

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Students' Gymkhana

Date: January 15th, 2007

Draft Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Students' Senate held on January 4th, 2007 in SAC Conference Room at 9:00 PM.

The Meeting was called to order at 9.10 PM.

Attendance Record: Total: 38 Present: 26 Absent: 12

Designation	Name	Present/Absent
The President, Students' Gymkhana.	Anirudh Harlalka	Present
The General Secretary, Cultural.	Nishant Singh	Present
The General Secretary, Films.	Atul Kumar Ramuka	Present
The General Secretary, Science and Technology.	Saumya Jain	Present
The General Secretary, Games.	Sandeep Shinde	Present
Senator UG (Y2)	Navdeep Bhulli	Present
Senator UG (Y3)	Chirag Mittal	Present
--	Devesh K Agrawal	Absent *
--	Manish Kumar Sultania	Present
--	Sumant Singh	Present
Senator UG (Y4)	Arvind Kothari	Absent
--	Cherian Varkey Mathew	Present
--	Chandan Kumar	Absent
--	Rahul Gupta	Present
--	Shobhit Chandra Misra	Present
Senator UG (Y5)	Abhiraj Singh Bhal	Present
--	Amit Kumar Singh	Present
--	C Saipriyadarshan	Present

--	Mrigank Gupta	Absent
--	Varun Khaitan	Absent
Senator UG (Y6)	Deepanshu Arora	Present
--	Saurabh Moondhra	Present
--	Paritosh Karnatak	Present
--	Aman Dhesi	Present
--	Ripu Singla	Present
Senator MBA+M.Des (Y5)	Jasminder Singh	Present
Senator PhD	Dhiraj Kumar Mahajan	Present
--	Akshay Srivastava	Present
--	Tony Jacob	Present
--	Vijyendra Pandey	Absent
--	Prashant Kr Srivastava	Absent
--	Prabhat Patel	Absent
--	G. Ravikumar	Absent
Senator MTech (Y5)	Pramod Chandra Tiwari	Absent
--	P T Akhil	Absent
--	Nishant Bhatnagar	Absent
--	Aaditya Agarwal	Present
Senator (GR)	Jyoti Kaushal	Present

* Absent without Permission

Some General Body Members were also present.

Item No. 1 Ratification of Draft Minutes of the 5th and the 6th Meeting of Students' Senate.

The Draft Minutes of the 5th and the 6th meeting of Students' Senate were ratified without change.

Item No. 2 Announcements and Remarks

General Secretary, Games, Sandeep Shinde informed the Senate that IIT Kanpur contingent performed very well at the Inter-IIT Sports Meet with the men's team finishing with an overall fourth and the women's team finishing as overall third. The Senate congratulated the General Secretary and the team members.

Item No. 3 Submission of Action Take Reports.

a) Update on Matching Grant from Institute: Anirudh Harlalka.

President, Students' Gymkhana, Anirudh Harlalka informed the Senate that budget ratified by the Senate has been forwarded for approval. - **ACTION IN PROGRESS.**

b) Update on the use of Air Coolers: Tony Jacob.

Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob informed the Senate that the Dean, Students' Affairs has confirmed that the committee for the purpose has been approved by the Director. - **ACTION IN PROGRESS.**

c) Status of Minimum Wage Implementation: Tony Jacob.

Convener, Students' Senate, Tony Jacob requested the senators from the Halls in which the meetings of the MWMC have not been organized to arrange the meetings at the earliest. He informed the Senate regarding the ideas which emerged during the discussion in Hall 4. Several contractors have been known to tamper with the attendance records of employees. It was proposed that the Hall Office maintain the attendance records to avoid this problem. It was decided to pursue the matter through COSHA to evolve a uniform policy regarding the issue. It was also suggested that a model contract for canteens be formulated to facilitate the process of implementation of minimum wage norms. - **ACTION IN PROGRESS.**

d) Proposal for maintaining study material in Book Club: Arvind Kothari.

