

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Students' Gymkhana

Date: March 16, 2008

Draft Minutes of the joint Meeting of the Students' Senate held on March 12 and 13, 2008 in SAC conference room.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:52 pm.

Attendance Record on March 12:	Total: 37	Present: 34	Absent: 3
Attendance Record on March 13:	Total: 37	Present: 23	Absent: 14

Post	Name	12-03-08	13-03-08
President, Students' Gymkhana	Anurag Sujania	Present	Present
General Secretary, Cultural Council	Anuj Gupta	Present	Present
General Secretary, Sports Council	Abhishek Tewari	Present	Present
General Secretary, S&T Council	Abhineet Gupta	Present	Absent*
General Secretary, F&M Council	Ramik Sadana	Present	Present
Senator, UG Y3 (5 year program)	Rahul Verma	Present	Present
Senator, UG Y4 (5 year program)	Shubham Goel	Present	Present
Senator, UG Y4 (4 year program)	Kshitij Saxena	Present	Present
-do-	Mudit Kumar Jain	Present	Present
-do-	Puneet Gupta	Absent*	Absent*
-do-	Vishal jain	Present	Absent*
Senator, UG Y5	Ananya Pareek	Present	Present
-do-	Ankit Sachan	Present	Present
-do-	Ashank Mittal	Present	Absent*
-do-	Chetan Sharma	Present	Present
-do-	Himanshu Govil	Present	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Abhishek Khetan	Present	Present

-do-	Ashish Agrawal	Present	Present
-do-	Manu Agarwal	Present	Present
-do-	Mohit Kumar Jolly	Present	Present
-do-	Tanmay Shekhar	Present	<i>Absent*</i>
Senator, UG Y7	Anurag Bhagat	Present	Present
-do-	Harmeet Singh	Present	Present
-do-	Palash Soni	Present	<i>Absent</i>
-do-	Prabhakar Misra	Present	<i>Absent*</i>
-do-	Vivek Agarwal	Present	<i>Absent*</i>
Senator, M.Tech Y6	Arun Raghvan	Present	Present
-do-	Gurulakshmi	Present	Present
Senator, M.Tech. Y7	Chiranjeevi P. B.	<i>Absent*</i>	<i>Absent*</i>
-do-	MD Ayaz	Present	<i>Absent*</i>
-do-	V V R S Pradeep	Present	<i>Absent*</i>
Senator Y7, other Equivalent Masters Program	Shivam Gupta	Present	<i>Absent</i>
Senator, Ph.D.	Indranuj Dey	Present	Present
-do-	K Sudheendra Rao	Present	Present
-do-	Suman Banerjee	Present	Present
-do-	Mekala B	Present	<i>Absent*</i>
-do-	Gorky Shaw	<i>Absent*</i>	<i>Absent*</i>

*** With Permission**

Item No. 1	Ratification of the Draft Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Students' Senate.
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Minutes were ratified by senate.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks
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- (a) The President, Student Gymkhana made the following Announcements :
- Dhvani Group organised a workshop on 12th of March, 2007.
 - Mr. R K Mishra an IIT Kanpur alumni and Lead India Winner will be giving a talk under the GLDC.
 - The dates for Nostalgia – 2008 were ratified for 4th April 2008.
- (b) Convener, Students Senate gave Welcome Note and Remarks.
- (c) General Secretary, Science and Technology invited the senators to attend the interviews for the Coordinators for the various clubs which would be conducted on 13th March at the Conference Room SAC

Item No. 3	Submission of action take reports
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Hard copy of action take reports was submitted to the senate.

Item No. 4	Charge handover of General Secretary, Games and Sports
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Incoming general secretary, games and Sports Council was asked by the Convener, Students Senate to explain the reason for his absence in the meeting. On which the general Secretary Games and Sports said that he attended the gymkhana day celebrations but could not attend the joint senate meeting as he received an urgent call from his home and had to leave immediately. The senate accepted the explanation. Convener, Students Senate asked the general Secretary Games and Sports to submit a written explanation and circulate the same on the senate list.

Charge was then handed over to Incoming General Secretary, Games and Sports Council Mr. Abhishek Tiwari by the outgoing General Secretary, Games and Sports Council Mr. Rohit Bishnoi.

Item No. 5	Election of the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate
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Mr. Ashish Agarwal was elected as the new Parliamentarian of the Students' Senate. The acting Parliamentarian, Mr. Chirag Mittal, handed over charge to Mr. Ashish Agarwal.

Item No. 6	Election of the Finance Convener, Students' Senate.
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Mr. Ashank Mittal was elected as the new Finance Convener of the Students' Senate by majority.

