**2nd Meeting of the Students’ Senate (2019-20): Minutes**

**The 2019-20/2st Meeting of the Students’ Senate was held on Sunday, 14th April 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 2:40 PM.**

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| 1. | Richeek Awasthi | Chairperson, Students’ Senate | Present |
| 2. | Rhythm Pathak | (Officiating)President, Students’ Gymkhana | Present |
| 3. | Jaspreet Singh | General Secretary, Games and Sports | Present |
| 4. | Chitral Gupta | (Officiating)General Secretary, Media and Culture | Present |
| 5. | Abhigyan Verma | General Secretary, Science and Technology | Present |
| 6 | Rahul Sethi | UG Secretary, Academics & Career | Present |
| 7. | Arun Kumar Agarwal | PG Secretary, Academics & Career | Present |
| 8. | Maharishi Kumar | BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y15 | Present |
| 9. | Prakhar Ji Gupta | BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y15 | Present |
| 10. | Abhishek Aryan | Senator, BT/BS Y16 | Present |
| 11. | Anivesh Sahu | Senator, BT/BS Y16 | Present |
| 12. | Parth Chhaparwal | Senator, BT/BS Y16 | Present |
| 13. | Rhythm Pathak | Senator, BT/BS Y16 | Present |
| 14. | Vineet Kumar Singh | Senator, BT/BS Y16 | Present |
| 15. | Nikunj Kothari | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 16. | Saqib Mohammed | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 17. | Shashi Shekhar | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 18. | Vatsalya Tandon | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 19. | Vineet Shukla | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 20. | Yash Maheshwari | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 21. | Ashutosh Bajpai | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 22. | Gurasheesh Singh | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 23. | Luvneesh Kumar | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 24. | Ramyata Sriniwas Pate | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present\* |
| 25. | Akshay Bajaj | Senator, MSR | Absent |
| 26. | Vishal Sharma | Senator, MSR | Present |
| 28. | Suraj Sahab Jha | MBA, MDes & other 2 year programmes Y18 | Present |
| 30. | Aditya Gupta | MTech 2 year Y18 | Present |
| 31. | Akshay Kumar | MTech 2 year Y18 | Present |
| 32. | Motilal Meher | MTech 2 year Y18 | Absent |
| 33. | Soham De Roy | MTech 2 year Y18 | Present |
| 34. | Aditi Jublie | PhD Y16 and earlier batches (including MSc-PhD Y14) | Present |
| 36. | Gokhale Nachiket Aashish | PhD Y18 (including MSc-PhD Y16) | Present |
| 37. | Sourima Chakraborty | PhD Y18 (including MSc-PhD Y16) | Absent |

\* - Present with Nominee, # - Absent with Permission

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

| **Item No. 1** | To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:  2018-19/7th Meeting  2019-20/1st Meeting  2019-20/1st (Special) Meeting |
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The Minutes of the 1st meeting of 2019-20 were presented by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate. They were confirmed with the changes proposed. The minutes of the 7th meeting of 2018-19 and 1st (Special) meeting of 2019-20 were not prepared due to time constraints and thus were deferred to the next meeting.

| **Item No. 2** | Announcements, Questions and Remarks, if any |
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| **Item No. 3** | To take note of decisions taken over the Mailing List |
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No decisions taken over the Mailing List were taken up for consideration.

| **Item No. 4** | To report the actions taken on the decisions on the Students' Senate 2019-20 |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 5** | To consider the reply of Senators to the Show Cause Notice issued to them for not following the Attendance Rules |
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The following Senators failed to turn up in the meeting to defend the show cause notice issued to them and stood removed for the Students’ Senate as per the attendance rules mentioned in the Appendix A of the Gymkhana Constitution:

The Senate considered the replies given by the following Senators against the show cause notice issued to them and chose to allow them to continue as members of the Senate:

| **Item No. 6** | To consider the election of the members of the following standing committees and councils of the Students’ Senate: i. Finance Committee |
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The election for Finance committee was deferred to the next meeting due to the lack of applications that was required for the constitution of the Finance Committee.

| **Item No.7** | To consider the Pre Term Report of General Secretary, Games and Sports |
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The Pre-Term Report was presented by the General Secretary, Games and Sports on the floor of the Senate. A concern was raised by a Senator regarding the selection trials in every sport for selection of participants for Summer Camp’19 and how they curb the presence of beginners who are new to a particular sport and are interested in learning the nuances of it in the Summer Camp. The General Secretary replied that Summer Camp is funded by SPEC, and the vision of SPEC regarding the Summer Camp is to emphasis on improving players for Inter IIT and trials are conducted to select players who are interested in Inter IIT.

After answering the concerns, the following report was accepted by the Senate.

| **Item No. 8** | To consider the Pre Term Report of General Secretary, Science and Technology |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting since the reports were not submitted.

| **Item No. 9** | To consider the Pre Term Report of General Secretary, Media and Culture |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting since the reports were not submitted.

Gymkhana Budget

Concerns were raised on the budget as it was made considering the Rs 200 hike in Gymkhana Fees which was not yet passed.

So the Senate directed the Finance Convener to make a Contingency Budget incase the Fee hike is not passed.

It was decided on the floor of the Senate that Funds collected from the Halls for General Championship will be collected as Special Grant from nowon.