Senator Arvind Kothari informed the Senate that he had discussed the proposal with the book club representatives. It was felt that making the inventory of the whole study material will be difficult with the facilities which are currently available to the Book Club. The Book Club coordinators have promised to try to find a way out and get back to the Senate. - **ACTION COMPLETED.**

g) Update on the proposed Constitutional Amendments: Cherian V. Mathew.

Senator Cherian Varkey Mathew informed the Senate that the Constitutional Amendments have been prepared and are listed as item no. 7 and 8 for discussion. - **ACTION COMPLETED.**

Item No. 4 Ratification of the Organizing Team for Umang 2007.

General Secretary, Films, Atul Kumar Ramuka proposed the names of the Organizing Team for Umang 2007 (attached as **AT1**). He clarified that Mr. Binit Kumar does not satisfy the CPI criteria but has been permitted by the Dean, Students' Affairs as the involvement is for a short duration.

Item No. 5 Ratification of the Chief Election Officer for Gymkhana Elections 2006-07.

President, Students' Gymkhana, Anirudh Harlalka proposed the name of Mr. Varun Awasthi as the Chief Election Officer for Gymkhana Elections 2006-07. The Senate unanimously ratified the proposed name.

Item No. 6 Presentation of Antaragni Conduction Report.

General Secretary, Cultural, Nishant Singh expressed his inability to present the report as it has not been completed. He promised to present the report in the forthcoming senate meeting.

Item No. 7 Discussion on the proposed Constitutional Amendment 2006-07/I.

The proposed amendment was discussed in detail and a few technical corrections were suggested by the members. The discussion was concluded on the proposal and it was decided to table the proposal for vote in the next senate meeting. The final draft of the proposal is attached as **AT2**.

Item No. 8 Discussion on the proposed Constitutional Amendment 2006-07/II.

The proposed amendment was discussed in detail. The discussion was concluded on the proposal and it was decided to table the proposal for vote in the next senate meeting. The final draft of the proposal is attached as **AT3**.

Item No. 9 Discussion on the proposed Constitutional Amendment 2006-07/III.

Several members of the senate felt that the proposed changes in the eligibility criteria for candidates would be unjust if introduced just before the elections. It was also felt that the decision can be perceived as targeting probable candidates who might be disqualified through the amendment. The majority of the members agreed in principle with the proposal and hence it was decided to take the proposal for discussion after the elections. The final draft of the proposal is attached as **AT4**.

Item No. 10 Questions and Remarks.

In response to queries regarding the bulk purchase of Laptops General Secretary, S&T, Saumya Jain promised to get the update from Head, CC regarding the proposal.

In response to the query regarding the status of rooms in SAC, President, Students' Gymkhana, Anirudh Harlalka informed the Senate that the Room Requirements in SAC will be finalized at the earliest and communicated to the appropriate authorities for further action.

Item No. 11 Any other item with the permission of the chair.

No other item was taken up for discussion.

At this point the meeting was adjourned. **The meeting concluded at 11.30 PM.**

Tony Jacob,
Convener, Students' Senate.

CC: Director, All Faculty Counselors
All Senators, All General Body Members

AT1

**Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Students' Gymkhana**

Organizing Team – Umang 2007

Festival Chairman:

Dr. Partha Chakroborthy

Event Managers:

1. Deepak Chaudhary
2. Binit Kumar.

Marketing Executives:

1. Abhinav Rishi
2. Deepshikha Priyadarshini.

Core Team Members:

1. Chirag Mittal
2. Nikhil Suri
3. Kshitij Saxena
4. Mudit Jain
5. Rahul Bendre

AT2

Constitutional Amendment 2006-07/I

Proposed by: Cherian V. Mathew

Seconded by: Tony Jacob and Anirudh Harlalka

Statement of Purpose:

The following amendments are proposed to clarify certain issues related to the annual elections of the Students' Gymkhana and to revert to the previous schedule for elections and charge handover. Article 1.01 and Article 3.04 are listed for amendment to clear the ambiguity in the original provisions. Article 3.02, Article 3.09a and Article 3.13 are listed for amendment to revert to the original schedule for annual elections. The amendment of these articles last year had lead to serious difficulties in the transition as the new executives took charge. The proposed amendments envision solving the stated problems.

