

## Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Students' Gymkhana

**Date: May 2, 2007**

Draft Minutes of the joint Meeting of the Students' Senate held on March 20, 2007 in SAC Conference Room.

**The Meeting was called to order at 10:16 pm.**

Attendance Record:              Total: 37              Present: 30              Absent: 07

Post	Name	Sign.
President, Students' Gymkhana	Arvind Kothari	Present
General Secretary, S & T Council	K. Ashwin	Present
General Secretary, Cultural Council	Sumeet Kale	Present
General Secretary, Games Council	Rohit Kumar Bishnoi	Present
General Secretary, Films Council	Vaibhav Singhal	Present
Senator, UG Y2 (Dual)	Ankit Soni	Present
Senator, UG Y3 (Dual)	Chirag Mittal	Present
Senator, UG Y3	Piyush Singh	<b>Absent</b>
--	Ravi Bhadauria	<b>Absent</b>
--	Siddharth Kirtikar	Present
Senator, UG Y4	Ankur Aggarwal	Present

--	Ankit Sharma	Present
--	Rahul Singh Parihar	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
--	Sanjay Katheria	Present
--	Nishith Khantal	Present
Senator, UG Y5	Anurag Sujania	Present
--	Kirodi Lal Meena	Present
--	Mohd. Asif Khan	Present
--	Suchit Singh	Present
--	Taru Agarwal	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Ashish Agarwal	Present
--	N. Mrithyunjayan	Present
--	G. Sai Srinivas Kiran	Present
--	Sharad Kohli	Present
--	Tarun Katiyar	Present
Senator, M.B.A. + M.Des. Y5	V. Santosh Anand	Present
Senator, M.B.A. + M.Des. Y6	S. Sankar Anand	Present

Senator, M.Tech Y5	Deepshikha Priyadarshani	Present
Senator, M.Tech Y6	Monika Nain	Present
--	Ravi Bajpai	Present
--	Sumant Kumar	<b><i>Absent With Permission</i></b>
Senator, Ph.D	Akhlaq Husain	Present
--	Anand Narayan Pandey	Present
--	Sarvesh Kumar Tripathi	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
--	Sumit Kumar Mishra	<b><i>Absent With Permission</i></b>
--	Sushil Kumar Tomar	<b><i>Absent</i></b>
--	Vivek Sangwan	Present

<b>Item No. 1</b>	<b>Ratification of the Draft Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting and that of the Joint Meeting of Students' Senate.</b>
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The Convener, Chirag Mittal informed the Senate that the Draft Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting and that of Joint Meeting are not yet ready and shall be presented for ratification in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	<b>Announcements and Remarks</b>
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Convener, Chirag Mittal announced in the senate that he will be sending an invitation to all the Hall Presidents to attend the meeting of Students' Senate as a special invitee.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	<b>Election of the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate</b>
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Ph.D. Senator, Mr. Vivek Sangwan, was elected as the new Parliamentarian of the Students' Senate by majority. The Parliamentarian, Mr. Cherian Varkey Mathew, handed over charge to Mr. Vivek Sangwan.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	<b>Election of the Finance Convener, Students' Senate</b>
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Senator Y4 Batch, Mr. Nishit Khantal was elected as the new Finance Convener of the Students' Senate, Students' Gymkhana 2007-08.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	<b>Election of the members for the various standing committees of the students' senate</b>
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Elected Members of the various standing committees of the Students Senate are as follows:

#### **A. Emergency Committee**

- Y2     Ankit Soni
- Y4     Ankur Agarwal
- Y5     Kirodi Lal Meena
- Y6     Sharad Kholi
- PG     Ravi (Y6 Senator)
- Shankar Anand (M.B.A. Senator)
- Akhlaq Husain (Ph.D. Senator)
- GH     Monika Nain

#### **B. Finance Committee**

- 1. G.Sai Srinivas Kiran
- 2. Ankit Sharma

#### **C. Steering Committee**

- 1. Tarun Katiyar
- 2. Monika Nain

**D. Rules and Procedure Committee**

1. Akhlaq Husain
2. N. Mrithyunjayan

**E. Nomination Committee**

1. Ashish Agarwal
2. S. Shankar Anand

**F. Committee of Students' Hostel Affairs (COSHA)**

Anurag Sujania (Senator, UG Y5) was elected as the new In-charge of Hostel Affairs.

Other Members of COSHA are Taru Agarwal and Ankur Agarwal.

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

1. Sanjay Katheria
2. Mohd. Asif Khan

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

1. Ravi Bajpai
2. S. Sankar Anand

**I. Health Center Committee**

1. Suchit Singh

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

<b>Item No. 6</b>	<b>Ratification of the new Overall Placement Coordinators</b>
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President, Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that interviews for the post OPC, Students' Placement Council, were held on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Presidents' office. Following members were present in the Interview Panel:

- 1) Arvind Kothari, President
- 2) Chirag Mittal, Convener Students' Senate
- 3) Chinmay Agnihotri, UG coordinator, SPC
- 4) Saurabh Aneja, PG coordinator, SPC
- 5) Anirudh Harlalka, Ex-President, Students' Gymkhana

The panel finalized the following names, for the different posts in SPC, by a simple majority and put to ratification in Senate:

UG OPC:	Ankit Jain
Dual OPC:	Anand Verma
PG OPC:	A. Sameerkumar Sarma

The above names were ratified in the Senate.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	<b>Ratification of the members of interview panel for Festival Coordinator, Antragini, 2007</b>
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General Secretary, Cultural proposed the following members for the interview panel for the selection of Festival Coordinator, Antragni 2007.

