**5th (Special) Meeting of the Students’ Senate (2019-20): Minutes**

**The 2019-20/5th Special Meeting of the Students’ Senate was held on Thursday, 7th November, 2019 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 9:00 PM.**

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| 1. | Richeek Awasthi | Chairperson, Students’ Senate | Present |
| 2. | Rahul Sethi | Officiating President, Students’ Gymkhana | Present |
| 3. | Jaspreet Singh | General Secretary, Games and Sports | Present |
| 4. | Nipun Goyal | Acting General Secretary, Media and Culture | Present |
| 5. | Abhigyan Verma | General Secretary, Science and Technology | Present |
| 6 | Rahul Sethi | UG Secretary, Academics & Career | Present |
| 7. | Shivam Kumar Gautam | PG Secretary, Academics & Career | Present |
| 8. | Abhishek Aryan | Finance Convener | Present\* |
| 9. | Yash Maheshwari | Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate | Present |
| 10. | Nikunj Kothari | Convener, CoSHA | Present |
| 11. | Bhanupratap Niranjan | BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y15 | Present |
| 12. | Abhinav Arora | Senator, BT/BS Y16 | Present |
| 13. | Vineet Kumar Singh | Senator, BT/BS Y16 | Absent |
| 14. | Saqib Mohammed | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 15. | Shashi Shekhar | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 16 | Vatsalya Tandon | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 17. | Vineet Shukla | Senator, BT/BS Y17 | Present |
| 18. | Ashutosh Bajpai | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 19. | Gurasheesh Singh | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 20. | Luvneesh Kumar | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Absent |
| 21. | Vedaant Sikka | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 22. | Kartikeya Dhakad | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 23. | Ramyata Sriniwas Pate | Senator, BT/BS Y18 | Present |
| 24. | Naiza Singla | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Absent |
| 25. | Pakshal Secretry | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Present |
| 26. | Devansh Parmar | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Absent |
| 27. | Ankit Yogi | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Present |
| 28. | Abhimanyu Sethia | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Absent |
| 29. | Avinash Bansal | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Absent |
| 30. | Ankit Yadav | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Present |
| 31. | Akshay Bajaj | Senator, MSR | Present |
| 32. | Vishal Sharma | Senator, MSR | Absent |
| 33. | Sitanshu Nandan | MBA, MDes & other 2 year programmes Y17 | Absent |
| 34. | Suraj Sahab Jha | MBA, MDes & other 2 year programmes Y18 | Absent |
| 35. | Aditya Gupta | MTech 2 year Y18 | Absent |
| 36. | Ashish Ubana | MTech 2 year Y18 | Present |
| 37. | Akshay Kumar | MTech 2 year Y18 | Absent |
| 38. | Motilal Meher | MTech 2 year Y18 | Absent |
| 39. | Soham De Roy | MTech 2 year Y18 | Present |
| 40. | Vivek Prajapat | MTech 2 year Y19 | Present |
| 41. | Monark Prakashchandra Sutariya | MTech 2 year)Y19 | Absent |
| 42. | Aditi Jublie | PhD Y16 and earlier batches (including MSc-PhD Y14) | Present |
| 43. | Gokhale Nachiket Aashish | PhD Y18 (including MSc-PhD Y16) | Absent |

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

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

| **Item No. 1** | To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:  i. 2019-20/4th (Special) Meeting  ii. 2019-20/5th Meeting |
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* The minutes for the 5th meeting were presented and ratified on the floor of the Senate.
* The minutes for the 4th (Special) meeting were presented and ratified on the floor of the Senate with the caveat that the Attendance record would be updated.

| **Item No. 2** | Announcements, Questions and Remarks, if any |
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The following announcements were made on the floor of the senate -

* General Secretary, Science and Technology announced the following:
  + Team Aerial Robotics participated in an event in Madrid. They didn’t win any awards but their performance was commendable for their first participation.
  + A 9 am to 5 pm session with Technopark was held with the help of Science and Technology Council and Industry giants in robotics.
* Mr. Abhigyan Verma informed the Senate that he would not be able to continue as Officiating General Secretary, Media and Culture due to personal reasons. Mr. Nipun Goyal, Associate Head Performing was appointed as Acting General Secretary, Media and Culture.
* The President informed the Senate that a new projector was bought and installed in New SAC. He also informed that the Cycle auctions would be held the day after tomorrow, 9th November 2019.
* A senator inquired about the feedback and signature campaign form floated after GBM. The Chairperson informed the senate that this would be discussed in an agenda today.
* A senator inquired why the cards that were issued by ICICI were not yet received after 1.5 months. The President informed that he would ask for an update on the matter from Mr. Aman Gupta who oversaw the stalls.
* A senator inquired about the update on them receiving mailing rights to their batch list. The chairperson informed the senate that he would be contacting the Head CC regarding the same.
* Mr. Richeek Awasthi announced that he would not be able to continue as Chairperson, Student’s Senate due to an Office order barring SSAC punishees from holding Gymkhana positions which was discussed in a previous meeting. The Parliamentarian Mr. Yash Maheshwari was appointed as the Acting Chairperson.
* A Senator inquired why Mr. Rupam Biswas was still the President, Hall 1 even after multiple notices from the Senate that he should step down from his post of President as it was in direct conflict with his post of Chief Election Officer. The Senate opined that a show cause notice shall be sent to Mr. Rupam Biswas regarding the same.

