**Minutes: 1st Emergency Meeting of the Students’ Senate, 12th April, 2014**

**The 2014-15/1st (Emergency) Meeting of the Students’ Senate (2014-15) was held on Wednesday, 14th January, 2015 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 7:45 PM.**

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

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| **Item No. 1** | Announcements and Remarks, if any |

There were no announcements or remarks.

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| **Item No. 2** | To consider the resignation submitted by the Chief Election Officer, and to consider the subsequent action to be taken thereof. |

The Chairperson informed the Senate that the Chief Election Officer, Mr. Rohan Bansal had submitted his resignation from the post to him, citing personal reasons. He further recalled for the consideration of the Senate that the elections were scheduled to begin on 15th January, 2015.

The Senate wished to know the reason for the resignation. In this regard, the Chairperson, Students’ Senate clarified that to conduct any elections, permission from the Director of the Institute must be obtained. Mr. Rohan Bansal informed the Senate that the Chairperson, Students’ Senate and he had together submitted, through the Dean, Students’ Affairs, a document to the Deputy Director, who was the Acting Director at that time requesting permission for the elections and approval for the rules and regulations. It was informed that since Mr. Rohan Bansal’s name had come up in the SSAC case relating to the incident in Hall V on 17.10.2014, the Deputy Director had expressed concerns about Mr. Rohan Bansal being the Chief Election Officer in a meeting with the Dean, Students’ Affairs and the Chairperson, Students’ Senate.

In this context, Mr. Rohan Bansal informed the Senate that in the aftermath of this meeting, he, along with all the Executives, was called by the Chairperson for a meeting with the Dean in the DOSA Office. In that meeting, Mr. Rohan Bansal considered it appropriate to submit his resignation from the post of Chief Election Officer to the Chairperson. He further clarified that the environment of his meeting with the Dean, Students’ Affairs had made it clear to him that the administration wanted him to resign, and that if he opted to continue as Chief Election Officer he may not receive the required support from the Dean, Students’ Affairs and his Office which is necessary for smooth conduction of the General Elections without any problem.

The Senate took note of the reasons provided by the Chief Election Officer. The Senate further agreed with the Chief Election Officer that the situation as it stood suggested that Mr. Rohan Bansal would not receive the support he requires from the Institute administration to be able to conduct the General Elections satisfactorily. The Senate therefore accepted the resignation submitted by Mr. Rohan Bansal on these grounds.

Due to the emergency situation hence created, the Senate unanimously decided to delay the General Elections’15 by one day to start from 16th January, 2015 instead. The Senate further considered the following options for conduction of elections:

* A new Chief Election Officer be appointed from the General Body
* The President, Students’ Gymkhana (2014-15) be appointed as Officiating Chief Election Officer for the General Elections’15, with assistance from the Chairperson, Students’ Senate.

After a detailed discussion the Senate agreed that a new Chief Election Officer should be appointed from the General Body. However, the Senate felt that a Senate meeting was an inappropriate forum to decide the new Chief Election Officer without the recommendations of smaller body. The Senate further noted that the urgency of the situation implied that the decision had to be taken as soon as possible. Taking this into account, the Senate decided to empower the Nominations Committee to appoint a new Chief Election Officer as it deemed appropriate, and to circulate the name over the Students’ Senate mailing list for ratification as an emergency measure.

The Senate however strongly objected to the situation that led to the resignation of Mr. Rohan Bansal on various grounds. In particular, the Senate felt that the Institute administration had demonstrated a lack of trust in the decisions taken by the Senate by creating a situation that forced Mr. Rohan Bansal to resign. The Senate discussed at length the decisions taken by the Institute administration in the recent past that had led to the creation of a trust deficit between the Students’ Gymkhana and the Institute administration.

After the discussion, the President, Students’ Gymkhana proposed a resolution for the consideration of the Senate. The resolution was seconded by the General Secretary, Cultural Council; General Secretary, Science and Technology Council; General Secretary, Games and Sports Council; General Secretary, Films and Media Council; and Chairperson, Students’ Senate.

The Senate discussed the resolution at length. After the discussion, a vote was held by show-of-hands, in which the Senate unanimously decided to adopt the resolution.

The Senate thereby adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15/1:**

“The Students' Senate believes that the situation created by the Institute administration that resulted in the resignation of Mr. Rohan Bansal as the Chief Election Officer is exemplary of a much deeper problem, which is the lack of trust by the Institute administration towards the representatives and Officebearers of the Students' Gymkhana, and the decisions taken by Students' Senate.

