

Students' Senate Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur



Meeting Details and Attendance Record

The 1st Special meeting of the Students' Senate (2009-2010) was held on the 2nd of April 2009. It was called to order at 9:00 PM. The attendance record for the senators is -

Total - 43

Present - 32

Absent - 11

Post	Name	Attendance
President, Students' Gymkhana	Mohit Kumar Jolly	Present
General Secretary, Cultural	Apoorva Krishna Srivastava	Present
General Secretary, Sports	Shilendra Singh Rajput	Present
General Secretary, S&T	Puneet Singh Rathor	Present
General Secretary, F&M	Naved Siddiqui	Present
Senator, UG Y4	Suraj Kr. Singh	Absent*
Senator, UG Y5	Someshwar Pandey	Present
Senator, UG Y5	Abhishek Ranjan	Present
Senator, UG Y5	Amit Kr. Singh	Present
Senator, UG Y5	Shashi Kant Kumawant	Present
Senator, UG Y5	Samarth Verma	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Ashish Agrawal	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Kritika Singh	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Utkarsh Rastogi	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Ishan Mahajan	Present
Senator, UG Y6	Nitish Kumar	Present
Senator, UG Y7	Pranav Gupta	Present
Senator, UG Y7	Ashutosh Kumar	Present
Senator, UG Y7	Vivek Agrawal	Absent*
Senator, UG Y7	Nitish Maini	Present
Senator, UG Y7	Jyotish Mishra	Absent
Senator, UG Y8	Subali Subechha	Present
Senator, UG Y8	Chirag Sidana	Present
Senator, UG Y8	Sambhav Jain	Present
Senator, UG Y8	Aditya Gupta	Absent
Senator, UG Y8	Tanya Mendiratta	Present
Senator, UG Y8	Sanchit Singhal	Present
Senator, M.Tech Y8	Rohit Kr. Gupta	Present
Senator, M.Tech Y8	Narain C S K	Absent*
Senator, M.Tech Y7	Kumar Malayaz	Absent
Senator, M.Tech Y7	Prabhat Ranjan	Present
Senator, M.Tech Y7	Abhishek Tiwari	Present
Senator, M.Sc 2 year (Y8)	Pradyumna Kumar Pradhan	Present
Senator, M.B.A. + M.DES. + other	Vikram Agarwal	Absent
equivalent masters program(Y7)		
Senator, M.B.A. + M.DES. + other	Kasat Rajeev Chandrakant	Present
equivalent masters program(Y8)		
Senator, All Phd. Students	Vivek Modi	Absent
Senator, All Phd. Students	Atul Dhar	Present
Senator, All Phd. Students	Shyam Kumar	Absent
Senator, All Phd. Students	Md. Asfer	Present
Senator, All Phd. Students	Balkrishna Mehta	Present
Senator, All Phd. Students	Narendra Laxman Gajbhiye	Present
Senator, All Phd. Students	Siva Prasad AVS	Absent
Senator, All Phd. Students	Amritesh	Absent*

1 Announcements and Remarks

Astronomy Club is organising "Eyes On The Skies", a sky observation session - General Secretary, Science and Technology Council The President, Students' Gymkhana informed the senate that an Open House Meeting was held on the 31 March 2009 with regards to the name of the Techno-Entrepreneurship festival.

2 Ratification of Secretary, Students' Senate

Mr. C. Rahul was ratified as secretary students' senate.

3 Ratification of club coordinators of the Games and Sports Council.

The Club coordinators of the Games And Sports Council were ratified as proposed by the General Secretary and mentioned in the agenda.

4 Ratification of Head Design (Events), Antaragni, 09.

Rachit Rastogi was ratified as Head Events(Design), Antaragni 2009.

5 Charge Handover of Finance Convener

The agenda was postponed to the next meeting due to the absence of Finance Convener-Vivek Agrawal

6 Rediscussion on the naming of the Technical and Entrepreneurship Festival.

On the request recieved from 15 senators, a rediscussion was done on the same. The house was briefed of the Open house discussion and the points that came out of it. The proposal for reversing the decision and continuing with the name Techkriti was a put on the floor of the Senate and passed with a simple majority.

7 Rediscussion on Hall Allocation Policy-2009-2010

The President, Student Gymkhana proposed a new Hall allocation policy. There were concerns raised by a few PG students regarding there movement to Hall 8. There was also a concern raised for the distance from Halll-9 to the Academic Area and S.A.C. It was mentioned that the counselling service would be intimated of special attention to this issue for the incoming batch of Y9 students. The policy was passed by the Senate unanimously.

