Y8	Lalit Garg (Y8265)	Absent
11	Senator, UG Y8	Priyam Sachan (Y8370)	Present
12	Senator, UG Y8	Robin C. Sharma (Y8422)	Present
13	Senator, UG Y8	Rohan Sharma (Y8423)	Absent
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)	Absent
20	Senator, UG Y9	Vishal Kumar (Y9660)	Present
21	Senator, UG 10	Abhiroop Bhatnagar (10015)	Present
22	Senator, UG 10	Himanshu Pandey (10300)	Absent*
23	Senator, UG 10	Priyank Jaini (10538)	Absent
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, UG 11	Abhilash Shukla	Present
30	Senator, UG 11	Akash Chandra	Present
32	Senator, UG 11	Ankur Atul Agarwal	Present
32	Senator, UG 11	Anurag Sahay	Present

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33	Senator, UG 11	Iffat Siddiqui	Present
34	Senator, UG 11	Sarthak Chandra	Present
35	Senator, UG 11	Shouvik Sachdeva	Absent*
36	Senator, UG 11	Shreyansh Singh	Absent
37	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Russel Aziz	Absent*
38	Senator, M.Tech. 10	A Krishna Phaneendra	Present
39	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Kishore Vedavyasan	Absent
40	Senator, M.Tech. 10	Manda Avinash	Absent*
41	Senator, M.Tech.11	Vamshi Krishna Ramagiri	Absent*
42	Senator, M.Tech.11	Sandeep Kumar	Absent*
43	Senator, M.Tech.11	Shamim Hasan	Present
44	Senator, M.Tech.11	Arvind Kumar	Absent
45	Senator, Ph.D	Karthik Balasundaram	Present
46	Senator, Ph.D	Abhinav R. Dehadrai	Present
47	Senator, Ph.D	Shyam Kumar	Absent
48	Senator, Ph.D	Anupam Soni	Absent
49	Senator, Ph.D	Kumar Gaurav	Present
50	Senator, Ph.D	Venugopal Swami Punati	Absent
51	Senator, Ph.D	Ashish Bhateja	Absent
52	Senator, Ph.D	Ambuj Pandey	Present
53	Senator, Ph.D	Rekha Raja	Absent*
54	Senator, MBA + M.Des. + Other Equivalent Masters Program, Y10	Ankit Chugh	Absent*
55	Senator, MBA + M.Des. + Other Equivalent Masters Program, Y11	Sunil Kumar	Absent



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## APPENDIX

The existing section is as follows-

3.03 “The President and General Secretaries of Games, Cultural, Films & Media and Science & Technology respectively shall be elected from the General Body on the basis of one single transferable preferential voting system i.e. if there are  $n$  candidates, voters shall be required to give  $(n-1)$  preferences.

Counting shall be done in successive round. In the first round first preference votes only shall be counted and the candidate with the least first preference votes shall be declared unsuccessful. In the next round, second preference votes of the un-successful candidates shall be added to the first preference count of continuing candidates and again the candidate with the lowest tally shall be declared unsuccessful. This procedure shall be repeated until all but one candidate, who shall be declared successful, secures 50 percent of the total valid votes cast.”

The proposed section is as follows-

“3.03 (a) The President and General Secretaries of Games, Cultural, Films & Media and Science & Technology respectively shall be elected from the General Body on the basis of the **following system - if there are  $n$  candidates, voters shall be required to give either a no preference vote or  $(n-1)$  preferences. However, in the case of a single candidate, the voter will either give a no preference vote or a vote in favour of the contesting candidate.**

**(b) If the number of no-preferences is greater than 50% of the total valid votes cast, than the election of that post stands void and each of the candidates shall be barred from further nominations to the post of President or General Secretary. A re-election would be held with no option of a no-preference vote. i.e. for  $n$  candidates voters shall be required to give  $(n-1)$  preferences. Counting shall be done as per 3.03 (d).**

**(c) However, if the number of no-preferences is less 50% of the total valid votes cast then the no-preference votes would be discarded and counting of the rest of the votes would be held in the following manner.**

(d) Counting shall be done in successive rounds. In the first round, only the first preference votes shall be counted and the candidate with the least first preference votes shall be declared unsuccessful. In the next round, second preference votes of the un-successful candidates shall be added to the first preference count of continuing candidates and again the candidate with the lowest tally shall be declared unsuccessful. This procedure shall be repeated until all but one candidate, who shall be declared successful, secures 50 % of the valid votes remaining after discarding



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the no preference votes.”