



Students' Senate (2018-19)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Ayushya Agarwal | Chairperson



Joint Meeting of the Students' Senate (2019): Minutes

The 2019/Joint Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Thursday, 28th March 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.

S. no.	Name	Post	Status
1.	Ayushya Agarwal	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Pratyush Rai	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3.	Rahul Shekhar	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
4.	Akash Jain	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
5.	Abhishek Aryan	Finance Convener	Present
6.	Prakhar Ji Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
7.	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
8.	Sirsendu Sarkar	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
9.	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent#
10.	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Absent#
11.	Anant Chopra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
12.	Anmol Chaman	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
13.	Navanya Sharma	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
14.	Rahul Sethi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present*
15.	Siddhartha Srivastava	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
16.	Aditya Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Absent#
17.	Faizan Siddiqui	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present



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18.	Mataria Pence Jagatkumar	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present*
19.	Nikunj Kothari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
20.	Rishab Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present*
21.	Yash Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y17	Present
22.	Ankur Banga	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
23.	Ashutosh Bajpai	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
24.	Chinmay Goyal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present
25.	Deepankur Kansal	Senator, BT/BS Y18	Present*
26.	Abhishek Verma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
27.	Akshay Bajaj	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
28.	Somya Sharma	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
29.	Yogendra Vyas	Senator, MTech Y18	Present
30.	Deepak Singh Attri	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
31.	Hemant Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y17	Absent#
32.	Jitendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
33.	Narayan Mishra	Senator, MTech Y17	Present
34.	Viswadeep Ojha	Senator, MBA, MDes and other 2-year programmes Y17	Present
35.	Suraj	Senator, MSR	Absent#
36.	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

* - Present with Nominee, # - Absent with Permission

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 pm.



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The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Chairperson, Students' Senate
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The Chairperson Students' Senate presented his End-term report on the floor of the Senate. The report included the details of various items taken up and resolutions passed in the term 2018-19. The report also included the following recommendations :

- The Chairperson Students' Senate felt that the nominations Committee faced multiple issues in its functioning this year and there were multiple instances in which the call for nominations and scheduling of interviews were delayed. Hence, It was recommended that the convenership of the Nominations committee be changed to transfer the logistical load from the President, Students' Gymkhana. The convener of the committee should be a Senator appointed by the Senate. The Chairperson Students' Senate clarified that this would essentially increase the composition of the committee and reduce the load from the President Students' Gymkhana. The recommendation was accepted by the Senate.
- The Nominations Committee should be empowered to conduct search and selection operations after the call for nominations and re-nominations has been sent out and there are positions left to fill. A senator pointed out that "The Nominations Committee" be replaced by "The Panels of the Nomination committee". The change was inculcated and the recommendation was accepted.
- Appendix B of the Constitution is required at an urgent rate for clarification of all the financial rules in the Students' Gymkhana. Considering that the appendix can be made only at a time when the Finance Convener is experienced enough with the rules i.e. in the even semester, the Senate should charge the outgoing Finance Convener with completing and presenting the appendix in April. The recommendation was accepted by the Senate.
- Considering the fact that the DOSA selection shall be coming up in the coming tenure, it is imperative that the Students' Senate take early cognizance of the fact and form a sub-committee with enough time to investigate and find names for recommending to the administration. The recommendation was accepted by the Senate.
- The PGSAC needs to be converted into a Standing Subcommittee of the Students' Senate. The need for the committee has been shown by its functioning this year and formal recognition of the same is needed. The recommendation was accepted by the Senate.



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The End-term report of the Chairperson Students' Senate was accepted by the Senate and the charge-handover ceremony took place.

Item No. 2	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the President, Students' Gymkhana
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The President Students' Gymkhana presented his End-term Report on the floor of the Senate. The report consisted of the details of the workings of the Institute level committees and cells over the tenure and insights into the major events, awards and the initiatives taken. Further, an overall manifesto review was presented. The Senate was informed that one of the recommendations proposed by the President Students' Gymkhana to the Anti-ragging committee was not discussed on the floor of the Senate. Upon this, the President Students' Gymkhana said that this was not done due to the paucity of time and moreover it was his personal recommendations as being a member of the committee. The Senate opined that although the President Students' Gymkhana can send such proposals to the committee in his capacity of being a member of the committee, however, it could be better in case such proposals first be discussed on the floor of the Senate. The following were the points of discussion during the manifesto review of the President, Students' Gymkhana-

- External Sponsorship to Gymkhana -

The Senate enquired the President Students' Gymkhana of the total amounts of funds gained through the initiative, to which he stated that the total amounts of funds gained from the external sponsorship and individual collections were around Rs. 55,000. The Senate felt that the sponsorship amount was not sufficient to term the step taken as completed. The President, Students Gymkhana in his manifesto review had marked the point green (i.e. Almost completed) but reviewing the work done, the Senate felt that the green highlight should be removed from the point in the manifesto review.

- IITK Tech review -

The President Students' Gymkhana was enquired on this, to which he said that there was another similar proposal was in process and hence no work was required to be done from his side.

