



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



7th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2018-19): Minutes

The 2018-19/7th Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Monday, 25th March 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 9:00 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	Present
10.	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
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	Present
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	Present
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	Absent
35.	Suraj	Senator, MSR	Present
36.	Panchajanya Sanyal	Senator, PhD Y16	Present

* - Present with Nominee, # - Absent with Permission



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The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2018-19/8th(Special) Meeting ii. 2018-19/9th(Special) Meeting iii. 2018-19/6th Meeting iv. 2018-19/2nd (Emergency) Meeting
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The Minutes of the following meetings were not vetted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate and shall be itemized in the next session of the Students' Senate

- i. 2018-19/8th(Special) Meeting
- ii. 2018-19/9th(Special) Meeting
- iii. 2018-19/6th Meeting

Item No. 2	Announcements, Questions and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements and questions were raised on the floor of the Senate -

- A Senator requested an update on the proposal of Deferred Placement Programme passed from the Senate. The Senate asked Mr. Rahul Sethi, member of the Institute Level Committee formed to look into this matter, to present an update on the same.
- A Senator requested the Senate to present an update on the Vision Documents of the candidates who had not submitted their Manifestos or had submitted Blank Manifestos. The Chairperson Students' Senate informed the Senate that he had not yet received the list of such candidates from the Election Commission and assured the Senate to take necessary steps as soon as the list is received.
- A Senator pointed out that the nominations for the post of Chief Secretary, Students' Senate had been called without the Senate approving of the post. Chairperson, Students' Senate clarified that since the post was created in the Office of Students' Senate, the Chairperson was well within his rights to create the post. The Chairperson requested the Senator to point out any issues with the creation of the post. The Senator was of the opinion that creating a post without the approval of the Students' Senate deserved an action. A Censure Motion was raised against the Chairperson Students' Senate 2018-19. The motion failed to gather the support of the Senate.



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- A Senator pointed out that the Gymkhana Constitution uploaded on the Students' Senate website was not up to date. The Parliamentarian assured that the updated Constitution shall be updated soon.
- A Senator requested an update on the resolution passed by the Students' Senate concerning the issues faced by the HEC of Hall 11. It was informed that the resolution has not yet been forwarded and shall be done soon.

Item No. 3	To consider the Report of Actions Taken(ATR) by the Students' Senate
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 4	To consider the post-conduction report of Techkriti'18
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 5	To consider the Interim reports of the Gymkhana Review Committee(GRC)
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 6	To consider a proposal for the formation of a hobby group related to public speaking.
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No.7	To consider the proposal for reformation of Department Societies
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 8	To consider the proposal to restructure the Ombudsgroup
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 9	To consider the proposal to start a Dual Degree Programme in Entrepreneurship.
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 10	To consider the proposal for Honours and Specialisations in Undergraduate Programmes
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 11	To consider the proposal to increase the Gymkhana fees
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 12.	To consider a proposal to consider a Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for Differently-Abled Students in SPO exams
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the paucity of time.

Item No. 13.	To consider a proposal for a new team structure of Vox Populi
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The Chief Editors of Vox Populi presented the new team structure for the Cell. Concerns were raised on the inclusion of Editor, Science as this was seen as an expansion of the mandate of Vox Populi into the mandate of other bodies like NERD. The Chief Editors agreed to remove the post and the updated structure was passed by the Students' Senate.

Item No. 14.	To consider the minutes of the Rules and Procedures Committee
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the non-availability of the Minutes.

Item No. 15.	To consider the proposal for a modification in the constitution of the Local Purchase Committee
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The Finance Convener proposed the inclusion of Finance Convener, Students' Senate into the Constitution of Local Purchase Committees for purchases related to Students' Gymkhana. Concerns were raised by the General Secretary, Science and Technology on the proposal. After due deliberation, the item was passed by the Students' Senate on the mailing list. It was later found that the proposal had a factual error, the same was taken cognisance of and it was clarified that the Students' Senate only approves of the inclusion of Finance Convener in the LPC not the factual error.