The Senate believes that the current administration is undermining the faith and respect that the Institute has accorded in the past both to the Students' Gymkhana in specific, and the student body in general. The Senate also notes that the Institute administration has made a practice of bypassing the Students' Senate and the Executives of the Students' Gymkhana in matters directly pertaining to their purview including student issues and welfare and further believes that the Chief Counsellor, Students' Gymkhana has refrained from taking responsibility for the Gymkhana at many crucial occasions, where his support was solicited.

Taking into account the above, the Students' Senate, in its 2014-15/1st (Emergency) Meeting, resolves that this situation has created an environment which has often resulted in a lack of support to the Officebearers of the Students' Gymkhana and their initiatives, and believes that this situation cannot be allowed to continue. The Students' Senate respectfully requests that the Institute administration take appropriate steps to resolve this lack of faith and trust, to ensure that the Students' Gymkhana and the Institute may continue to work in a harmonious and enabling manner.”

The Senate further decided that the above resolution shall be forwarded to the Director, the Deputy Director, the Dean, Students’ Affairs and the Senate Nominees to the Board of Governors for their consideration.

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| **Item No. 3** | Questions and Remarks, if any. |

There were no questions or remarks.

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|  | Any other item, with the permission of the Chair |

No other item was introduced.

**The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 2:10 AM.**

**Attendance Record (Emergency)**

The attendance record is:

* Total Strength of the Senate : 59
* Total number of Senators present : 36
* Total number of Senators absent : 23

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

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| **Sl.No.** | **Name** | **Post** | **Attendance** |
| 1 | Anurag Sahay | Chairperson, Students' Senate | Present |
| 2 | Abhimanyu Arora | President, Students’ Gymkhana | Present |
| 3 | Shalin Mandowara | General Secretary, Cultural Council | Present |
| 4 | Shivendu Bhushan | General Secretary, Science and Technology Council | Present |
| 5 | Chirag Agarwal | General Secretary, Games and Sports Council | Present |
| 6 | Chetan Kumar Garg | General Secretary, Films and Media Council | Present |
| 7 | Ashwani Kumar Munnangi | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 8 | Ahmed Sameer | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 9 | Ankita Singh | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 10 | Imran Khan | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 11 | Sandeep Kumar | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 12 | Charchit Kumar | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 13 | Mohd. Amir | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 14 | Gopal Sharain Parashari | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 15 | Arun Karthik B. | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 16 | Amarjit Kene | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 17 | Vipin Kumar Jain | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 18 | Abhijeet Swain | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 19 | Javed Akhtar | Senator, PhD | Absent |
| 20 | Akash Pushkar | Senator, MTech Y13 | Absent |
| 21 | Mohammad Mahmood | Senator, MTech Y13 | Absent |
| 22 | Gyanesh Kumar Singh | Senator, MTech Y13 | Absent |
| 23 | Gaurav Kumar | Senator, MTech Y14 | Absent |
| 24 | Shrishti Gautam | Senator, MTech Y14 | Absent |
| 25 | Mohd. Asim Khan | Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Equivalent Programmes Y13 | Absent |
| 26 | Himesh Anand | Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Equivalent Programmes Y14 | Absent |
| 27 | Hemant Patel | Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year) | Present |
| 28 | Mohd. Dawood | Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year) | Absent |
| 29 | Avish Rana | Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year) | Present |
| 30 | Amitanshu Gupta | Senator, UG Y11 | Absent |
| 31 | Anuj Kukreja | Senator, UG Y11 | Absent |
| 32 | Jai Prakash Menaria | Senator, UG Y11 | Present^ |
| 33 | Shrey Agarwal | Senator, UG Y11 | Present |
| 34 | Vibhu Mohan Bajpai | Senator, UG Y11 | Present |
| 35 | Rishikesh Mishra | Senator, UG Y11 | Present |
| 36 | Arjun Singh | Senator, UG Y12 | Present^ |
| 37 | Ashwani Roy | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 38 | Balendu Shekhar | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 39 | Chahat Bajpai | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 40 | Pushapjeet Singh | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 41 | Sabyasachi Verma | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 42 | Saurabh Aggarwal | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 43 | Vishal Goyal | Senator, UG Y12 | Present^ |
| 44 | Arpan Agarwal | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 45 | Ashutosh Ranka | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 46 | Manikanta Reddy D. | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 47 | Harpreet Singh | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 48 | Kush Gupta | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 49 | Rishabh Jain | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 50 | Ritika Mulagalapalli | Senator, UG Y13 | Present^ |
| 51 | Samyak Jain | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 52 | Arshil Abbas | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 53 | Ashutosh Kumar | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 54 | Dhruv Bhanot | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 55 | Gaurav Seth | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 56 | Hari Shankar | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 57 | Mayank Varshney | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 58 | Nikhil Bansal | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 59 | Pooja Yadav | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |

^ – Present (Nominee)