- Recognizing MOOCs as part of S/X courses -

The President, Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that informal talks have been initiated with the concerned authorities regarding the same but no formal policies have been formulated yet.

- Academic course review -



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The President Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that the UGARC has been working with a similar mandate and the proposal was essentially to empower the committee but no groundwork was done on the same.

- Outreach initiatives -
 - Reaching out to Nation -

The President Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that an Officer level post had been created with the mandate to improve the Public relations of the Gymkhana and related proposals have also been forwarded to the Board of Governors.

- Reaching out to Corporate organization -

The President Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that corporate organizations have been approached through the Alumni association and some of them have also offered placement related services to the campus community. However, no financial assistance has been received.

- Pwd Issues -

The President Students' Gymkhana explained the Senate of the work undertaken on the issues faced by the PWD community. The Senate felt that the work was not sufficient enough to be marked as Almost completed, as was done in the manifesto review. Hence, the Chairperson, Students' Senate directed the President Students' Gymkhana to remove the green highlight from the point.

- Academic Oriented issues - International relations Office -

The President Students' Gymkhana was enquired of the work done by him on this issue to which he informed the Senate that he worked only on the administrative side of the issue.

The End-term report of the President Students' Gymkhana was accepted by the Senate along with the suggested modifications. Next, the charge handover ceremony took place.

Item No. 3	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the General Secretary, Media and Culture Council
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The Officiating General Secretary, Media and Cultural Council presented the end-term report on the floor of the Senate. The major discussion took place while the presentation of the recommendations section of the report-

- The Senate was suggested to add a recommendation regarding ensuring the conduction of “Montage” and “Impressionate” from next year onwards.
- One of the recommendations stated that “Introduction of New CCA activities needs to be done and its effective formalization also needs to be ensured (such as disbursement of salaries etc).” The Senate felt that since the recommendation had not been discussed in



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the Senate as of now, such a recommendation should not be proposed and a comprehensive review of the same should be presented first. Duly noting the points and discussing on them, it was decided that the formalization of CCA can be kept just as a recommendation and the item can be taken up in the further meetings for an in-depth discussion on the same.

- It was recommended to keep the events of Galaxy in the even semester, considering the number of council activities in the odd semester like freshers night, Antaragni and Inter IIT Cultural meet. The Senate felt that the structure for scheduling the events of various General Championship events have been previously discussed in the pre-conduction report of the General Championship and issue should have been brought up therein. It was also opined that not all clubs are involved in Antaragni and the events for those clubs can be conducted over the odd-semester as well. Hence, the Chairperson Students' Senate informed the Senate the round year model for conduction of various GC events will be followed and directed the Officiating General Secretary, Media and Cultural Council to remove the recommendation.

The End-term report along with the suggested modifications and its recommendations was accepted by the Senate and next, the Charge-handover ceremony took place.

Item No. 4	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the General Secretary, Games and Sports
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The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council presented the end-term report on the floor of the Senate. The major points of discussion were as follows -

- The recommendations of the report included a point mentioning the measures to be taken up for improvements in the performance of the Inter-IIT contingent. The General Secretary informed the Senate that a detailed analysis of the Inter-IIT performance and subsequent improvements required, which was to be presented by the General Secretaries of all the three councils, was in process. The Senate was also informed that the work on some of the recommendations has been initiated. For instance, the General Secretary had formally communicated to the DOSA and the Chairman, SPEC regarding the need for coaches for the female Volleyball and basketball teams and the confirmation of the extension of the New SAC was also expected. The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council emphasized working on the lines of the following:
 - Enhancing accountability of the training regime.
 - The hiring of quality coaches for certain sport disciplines.



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- Focus on enhancing player pool.
 - Enhancing interaction with outdoor clubs and sports academies through training with and practice matches and tournaments.
 - Streamlining of the captain selection process.
 - Special emphasis on Women's contingent by increasing participation through Intra-IITK Girls only tournaments and workshops and constant monitoring of the scouted talents.
- The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council also recommended the conduction of Diamond Jubilee Sports Alumni Reunion. The Senate was informed that the event would be under the Umbrella of Students' Gymkhana and therefore, the pre-conduction and the post-conduction reports for the same were required to be presented on the floor of the Senate.
 - The General Secretary informed the Senate that some games and sports like taekwondo were in the process of being made into a fee-paid facility owing to the fee hike by the coaches of the club. The Senate was also informed that the maximum limit to the pay for the coaches was set to Rs. 25,000, for which the funding is raised collectively by the Students' Gymkhana and the institute. The Senate opined the providing sports facilities in the responsibility of the institute and hence it should be proposed to the Institute committees that Students' Gymkhana should be relieved of bearing the fee payment for the coaches of the various Games and Sports. The Chairperson, Students' Senate directed the Incoming General Secretary, Games and Sports Council to keep note of the same and try to bring up the proposal in priority.