| **Item No. 3** | To take note of decisions taken over the Mailing List |
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The Senate took cognisance of the decisions taken over the mailing list, which were:

* Ratification of DPGC nominees

| **Item No. 4** | To consider the updated Ratification lists for Students' Gymkhana |
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* The ratification list for President’s Office was presented on the floor of the Senate and was accepted.
* The ratification list for the positions of Secretaries of the Clubs/Hobby Groups under the Science and Technology Council and the Media and Culture Council was presented on the floor of the senate and were accepted. The Games and Sports Council was notified to present the ratification list for the same in the next meeting.

| **Item No. 5** | To take cognizance of the issues discussed in the General Body Meeting and the  deliberation on the same with Patron, Students' Gymkhana |
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* The following agendas were discussed with the Director
  + Hostel Governance
  + Issues with the functioning of the SSAC
  + Resolution by the Students' Senate
  + Issue of Increased Surveillance

The conclusive remarks from the meeting of the Gymkhana Office Bearers with the Director were discussed:

* The Director acknowledged that some of the Offices and Wardens dealing with Students were working in an arbitrary and heavy handed manner and the same needs to be addressed. He also implied that the Offices should be made student friendly and he would be meeting with the relevant authorities to ensure the same.
* The Director acknowledged the heavy handed way of functioning of the SSAC and also suggested that the appeals related to the SSAC should rest with the Director.
* Regarding the case of not forwarding of the Resolutions by Students’ Senate to the Academic Senate, the Director stated that the Resolutions were strongly worded and would be detrimental to the cause of the Students if forwarded as it is to the Academic Senate and advised the Office Bearers to re-word the resolutions and send them again so that action can be taken upon the same.
* Regarding the increasing surveillance in the campus, the Director stated that suggestions on the policy and structural changes in the Institute are always invited from the students.

The Senate opined that a feedback form should be circulated for the General Body by the Gymkhana and a committee should be set-up to take up the suggestions gathered from the responses of the form with the Director and have a follow-up on the same. The strength of the sub-committee was decided to be 8 members including 2 SSAC members and the following:

1. Richeek Awasthi
2. Rahul Sethi
3. Rhythm pathak
4. Abhishek Aryan Sinha
5. Akshay Bajaj
6. Rishikesh Mishra

| **Item No. 6** | To consider a Proposal to reforms in the Constitution of UG-SAC |
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This item was deferred as the proposer was not present in the meeting.

| **Item No. 7** | To consider the Interim Draft of the Model Constitution |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 8** | To consider the Mid-Term Reports of Cells |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 9** | To consider the report of the General Secretary, Science and Technology on the performance of IITK in Tech Meets |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 10** | To consider the proposal to establish a Brain and Cognitive Science Society |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 11** | To consider the Team Structure proposed for 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. 12** | To consider a proposal for reforms in Gymkhana Nominations |
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* The General Secretaries were asked to send recommendation to the nomination reforms by 2nd November 2019 but no recommendations were received. The General Secretaries were not present in the meeting as they had placement tests so the senate opined that the item can be discussed in the next meeting as the proposal was itemized late. But as the proposer, Mr. Prakhar Ji Gupta, would graduate this semester, it was opined that this item would have to be discussed in this meeting.

**Nomination Reforms**

* This proposal provides an exhaustive list for all executive positions under Gymkhana.
* It was pointed out that the concept of ‘Wings’ should be included in this proposal.
* Under ‘Nominating Authority’, it was opined that the nominations for positions in cells shall be made by President instead of Chairperson.
* Under ‘Call for Nomination’, it was opined that the concept of “References” should be amended to include “Past Experiences” along with their appointing authority for the relevant experience.
* It was opined that orientation session notification shall also be sent along with Call for nominations, .
* It was opined that the 5th point shall be removed under the section ‘Interview Results’.
* Under ‘Scheduling Guidelines’, time limit for presentation, i.e, the last point shall be removed.
* Under ‘Renominations’, the first 2 points shall be removed and 5th point shall be made the first point. It was opined that the 3rd point shall only be treated as a recommendation. It was also opined that any senator can reach out to their batch but the renomination mail should be sent to general body.
* Under ‘conflict of interest’, the 6th point should be left on the discretion of the appointing authority
* It was opined that this proposal shall be followed from the next Gymkhana year.
* A Senator inquired if Convener, COSHA, can also be a Pool Captain as there might be a conflict of interest. It was opined that Pool Captain is a Gymkhana position and there is no conflict of interest and Convener, COSHA, can hold the position of Pool Captain.
* The timeline for the implementation of this proposal shall be discussed in a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 01:33 am with a vote of thanks to all the members.