Proposed Amendments:

It is proposed that **Article 1.01** which presently reads as "All registered students of the Institute shall be members of the Gymkhana and shall constitute its general body." be changed to **"All registered students of the Institute who pay gymkhana dues shall be members of the Gymkhana and shall constitute its general body."**

It is proposed that **Article 3.02** which presently reads as "Annual Gymkhana Election shall normally be held between 25th of February and 25th of March every year. However, under exceptional situations, annual elections can be postponed for a maximum period of one week." be changed to **"Annual Gymkhana Election shall normally be held around 20th of January every year. However, under exceptional situations, annual elections can be postponed for a maximum period of one month."**

It is proposed that **Article 3.04** which presently reads as "The number of senators in each group shall be at the rate of one senator over hundred students approximated to the nearest non-zero integer." be changed to **"The number of senators in each group shall be at the rate of one senator for every hundred students rounded off to a non-zero integer."**

It is proposed that **Article 3.09a** which presently reads as "For the post of all Gymkhana Executives, the candidate should have a guaranteed stay in the institute (going by registration record) from the date of election to April 1 of the following year. However, under exceptional circumstances, the Senate may relax the criteria." be changed to **"For the post of all Gymkhana Executives, the candidate should have a guaranteed stay in the institute (going by registration record) from the date of election to March 1 of the following year. However, under exceptional circumstances, the Senate may relax the criteria."**

It is proposed that **Article 3.13** which presently reads as "Charge shall be handed over to the next Senate around 1st April. However, under exceptional circumstances, it can be postponed for a period of two weeks." be changed to **"Charge shall be handed over to the next Senate around 1st March. However, under exceptional circumstances, it can be postponed for a period of two weeks."**

AT3

Constitutional Amendment 2006-07/II

Proposed by: Cherian V. Mathew

Seconded by: Tony Jacob and Anirudh Harlalka

Statement of Purpose:

It has been observed in the past that several members of the standing committees of the Students' Senate are not regular in attending the committee meetings. This seriously hinders the effective functioning of these bodies. The proposed amendments are expected to solve the present problems.

Proposed Amendments:

It is proposed that a new Article listed as **Article 4.13** be introduced as **"All sessions of the standing committees of the Students' Senate require quorum, which is constituted by one half of the strength of the committee rounded up to the nearest integer. All members of the standing committees who are members of the Students' Senate or are nominated by the Students' Senate, are required to be present in at least half the meetings held until then rounded down to the nearest integer. If any member falls short of this attendance requirement, the convener of the committee should report this to the convener of the Students' Senate who may call for either a written explanation or a verbal explanation in the Senate."**

AT4

Constitutional Amendment 2006-07/III

Proposed by: Anirudh Harlalka
Seconded by: Tony Jacob and Sumant Singh

Statement of Purpose:

As per the recommendations of the Student Governance Committee (dated October 17th 1996) students whose CPI is less than 6.00 (in case of UG) or less than 7.00 (in case of PG) are debarred from contesting Gymkhana Elections. The stated restrictions, at least partially, have been part of the rules and procedures for Gymkhana Elections in the past. Even with these provisions, there have been several instances in the past where elected representatives ceased to hold their post due to poor academic performance. Students with weak academic standing do naturally find it difficult to balance the time required to perform their duties with regard to their elected posts and that for acceptable academic performance. The proposed amendment aims to alleviate the stated problems.

Proposed Amendments:

It is proposed that a new Article listed as **Article 3.09f** be introduced as **“A student contesting for any elected post of the Gymkhana should have a CPI greater than or equal to 6.5 (in case of UG) or a CPI greater than or equal to 7.50 (in case of PG) at the time of nomination. Further he is expected to maintain a CPI greater than or equal to 6.0 (in case of UG) or a CPI greater than or equal to 7.00 (in case of PG) during his entire tenure failing which he will cease to be a Gymkhana Representative”**.