Item No. 7	Election of the members for the various standing committees of the students' senate
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Elected Members of the various standing committees of the Students Senate are as follows:

A. Emergency Committee

- Y3 Rahul Verma
- Y4 Mudit Kumar Jain
- Y5 Chetan Sharma
- Y6 Abhishek Khetan
- Y7 Prabhakar Misra
- PG Arun Raghvan
- Mekala B
- Indernauj
- GH Guru lakshmi

B. Finance Committee

- 1. Kshitj Saxena
- 2. Abhishek khetan

C. Steering Committee

- 1. Vivek Agarwal
- 2. Arun Raghvan

D. Rules and Procedure Committee

- 1. Rahul Verma
- 2. Mekala B

E. Nomination Committee

- 1. Rahul Verma
- 2. Suman Banerjee

F. Committee of Students' Hostel Affairs (COSHA)

Mohit Jolly (Senator, UG Y6) was elected as the new In-charge of Hostel Affairs. Other Members of COSHA are Ananya Pareek and Himanshu Govil.

G. Under-Graduate Students' Academic Affairs Committee (UGSAAC)

- 1. Manu Agarwal
- 2. Chetan Sharma

H. Post-Graduate Students' Academic Affairs Committee (PGSAAC)

- 1. Gurulakshmi
- 2. Indranuj Dey

I. Health Center Committee

1. Manu Agarwal

Above names were ratified in the senate for the members of respective Standing Committees.

Item No. 8	Ratification of the new Overall Placement Coordinators(OPC)
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As per the request of the senate the new proposed OPCs were present in the senate meeting. The names of the proposed OPCs were then ratified by the Senate

Item No. 9	Ratification of the names of Coordinators, GLDC
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President, Students Gymkhana informed the senate that he received 4 nominations for the post of Coordinator, GLDC. Out of them after the interviews he proposed the names of Mr. Ankit Paliwal and Mr. Manish Kumar Verma.

The names were ratified provisionally subject to the condition that the President students Gymkhana circulates a mail with the names of the proposed coordinators and if no objection is raised in the next 72 hours then the names be considered as ratified.

Item No. 10	To note the 6th and 8th meeting minutes of the finance committee
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Finance Convener listed the minute's of the finance committee. The issue of SPIC MACAY was brought to the notice of the senate. On enquiry by the Finance convener Mr. Summet Kale, then General Secretary, Cultural Council said that he was not aware of any such money collection being done by the SPIC MACAY. The Convener, Students Gymkhana then requested the present Cultural Secretary Mr. Anuj Gupta to initiate appropriate action.

Another issue that was brought to the light of the Senate was regarding the purchase of the Projector. As this was another agenda item, discussion on this was postponed.

The Finance Convener gave few recommendations the Senate. The Convener Student Senate then requested the Finance convener to prepare a proposal on the lines of his recommendations and present the same on the floor of the senate.

The convener also requested all the General Secretaries and the President Student Gymkhana to present their tentative budgets before 31 March.

The minutes of the Finance Committee were noted by the Senate.

Item No. 11	Discussion on proposed budget Reallocation
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Subjected to satisfactory explanation in matter of projector, Cultural Council, Science and Technology Council and the Games & Sports council Budgets were ratified.

Item No. 13	Discussion on “Conduction of Student Festivals and Interviews of various festivals”
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Few senators felt that timing the constitutional amendments which took place are after the elections. A general body member cited that there has to be an incubation period for the proposal to take effect. After discussions it was felt that, the main problem was whether we should give an exemption this year or not. As this postponement requires a constitution amendment, majority of the senators felt that the delay which occurs due to this is acceptable to them. Since the interviews are anyways had to be held, discussion on interview panel was started.

Also Majority of senators felt that ex-president and respective general secretaries are not required to be included in the panel. For the question why experienced people aren't are not being included, reasons cited were we have already representation from the experienced people (the festival coordinator and the respective head), we have involved the persons who are involved in the festival this year (Gen Secy), we have chief executive of the gymkhana (President) and representation of senate (convener). Ex-president and Ex-convener are representing the gymkhana and senate, but now we have current president and convener so last year executives need not be included. At this point one of the general body member made a remark that “For the past four hours the senate has been discussing the issue just to remove some members from the Panel”.

As the nominations that were called for udgosh did not receive sufficient applications Re-nominations should be called by Convener Students' senate.

Item No. 15	Discussion on “Proposal for Entrepreneurship Cell (E-cell)” under Student's Gymkhana
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There was a committee which was constituted for this purpose in the earlier senate, the current proposal doesn't seem to incorporate those comments/corrections and hence a new proposal for the E Cell must be put in the next senate meeting, keeping in mind the committee's report.

Item No. 16	Discussion on the post of Placement Preparation Coordinator (PPC)
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Discussion started with whether need of that post, but there were concerns regarding creating such posts is it necessary?

As the discussion doesn't seem to end the meeting was adjourned for the day at 2:30am on March 13, 2008. And a continuation meeting was called on March 13, 2008 at 9:00PM

The Senate meeting resumed at 9:23 pm on 13th March, 2008.

