

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Students' Gymkhana

Date: March 29th, 2005

Draft Minutes of the First Meeting of the Students' Senate held on March 15th, 2005 in SAC conference room at 9:30 pm.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:35 pm.

Attendance Record:

Present: 30

Absent: 02

Designation	Name	Present/Absent
The President	Neeraj Kumar	Present
The General Secretary - Cultural	Vipin Kumar Pathak	Present
The General Secretary - Films	Abhinav Biyani	Present
The General Secretary - Science and Technology	Varun Garg	Present
The General Secretary - Games	Harendra Verma	Present
Senator UG 4th Year, students in 5 year program	Saksham Agarwal	Present
	Harish Awasthi	Present
	Pranay Das	Present
	Saurabh Awasthi	Present
	Vaibhav Tripathi	Present
Senator UG 2nd Year (Y3 Batch)	Abhishek Gupta	Present
	Arpit Srivastava	Present
	Jatinder Singh Randhawa	Present
Senator UG 1st Year (Y4 Batch)	Vaibhav Ketewa	Present
	Ankit	Absent Without Permission
	Nikhil Suri	Present
	Pawan Kadyan	Present
	Saurabh Gupta	Present
	Siddharth Sodhani	Present

Senator MBA+M.Des+others (Not in final Semester)	Yashodhan Shevade	Present
Senator MBA+M.Des+others (Final Semester)	Shailendra R Gavali	Present
Senator PhD	Arjun Singh Yadav	Present
	Jaydev	Present
	Tony Jacob	Present
	Vikas Gupta	Present
Senator MTech – Not in final semester.	Kulkarni Rushikesh Dileep	Present
	Pankaj Kumar	Present
	Pawan Bir Singh	Absent With Permission
Senator MTech – final semester	Gaurav Chhabra	Present
	Talari Manojaya	Absent With Permission
	Hemant Kr Samdani	Present
Girls' Representative	Shubham Nath	Present

Some general body members were also present.

Item No. 1 Ratification of the Draft Minutes of the Joint Meeting

The draft minutes of the Joint meeting were initially ratified with the following change.

1. It was pointed out that in item no. 8 outgoing PhD senator Mr. Ambarish Kunwar had asked for an AC and not purchase of new HAM equipment.

It was then pointed out by PhD Senator Tony Jacob that the draft minutes of the Joint Meeting were not put up in the Hall notice boards and as such the 1st senate meeting cannot be called. The Convener then asked for a clarification by Joe Varghese Yeldho who clarified that though according to the rules the meeting can be called off if any Senator had an objection; but requested to grant consideration to the new Convener for his inexperience in his first meeting. He clarified that the ratification may be postponed to the next meeting. The ratification of the Draft Minutes of the Joint Meeting was postponed to the next meeting.

Item No. 2 Announcement and Remarks

Convener: He thanked the Administration for the orientation programme that was held on 5th March 2005 for all the present executives and senators at the VH.

He requested his predecessor Joe Varghese Yeldho to explain to the senators their duties, what was expected of them and the code of conduct that was to be followed.

He informed the senate about the proposed workshop on Journalism that was planned to be held on the 2nd April 2005 and requested the Cultural Secretary to be a part of the organizing team.

He also informed about the posting of the minutes and the Agenda on iitk.gymkhana newsgroup so as to involve the General Body Members and keep everyone posted about the happenings at the Senate Meetings.

He informed the senate that the president is caught up in some urgent personal work and had asked him to allow him to attend the meeting a bit late.

Item No. 3 Final Discussion and ratification of the Quarterly Festival calendar for the year 2005-2006

This item was deferred for the time being due to the unavailability of the President.

Item No. 4 Election of the Finance Convener, Student's Senate

Y1 batch senator Saksham Agarwal was unanimously elected by the senate as the Finance Convener.

Item No. 5 Election of the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate

Y3 batch senator Arpit Srivastava was elected as the parliamentarian by Majority.

Item No. 6 Ratification of Faculty Counselors for the various councils

- a) Faculty Counselor, Cultural Council: The ratification of Faculty Counselor was deferred to the next meeting as requested by the cultural secretary.
- b) Faculty Counselor, Games Council: The ratification of Faculty Counselor was deferred to the next meeting as requested by the games secretary.
- c) Faculty Counselor, S & T Council: Prof. Pankaj Jalote CSE dept. was ratified as the faculty counselor, S & T council.
- d) Faculty Counselor, SFS Council: Dr. Suchitra Mathur HSS dept. was ratified as the Faculty Counselor, SFS Council.
- e) Chief Counselor: The ratification of the chief counselor was deferred to later in the meeting due to the unavailability of the President.

Item No. 7 Election of the members for the various standing committees of the students' senate.

Most of the members were elected with consensus and elections were held for The In Charge Hostel Affairs as necessary. The list of members is attached in AT1

Item No. 08 Ratification of the captains of the Games Council

The games secretary read out the names of the various captains but since he was not sure about the constitutional requirement viz. the grades et al, the item was postponed to be ratified in the next meeting of the senate.