Item No. 5	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the General Secretary, Science and Technology
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented his End-term report on the floor of the Senate. The report include the major works done and initiatives taken up during the tenure. The report had the following recommendations:

- The General Secretary, Science and technology recommended the de-ratification of some of the Hobby Group Leaders and team Captains. The recommendation was accepted by the Senate.
- The next recommendations stated that - "Clubs should have a provision for internal sub-divisions." The General Secretary, Science and Technology proposed the new



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structures for two clubs, namely, Programming Club and Buisness Club, which was recommended to be re-instantiated. It was proposed that the clubs can have internal subdivisions, primarily devoted to take the individual tasks in their respective domains. The Senate felt that although this will make the clubs work on their mandate more effectively and even the composition will become more structured as in the case for the Programming Club, but combining clubs like Consulting, Finance, and Analytics, which have disticnt visions, into one, may, on the other hand, reduce their respective mandates. The Senate, after deliberations, decided to forward the issue to the Council Review committee and expect a report on the issue first and the item could then be taken up in a seperate Senate meeting and a detailed discussion on the issue can take place therein. Hence, the recommendation was not accepted by the Senate.

- It was recommended that the Entrepreneurial summit should be managed and organised by Techkriti core team because having a separate core team for the Summit was redundant. The Senate opined that the recommendation had logistical issues associated with it and furthermore, as both the events were functioning well independently, there was no urgency to take up any immediate action on the same. The Senate was also informed that the item had been pending with the Gymkhana Review Committee and a comprehensive discussion on the issue can take place in the further Senate meetings once the GRC submits the concerned report. The recommendation was not accepted by the Senate but suspended for further discussion.

The End-term report along with the suggested modifications was accepted by the Senate and the charge handover ceremony took place. The Chairperson Students' Senate commended the work done by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council during his tenure and in his statements referred him as the most hard working Genereal Secretary during the term 2018-19.

Item No. 6	To consider the Charge Assumption of UG Secretary, Academics and Career
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The Charge assumption ceremony took place.

Item No.7	To consider the Charge Assumption of PG Secretary, Academics and Career
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The Charge assumption ceremony took place.



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Item No. 8	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Convener, COSHA
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The Convener, COSHA presented her End-term report on the floor of the Senate. The report included the key Legislative and Executive developments during the tenure, followed by the following recommendations:

- One of the recommendations mentioned the need for formulation of an extensive Hall allocation policy. The Senate, at this point, was informed that the Hall allocation for the incoming batches during the orientation 2018-19 was not effective and led to chaos during the Hostel rooms allotment. The Convener, COSHA clarified that the Hostel rooms allocation during the orientation is done by the Counselling Service. The issue arises as the Counselling Service assumes the strength of incoming batch around 1800, as mandated by the Academic Senate but the actual registrations are around 1000, which creates a substantial difference in the allocation. Moreover, the recommendations of the Institute committee which approves the Hall allocation policy framed by the COSHA, are not taken into account by the Counselling Service while formulating the Room allotment during the Orientation. The Chairperson Students' Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to formally communicate to Counselling Service to comply with the recommendations that the Institute committee proposes and frame their allotment policies as per the recommendations.
- The next recommendation mentioned the need for bringing about changes in the structure of CoSHA discussions. As per the recommendation, the structure of the discussions can be modelled in 3 segments of mess, maintenance and general. A proper policy needs to be formulated as to how the discussion would be carried on. The recommendation was accepted by the Senate.

The report along with its modifications and other recommendations was accepted by the Senate. Next, the charge handover ceremony took place.

Item No. 9	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Finance Convener, Students' Senate
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The End-Term Report was presented on the floor of the Senate by the outgoing Finance Convener, Students' Senate. The report and its recommendations were discussed. One of the



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recommendations suggested to increase the number of budget reallocations in a year to two for better scrutiny and better budget utilization. The Senate discussed the matter and after due deliberations, it was decided that the reallocation of the budget should take place twice a semester and each reallocation should be presented on the floor of the Senate as well. The report along with this modification and other recommendations, was accepted by the Senate. Next, the charge handover ceremony took place. Since there were no nominations for the post of Finance Convener, the present Finance Convener was made the Officiating Finance Convener till the appointment of the next Finance Convener for the term 2019-20.

Item No. 10	To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate
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The End-Term Report was presented by the Parliamentarian for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the report and after due deliberation accepted the report and the recommendations. Next, the change handover ceremony took place. The Chairperson Students' Senate appreciated the Parliamentarian for the work done by him during his tenure.

Item No. 11	To consider the End-Term Report of Academics and Research Cell
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 12.	To consider the End-Term Report of Community and Welfare Cell
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 13	To consider the End-Term Report of Entrepreneurship Cell
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 14	To consider the End-Term Report of Outreach Cell
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to the paucity of time.



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Item No. 15	To consider the End-Term Report of Vox Populi
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This item was deferred for the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

The Chairperson, Students' Senate 2018-19 conveyed his best wishes to the incoming Senate and the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 am with a vote of thanks to all the members.