Senators present felt that the placement preparation is, or at least should be, under the purview of the SPO and the OPCs and there OPCs should be able to delegate this work to a team with one person taking up the overall responsibility of that team.

Majority of the senators were in favor of the proposal. A committee was formed to define the post of role of the Placement Preparation Coordinator. The committee consists of:

- 1) Mr. Rahul Sharma (current OPC)(convener)
- 2) Mr. Anand Verma (previous OPC)
- 3) Mr. Anuraj Sujania (President, Students' Gymkhana)(Chair)
- 4) Mr. Arun Raghavan (Senator, Y6 MTech)

The committee will submit its report on or before 31th Mar, 2008.

Item No. 12	Proposal for procuring 4500 Lumens LCD Projector
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Since clarifications were required from the previous General Secretary, FMC, the remaining Gymkhana executives of the previous Senate, and the members of the Finance Committee this item was subsequently deferred to the next meeting, and General Secy, FMC was directed to request all the concerned members to be present in the next senate meeting.

The Convener requested the current executives to take appropriate care in such matters.

Item No. 18	Discussion on “Proposal for the skating club” under Sports Council
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General Secretary, Games and Sports Council, felt that he requires further information regarding this proposal. The General Secretary said that a club may not be required for promoting skating, and moreover sufficient funds can be provided for this without the formation of a club. A committee was formed to analyze the proposal for a Skating Club and make its recommendation. The committee consists of:

- 1) Mr. Abhishek Tiwari, as Chairman (General Secretary, Games and Sports)
- 2) Mr. Shubham Goel, as Convenor (Proposer)
- 3) Mr. Rohit Bishnoi (previous General Secretary, Games and Sports)
- 4) Mr. Adarsh Dubele (Proposer)

The committee is to submit its report before the next meeting.

Item No. 14	"Discussion on Enhancement of fellowships for M. Tech Students and arrears for PhD and M.Tech Students as per the MHRD Circular"
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The Convener updated the senate with the following information:

1. Only 4 IITs have begun payment of the enhanced scholarship to PhD students from Feb. 2008 (IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur and IIT Delhi). IISc is the only institute which has done this for both PhD and Masters' students.

2. IITK administration is making its best efforts in the direction of the same.
3. A letter has been received by the President requesting that the payment of enhanced scholarship to M. Techs commence in 15 days. He will be going to put this forth to the Director in the coming few days.
4. The Finance Committee, which is to meet on Mar 14th, 2008, will be discussing the matter, particularly in respect to the students who are graduating this semester. The President and Convener will convey the updates to the students.
5. With regards to IISc, it is not a part of the Council of IITs, and is thus not under the same administrative norms.

A comment was made that there is a contradiction being made: a notice circulated to all students' states that the MHRD notice is not in the form as an order. It was pointed out that since the PhD students are being provided an enhanced scholarship despite this, MTech students should be provided the same.

It was concluded that the Senate appreciates the efforts of the President and Convenor towards resolution of this issue and requests them to continue pursuit of the same.

Item No. 17	Discussion on "Hall Allocation Policy" for this year
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Since the President has not received sufficient information on this matter from the previous President, this matter could not be presented. This may be taken up in the Special Senate meeting to be called for the conduction of interviews of festival coordinators.

Item No. 19	"Proper Academic calendar and Dates for all Student festivals of year 2008-2009"
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Clarification was provided that the proposal was regarding the Gymkhana Calendar and not the Academic Calendar. The General Secretaries were asked to start in this direction and provide a tentative calendar for major events to start with. It was also requested that the dates of hall functions be kept in mind. Once the submission is done discussion can be taken up in the next meeting.

Item No. 20	"Gymkhana Budget 08-09"
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This agenda point has been already referred under item no 10. The general secretaries and the president have been requested to submit a tentative budget by march 31, 2008 to finance committee.

Item No. 21	Questions and Remarks
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A question was raised about the fact that the reversal of the LAN and Computer ban has not yet been implemented. No office order has been sent for this reversal. The administration is to be asked about the same.

The current practice of the President of the Students' Gymkhana signing certificates of Senators was brought up. It was felt that this should not be practiced since the certificate may be seen as a form of evaluation of performance, and since the Senate does not fall under the jurisdiction of the President, his/her signature is not appropriate.

Item No. 22	Any other item with the permission of chair
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a) Ratification of the new post secretary, Students' Senate for year 2008-09

A notice in this regard has been already circulated among the senate list, and also in the meeting regarding the new ad-hoc post Secretary, Students' Senate. Senate ratified the post for the year 2008-09.

The Meeting was concluded at 11:27 pm on March 13, 2008.

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Convener, Students' Senate
Student's Gymkhana.