



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



2nd Emergency Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes

The 2018-19/2nd Emergency Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Wednesday, 13th March 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 9:30 PM, on requisition by the President Students' Gymkhana.

no.	Name	Post	Status
1.	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3.	Anshumali Prakash	General Secretary, Media and Cultural	Present
4.	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
5.	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
6.	Ahir Sudhendu Prashant	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent
7.	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
8.	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
9.	Sohail Saifi	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
10.	Sirsendu Sarkar	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
11.	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
12.	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent
13.	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
14.	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
15.	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent
16.	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
17.	Siddhartha Srivastava	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
18.	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent
19.	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present



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20.	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
21.	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22.	Risab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent
23.	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
24.	Ankur Banga	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
25.	Ashutosh Bajpai	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Absent
26.	Chinmay Goyal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
27.	Deepankur Kansal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
28.	Prince Pratap Singh	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
29.	Shivam Rajoriya	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
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	Present
38.	Danish Abbas	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
39.	Karanvir Singh Bhatia	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
40.	Viswadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y17	Present
41.	Mallidi Lakshmana Sudheer Reddy	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y18	Present
42.	Ajay Vallabh	Senator, MSR	Present
43.	Suraj	Senator, MSR	Present
44.	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

* - Present with Nominee # - Absent with Permission

The meeting was commenced at 9:46 pm.



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The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To discuss the decision taken by the Grievance Redressal Committee on the results of General Elections, 2019 and to decide on the way forward for the Students' Gymkhana.
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The Grievance Redressal Committee (Grievance Redressal Committee) has taken the decision to cancel

the elections for the posts of President, Students' Gymkhana, General Secretary, Media and Culture and one post of Senator, BT/BS Y18.

The Senate requested for the exact Grievance Redressal Committee report to which the Chief Election Officer and the members of Grievance Redressal Committee responded that they were not authorized to state the same since a formal report has not yet arrived. Dean of Students' Affairs had mailed Three recommendations of Grievance Redressal Committee to the Chief Election Officer and the Chief Election officer would disclose those after the opinions from the senate.

Few General Body Members believed that the a month after the main election was not sufficient for by elections.

The Chairperson Students' Senate mentioned that the Senate can request Director to overturn the Grievance Redressal Committee decisions, on request for the scope for the same.

The main point of view in the meetings were to consider for an early by-election or to consider for the officiating posts till the next by-elections.

The President Students' Gymkhana argued that the decisions of the Grievance Redressal Committee were forwarded to the Chairperson Students' Senate and the electorate for the Chairperson Students' Senate was reduced. General Body member, Shivam continued the idea by mentioning that the officiating President has an edge to become the President hence by-elections should be considered.



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Senate requested the Grievance Redressal Committee members for the timeline for the formal report and push it forward as soon as possible.

The candidates whose nominations were cancelled, reflected that they were not informed the exact reasons for the same. The Grievance Redressal Committee representatives were asked for the same but they too didn't had a formal comment.

Akshay Bajaj, Senator MTech. Y18, raised that the decisions and the functioning of the Grievance Redressal Committee should not be questioned.

Parliamentarian Students' Senate mentioned the constitution clause that the President Students' Gymkhana should be elected by the General Body.

General Secretary Games and Sports argued that the candidate should themselves appeal for overturning the decision, but Students' Senate should not appeal the same.

Few members of senate believed that discussion over the results of Grievance Redressal Committee may set a bad precedent since such was not discussed earlier and should be done only if serious procedural flaws were found.

Grievance Redressal Committee representative, Abbas, asked the senate to discuss the basis of discussion of the report when formally stated.

Senate pointed that the candidates, whose nominations were cancelled should point the procedural flaws that they felt.

The Parliamentarian recommended that the senate should also discuss the procedure and logistics for the by-elections. Some members felt that considering for the by-election was implicitly pointing that the senate accepted the Grievance Redressal Committee decisions. The Chairperson Students' Senate clarified that a plan can be discussed without any implication of acceptance of the report. A General Body Member, Sakshi, also pointed that pros/cons of both April as well as August by-election should be discussed.

The President Students' Gymkhana also pointed the concerns for member handling multiple positions.



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It was clarified by the Chairperson Students' Senate that the officiating charge is in consideration with the Joint Senate.

Cons of by-elections are the clash with SRC, HEC election, Games and Sports Selection and other time related issues.

It was pointed by the senate that the call for nominations of the officiating post should be circulated to general body which was not the case for the officiating General Secretary Media and Culture.

The Chief Election Officer presented the three points sent by the Dean of Students' Affairs.

- Cancellation of election of candidates for the posts of President, Students' Gymkhana, General Secretary, Media and Culture and one post of Senator, BT/BS Y18.
- Banning Mr. Abhishek Singh, Ms. Aayushi Bansal and Mr. Harsh Thakur for contesting in further elections.
- Banning Y18 Senator, Yatesh for contesting in General Body elections till 2020.

The President Students' Gymkhana commented that executive and senate are independent wings and should be treated separately.

Shivam, General Body Member, proposed a plan for the by-election specifying that the nomination to be called before the SRC and five days then for campaigning.

The President Students' Gymkhana mentioned that the officiating procedure should be considered as a mistake and in case of emergency the General Secretaries shall hold the officiating charge for the other post since elected by the general body, also in this situation there is sufficient time for by-election. To which the Parliamentary Students' Senate can elect officiating post and hence not a constitutional violation. The President Students' Gymkhana reverted that "officiating" not mentioned in constitution, there are few dire situations like "exams", "vacation" or "multiple times NOTA" in which this should be considered.

The Senate reflected that since there were lot of events in clash, idea of shifting the events to the following week should also be considered. The Chief Election Officer also raised the concerns such as lack of manpower, stricter vigilance and concerns of senate with the same Election Commission.



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The meeting was called off by the Chairperson Students' Senate since required quorum was not present.