End term report Ecell

Concerns were raised as it was pointed out that events like SMC and TedX are not conducted by Ecell. It was clarified that most of the work in these events was done by Ecell. Considering the Groundwork of Ecell in these events, the Senate found it correct to mention these initiatives its report.

The report was passed without any changes.

| **Item No. 10** | To consider the Pre Term Report of Academics and Career Council |
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The interviews for the positions Head Public Relations and Head Marketing were yet to be conducted. The Senate accepted the ratification for all other posts.

| **Item No. 11** | To consider the Gymkhana budget for the year 2019-20 |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the unavailability of the report.

| **Item No. 12.** | To consider the Gymkhana Calendar for the year 2019-2020 |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the unavailability of the calendar.

| **Item No. 13.** | To consider the Post-Conduction Report of Techkriti '18 |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 14.** | 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 paucity of time.

| **Item No. 15.** | To consider the End Term Reports and Vision Documents of Cells |
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The following reports and vision documents were presented on the floor of the Senate:

1. Community Welfare Cell:
   * End Term Report: The End Term report was presented and accepted by the Senate.
   * Vision Document: The Vision document was not presented due to paucity of time.
2. E-Cell:
   * End Term Report: The End Term report was presented and accepted by the Senate.
   * Vision Document: The Vision document was not presented due to paucity of time.
3. Outreach Cell:
   * End Term Report: The End Term report was presented and accepted by the Senate.
   * Vision Document: The Vision document was not presented due to paucity of time.
4. Vox Populi:
   * End Term Report: The End Term Report was not presented due to paucity of time.
   * Vision Document: The Vision document was not presented due to unavailability of report.
5. Academics and Research Cell:
   * End Term Report: The End Term report was presented and accepted by the Senate.

| **Item No. 16.** | 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.

| **Item No. 17.** | To consider the amendments to the Gymkhana Constitution and the minutes of the Rules and Procedures Committee |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 18.** | To consider the Hall Allocation Policy for the year 2019-20 |
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The CoSHA Convener presented the Hall Allocation Policy for the year 2019-20 on the floor of the Senate for consideration.

A General Body Member pointed out the contrast that occured last year between the presented Hall Allocation Policy and the allocation that eventually happened and requested the reasons for the same. Upon this, the CoSHA Convener, 2018-19 replied that at times due to a change in the number of Post-Graduate students that join the institute compared to the expected number, Counselling Service

The Senate pointed out discrepancies in the report convener CoSHA and accepted the Hall

Allocation Policy with some changes.

| **Item No. 19.** | To consider the post conduction report of Antaragni '18 |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 20.** | To consider the post conduction report of Udghosh '18 |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 21.** | To consider the vision document for Academics and Career Council |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 22.** | To consider the Expenditure Report of the amount allocated to teams under the Science and Technology Council |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 23.** | To consider a proposal for the formation of a Hobby Group for Public Speaking |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 24.** | To consider the proposal for reformation of Departmental Societies |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 25.** | To consider the Proposal to restructure the Ombudsgroup |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the unavailability of the report.

| **Item No. 26.** | To consider a proposal to increase the Gymkhana Fees |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the unavailability of the report.

| **Item No. 27.** | To consider a proposal to consider a Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for Differently-Abled Students in SPO exams  Proposal |
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The proposer had formally requested the Chairperson Students’ Senate to take back the proposal.

| **Item No. 28.** | 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. 29.** | To consider a review of the efficacy of Counselling Service |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 30.** | To consider the effect of compulsory Summer Registration for Post Graduate Programs in IIT Kanpur |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 31.** | To consider the proposal to stop unnecessarily long Senate Meetings |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 32.** | To consider the issue with PG Senators/Executives being unable to fully engage in the Students' Senate Meetings |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 33.** | 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. 34.** | To consider the issues in the 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. 35.** | To consider the updated Manifesto Review of President, Students' Gymkhana 2018-19 |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the unavailability of the report.

| **Item No. 36.** | To consider the interim report of the Fact-Finding Committee constituted to look into the misconduct of Senators |
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The Senate was informed that following, the investigation of the fact finding Committee that a BT/BS Y18 Senator tendered his resignation to the Chairperson Students’ Senate. The Convener of the committee informed the Senate that the final report of the committee shall be presented in the next meeting of the Students’ Senate.

Additional Agenda Items for the 2nd Meeting 2019-20

| **Item No. 37.** | To consider the Ratification lists for Cells |
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The lists were presented on the floor of the Senate by Outreach Cell, Vox Populi and E-Cell. All the lists were accepted and ratified.  
  
The list of students for ratification of Community Welfare Cell 2019-20 was not prepared and hence was deferred for the next meeting.

| **Item No. 38.** | To consider the Ratification lists for Councils |
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The list of names of students for the Games and Sports Council was presented for ratification and was accepted by the Senate. Though, keeping in account the concerns that were raised on the lack of experience among the students in the presented list, the Chairperson Students’ Senate advised the General Secretary to form a more experienced team next year.

The (Officiating) General Secretary, Media and Culture Council presented the list for ratification of students for Media and Culture Council and the same was accepted by the Senate.

The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council presented the list for ratification of students for Science and Technology Council and the same was accepted by the Senate.

The General Secretary, Academics and Career Council presented the list for ratification of students for Academics and Career Council and the same was accepted by the Senate.

| **Item No. 39.** | To consider the proposal to form the Rubics Cube Club |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.