8 Discussion on the implementation of the Center for Development of Soft Skills (CDSS).

A presentation was given by the President, Student Gymkhana on the same and discussion continued in which many senators and General Body members participated. Suggestions were made for the inclusion of career awareness in the CDSS, conducting a survey to gauge the requirements of the students, inclusion of soft skills devemopment in courses etc.

A committee was constituted to look into the details of the proposal, gather feedback from maximum batches of UG and PG student, and develop some modules befitting the purpose with a clear short-term as well as long-term vision. The committee was asked to present its preliminary report in the next Students' Senate meeting. The committee consisted of the following -

- Arvind Kothari, (GBM, Y4) Chair
- M. K Joly (President, Students' Gymkhana)
- Zunaid Hashmi (GBM, Y5)
- Pradyuman, Senator
- Abhishek Tiwari, Senator

- Sai Srinivas Kiran (GBM, Y6)
- Chirag Sidana (Senator)
- Subhali Subechcha(Senator)
- Pranav Gupta (Senator)
- Sanchit Singhal (Senator)

9 Discussion on the case of damage to Tennis courts

The Senate was dissapointed over the damage done to the tennis courts. The senate also felt that no student should be held responsible for this unless proven to be doing so. The senators expressed their discontent with the actions taken by the Games counsellor and the Convener, Student's Senate was asked to communicate the same.

10 Report of the committee constituted look into the Finance Report of Antaragni, 08

The committee presented its report regarding the finances of Antaragni, '08. It was pointed out that the payments from Virgin mobile and SAIL with whom MoUs were signed were still pending. The payments from SAIL were expected soon while there was lack of clarity on the payment by Virgin Mobile. It was also pointed out that the Antaragni team had to pay higher for security charges than was actually decided. It was hence suggested that the specifications required of the security team be specified explicitly for future festivals. A committee consisting of Puneet Pandey, Sai Srinivas and M.K.Jolly was constituted to consult appropriate person for legal advice and decide on further course of action. Assuming Virgin Mobile defaults form its payments, Antaragni'08 has a deficit of Rs 80,000. To clear this Rs 50,000 will be transferred from Megabucks to Antaragni. The remaining Rs 30,000 will be transferred from either Techkriti or Megabucks if possible.

Report of the committee constituted to look into the organizational details of Udghosh, 09

The committee suggested that Udghosh be conducted in the even semester for the academic year 2009-10 since in the odd semester we are organising the Inter-IIT sports meet. This was accepted by the senate.

12 Post conduction report of Galaxy,09

It was told to the senate the the report would be circulated on the Senate list by 5th April 2009. Due to the JEE exam the main auditorium was unavailable for the conduction of events for Galaxy. There were some concerns regarding the organization of some of the competitions. It was suggested that these concerns be dealt in a proper complaint to the Grievance Redressal Committee. The point system and rules of all events were not presented to the Senate and this was condemned. The sugestions made on the senate floor were requested to be considered while organizing the next Galaxy.

13 Interviews for the post of the Festival Coordinator, Technical and Entrepreneurship Festival

Interviews were held for the post of Festival coordinators of the new Techno-entrepreneurship festival of I.I.T. Kanpur. The panel informed the senate that the recommendations would be circulated on the Senate mailing list.

14 Questions and remarks

A question was asked regarding the status of the new SAC. The senate expressed its desire to keep the existing SAC location for its activities as well considering its central location. There was a corncern raised questioning the proactiveness of the administration in regard to the construction of new halls and the hinderence on the PG intake due to this. For this purpose the senate opined that a document be sent by the President to the administration requesting them to fasten the preparation of new halls.

In response to a question raised by the general body member, it came to the notice of the senate that there is a proposal for the imposition of a budget cap on student festivals. It was informed that a committee had been setup for this cause by the Director, I.I.T. Kanpur. As per the past meetings of this committee held, majority of the committee's members felt that there should be a budget cap of Rs25,00,000(with 2006 as the base year). The senators expressed their desire to discuss this in the senate. The senate also asked the Convener, Student's Senate to issue a show-cause notice to seek clarification from the student members of the committee on their representation in the committee and the choice of not discussing it in the Student's Senate. The student members of the committee were -

- Anurag Sujania(Ex-President, Students' Gymkhana)
- K.S.Rao(Ex-Convener, Students' Senate)
- Anuj Gupta(Ex-General Secretary, Cultural Council)

15 Any other item with the permission of chair

The student coordinators for Nerd were presented and ratified by the senate. Proposal for Design Club: A report was given by the FMC secretary mentioning the the need for this club. The Senate agreed on the need for such a club but decided that it be started of as a group under the Films and Media Council and only once it gains momentum be made a club. Its activities will be monitored and it would be taken up for its transformation into a club according to the response it gets.

The meeting was concluded at 4:30 AM.

Ashish Agrawal Convener, Students' Senate