Item No. 16.	To consider the formation of the committees for Gymkhana Awards
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The following students were ratified by the Students' Senate as members for the Gymkhana Awards Committees :-

Community Service:

Wrishik Naskar, Aayushi Bansal (S), Anand Gandhi

Leadership:

Akshit Srivastava, Anant Chopra (S), Mihikaa Jain

Media and Culture:

Harsh Thakur, Siddhartha Srivastava (S), Chitral Gupta

Science and Technology:

Abhigyan Verma, Yash Maheshwari (S), Prashant Singh

Gymkhana Award for Faculty:

Akshay Bajaj (S), Rahul Sethi (S)



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Item No. 17.	To consider the vision document for Academics and Career Council
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the non-availability of the Document.

Item No. 18.	To consider the proposal for the scrapping of the General Championship
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 19.	To consider the report of Grievances and Redressal Committee for the General Elections 2019
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The Report was presented on the floor of the Senate by the Convener, Grievances and Redressal Committee Prof. P. Shunmugaraj and other members of the committee namely :

- Prof. Achla M Raina, Department of HSS
- Ms. Archana Singh, 150128
- Mr. Mohd Abbas Zaidi, 150415
- Mr. Pratyush Garg, 150521

The Committee Members agreed to answer the questions of the Senate concerning the procedure followed by the committee to determine the offences of the President, Students' Gymkhana and General Secretary, Media and Culture elect.

The following concerns were raised by the members of the Students' Senate

- GRC has taken a larger mandate by investigating the complaints received by them, instead of considering the evidence provided by the complainant and the Election Commission.

The Members clarified that the GRC started the investigation based on the complaints received and the points that came forward in the course of investigation were considered by the committee.

- The GRC accepted complaints well after the declaration of the results, leaving sufficient time for someone with malicious intent to plant evidence against winning candidates. Given that proofs accepted by the committee were mostly converging testimonies.



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The Members clarified that since the Code of Conduct did not mention about the deadline for submission of complaints, the committee was well within its right to accept complaints. It was pointed out that the act of planting evidence can be done in any investigation, irrespective of the time at which the complaints were lodged.

- The report did not include the decisions taken by the GRC during the elections against a different candidate.

The Members felt that the candidate had already defended herself on the listed clauses and the new evidence did not amount to any new charges on the said candidate.

- The 'Additional Concerns' section of the Report contained charges against some students, however no action was recommended against them.

The Members clarified that the committee believes that the said incidents do not amount to cancellation of candidature of the candidate in question.

After due deliberation, it was decided that the Students' Senate shall request the Director to constitute an appellate mechanism, giving the candidates an opportunity to appeal against the recommendations of the GRC.

Item No. 20.	To consider the issues in conduction of some events in Games and Sports Council
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 21.	To consider the Pre Conduction Report and the Ratification List for Students Research Convention 2019
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The Pre Conduction Report was presented for consideration of the Students' Senate and was accepted without any changes.

Item No. 22.	To consider the formation of a Consulting Club
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.



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Item No. 23.	To consider the Manifesto Review of President, Students' Gymkhana
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This item was deferred to the Joint Senate Meeting to be presented along the End Term Report of President, Students' Gymkhana.

Item No. 24.	To consider the Expenditure Report of the amount allocated to teams under Science and Technology Council
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 25.	To consider the proposal for discontinuing formals in Gymkhana Activities
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 26.	To Interview candidates for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni'19
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 27.	To consider the Journalism Ethics Document for Vox Populi
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 28.	To consider the Vision Document of E-Cell
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 29.	To consider a proposal to restructure the Outreach Cell
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The updated structure was presented on the floor of the Senate and was accepted without any changes.

Item No. 30.	To consider the report of the Fact-finding committee constituted to look into the work done by Coordinators, Creatives, ARC
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The Report was presented on the floor of the Senate and the Senate accepted the following recommendation of the Committee.

“The committee feels that significant work was done by the Coordinators, Creatives, ARC but due to the creative differences between them and the Overall Coordinator, the work is of no use to the ARC. So, recognition shouldn't be given for the same. But the committee recommends that this shouldn't influence them taking up any other posts in Gymkhana.”

Item No. 31.	To consider the post conduction report of Takneek 2018
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 am with a vote of thanks to all the members.