1. Nishant Singh
2. Sumeet Kale
3. Arvind Kothari
4. Mayank Mandava
5. Mudit Mittal
6. Saurabh Singhal
7. Mridul Barsaiya

The above panel was ratified in the Senate.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	<b>Discussion Regarding renaming SFS as Students' Films and Media Council</b>
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The item was proposed by Mr. Arvind Kothari and Mr. Vaibhav Singhal. The proposal was found suitable for a constitutional amendment. Hence, Mr. Singhal was asked to prepare the proposal in the form of a Constitutional amendment and present before the senate so that the proposal can be forwarded to Rules and Procedure Committee for their comments as described in section 4.5, Appendix 1 of the Constitution.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	<b>Proposal for the appointment of "Student Liaison Officer" for Alumni Association</b>
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President, Arvind Kothari proposed that to have an interface between students and Alumni association, there is a need to have a post of "Student Liaison Officer". He proposed himself for this post as he is already involved with the alumni association in one or the other ways.

Senate agreed upon this post and a few members commented that this may be in a good interest of the Student Community as this will also help SPO and many other student bodies. However, a few Senators objected if it will be possible for the president to devote enough time

<b>Item No. 10</b>	<b>Discussion regarding dates for M. Tech thesis defense</b>
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President, Mr. Arvind Kothari addressed the senate over the issue and said that since there is no compulsion on the side of the thesis supervisor and the student to present the status of their M. Tech thesis before a predefined date which results in the extension of degree for many M.Tech students. Hence it was decided that Mr. Arvind Kothari and Mr. Chirag Mittal, Convener along with other dual degree/M.Tech Students of senate, Mr. Ankit Soni and Ms. Priyadarshani will meet respected DOAA for the same.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	<b>Briefing of Megabucks-2007 by Mayank Jain, Megabuck Coordinator</b>
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Megabuck coordinator Mr. Mayank Jain briefed the senate regarding the event. He informed the senate about various events being launched this year for the first time.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	<b>Discussion on “Proposal for Entrepreneurship Cell (E-cell)” under Student’s Gymkhana</b>
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Two general body members, Mr. Charu Dutt and Mr. Mayank Jain presented the proposal for the entrepreneurship cell in IIT-Kanpur. Convener, Mr. Chirag Mittal expressed thanks to the general body members for taking such an initiative on behalf of senate and said that such participations from general body members are always encouraged in the Students’ Gymkhana.

One of the senators enquired about the status of such cells in other IITs and it was clarified by Mr. Charu that it exists in other IITs as well like IIT-Bombay, IIT-KGP and IIT-Roorkee.

Another objection was raised by General Secretary S&T Council that it may result in the complete loss of the interest of B-Club in S&T Council. The senate debated this point in length and agreed upon the fact that E-Cell has much wider aspect in terms of its objectives and functioning. It was also concluded that B-Club has a different objective than E-Cell and hence there does not seem to be much conflict.

Finally it was concluded that the senate seems to be in agreement with the requirement of E-Cell in IIT Kanpur, however, it was felt the senate need more time to think over the issue and hence the senators were requested to go through the proposal once again and give their feedback. In the mean time, General Secretary, S&T Council was asked to discuss his issues with Mr. Mayank Jain and Mr. Charu and sort out the issue.

<b>Item No. 13</b>	<b>Proposal for the formation of General Affairs Committee as a standing committee of Students’ Senate</b>
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Convener, Mr. Chirag Mittal addressed the issue and said that there is a need of a committee to look into the matters other than cc and newsgroup vigilance and hence he proposed for a General Affairs Committee (GAC) with following functions:

1. C.C Vigilance
2. News Group Vigilance
3. Resolving any general problem brought to the notice of GAC members and forwarding their recommendations to Senate.
4. Taking Feedback from General Body and Administration, if required

He informed the senate that he will present the proposal for this as a standing committee in the fore coming meetings. Till then an Ad-hoc committee was constituted with following members:

1. Mr. Chirag Mittal (Convener)
2. Mr. Arvind Kothari
3. Mr. Vivek Sangwan

This ad-hoc committee, with the above structure and functions, was ratified in the senate.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	<b>Discussion on “Enquiry of respected DOSA on problem of computer addiction in IITK Students”</b>
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The issue was discussed in the senate with various problems and their possible solution. After the issue was debated it was felt that the inputs from executives are very important and hence all the executives were asked to meet and present their proposal in front of the senate in next meetings.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	<b>Questions and Remarks</b>
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Following remarks were made on the floor of the senate:

1. Meetings should be held on Fridays
2. Convener asked the senate members to send a write up and other details along with their agenda so that other senators get some time to think over the issue.
3. A hardcopy of the Gymkhana Constitution should be made available to the senate members.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	<b>Any other item with the permission of chair</b>
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Following Items were brought to the notice of the chair:

1. Discussion on keeping the motorized vehicle by students: The case was presented by one of the senator and the item was forwarded to GAC on request of president to look into the matter and present in the next meetings.
2. Proposal for Galaxy Redrafting Committee (GRC): The item was proposed by Convener, Mr. Chirag Mittal and the case was discussed in detail. Afterwards, an ad-hoc committee was formed in the senate with following members:

Mr. Chirag Mittal (Convener)  
 President (Students' Gymkahna)  
 All General Secretaries  
 Mr. Anurag  
 Mr. Ashish  
 Mr. Mrithyunjayan  
 Mr. Santosh  
 Mr. Ravi Bajpai  
 Ms. Deepshikha

**The Meeting was concluded at 1:15 pm.**