Item No. 09 Ratification of the dates of UDGOSH'05

The date for Udgosh '05 was ratified to be held on Nov 03-06 2005 with a note of dissent from PhD Senator Tony Jacob with the reason being: "not given enough time to study the issue and discuss the same with the GBM".

Item No. 10 Ratification of the dates of ANTARAGNI'05

The date for Antaragni'05 was ratified to be held on Oct 20-23 2005.

Item No. 11 Interview and Ratification of Festival Coordinator and Finance Coordinator UDGOSH'05.

It was proposed that the interviews be conducted by the panel after the senate meeting and the ratification be taken up in the next meeting of the Students' Senate. The panel comprising of The Convener, The President, Sameer Nagpal, Ravindra Visnoi, Mrutyunjaya Panda and Saksham Agarwal was empowered with the selection of the Festival Coordinator and the Finance Coordinator for UDGOSH'05.

Item No. 12 Proposal to include the item: Action Taken Report in the agenda

It was pointed out by the convener that often actions are asked to be performed by the senate to the various executives and the committee members and there is no idea what happens then. Hence he proposed that the items be listed separately so that a better follow-up could be done. The Senate ratified the inclusion of the Action Taken Report in the Agenda.

Item No. 03 and Item 6(e): Final Discussion and ratification of the Quarterly Festival calendar for the year 2005-2006, Ratification of the name of the Chief Counselor.

The president asked for more time on item no. 03. The item no. 6(e) was also postponed to the next senate meeting.

Item No. 13 Questions and Remarks

1. PhD Senator Tony Jacob asked for the dates to be included in the Agenda so that the GBM are well informed about it and can study and discuss the matter in advance.
2. The convener informed the senate about his meeting with the director where the need was felt to have a uniform signage for all the Halls of Residences. The COSHA and The President were asked to follow up this matter and give their action taken report in the next senate meeting.
3. The senate thanked the DOSA Office for gifting Calendars to the senate members.
4. GBM Sonkar requested the Convener to take up the matter of the route of the institute busses with Mr. Bhandari, in charge of transport and Prof. Mittal the faculty in charge.
5. PhD Senator Tony Jacob requested for more information on the authenticity of memento given to the ex-president Abhishek Chaudhary.
The Ex-Convener Joe Varghese Yeldho briefed the Senate about the events that took place after the Gymkhana Day. He clarified that there was some mishandling of the situation on the day.
The Convener and the President were asked to clarify the point of Students' Autonomy and the extent of the institute administration interference. It was decided that the Senate should wait, start its work and first build rapport with the administration and then ask for answers from the institute administration. Also the convener felt that timing was very crucial and as such it would be inappropriate to take an aggressive stance right at the start.
6. UG Senator Jatinder Bir Singh raised the issue of forming a Group Discussion club. The senior members felt that there was no need of such a club as GD skills can be effectively improved with discussion with peers and friends.
7. S & T Secretary Varun Garg felt the need for a place to post invitation posters of various institutes' festivals and proposed a gymkhana notice board in the SAC and the LHC. He also proposed mailboxes for all councils to facilitate easy delivery of communication.
8. PhD Senator Tony Jacob asked the Convener to look into the matter of refund of security deposit and the campaigning money of the Gymkhana Elections 2005.
9. UG Senator Saurabh Awasthi raised the issue of updating of the gymkhana website, and serving refreshments during the senate meetings.
10. Parliamentarian Arpit Srivastava took up the task of updating the names of the various executives on the respective Roll of Honor Boards in the SAC conference room.
11. The Parliamentarian was asked to supply the updated constitution to the executives and senators and also to look into the institute statutes and ordinances.

12. Megabucks coordinator Rachit Gupta informed the senate that the Megabucks team had been successful in inviting renowned quiz master Siddharth Basu for the planned corporate quiz as a part of this years Megabucks competition. He requested for financial support from the Gymkhana as Megabucks'05 may incur a deficit of around Rs. 1 Lakh. This was mainly due to the fact that one of the prospective sponsors has now agreed for reduced sponsorship money. As there was a buffer amount left unspent from the last years budget it was decided that if some money from last year's Gymkhana budget remains after clearing all the bills of all the councils and purchase of some new proposed equipments for the gymkhana the remaining sum can be given to megabucks'05 with upper limit of 1 Lakh rupees. The senate gave in principal approval to the same.

Item No. 14 Any other item with the permission of the chair.

1. Library Issue: The issue of construction of the proposed Library was discussed at length. The minutes of the SLC meeting held on January 6th 2005 were read out. The same is attached as AT2. The senate decided to issue a resolution in the next meeting positively, after taking into consideration the various views. It was proposed to include the issue as an agenda item in the next senate meeting.

At this point the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting concluded at 1.45 a.m.

Yashodhan Shevade
Convener, Students' Senate.

CC: Director
All Faculty Counselors
All Executives
All Senators
All Hall Presidents
All Gymkhana Notice Boards