**6th Meeting of the Students’ Senate (2019-20): Minutes**

**The 2019-20/6th Meeting of the Students’ Senate was held on Saturday, 4th January, 2020 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 8:53 PM.**

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| 1. | Yash Maheshwari | Acting Chairperson, Students’ Senate | Present |
| 2. | Rahul Sethi | (Officiating) President, Student’s 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. | Siddhartha Srivastava | Acting Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate | Present |
| 10. | Nikunj Kothari | Convener, CoSHA | Present |
| 11. | Bhanupratap Niranjan | BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y15 | Absent |
| 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 | Present\* |
| 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 | Present |
| 25. | Pakshal Secretry | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Absent |
| 26. | Devansh Parmar | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Present |
| 27. | Ankit Yogi | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Present |
| 28. | Abhimanyu Sethia | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Present |
| 29. | Avinash Bansal | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Present\* |
| 30. | Ankit Yadav | Senator, BT/BS Y19 | Absent |
| 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 | Absent |
| 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) | Present |

\* - 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. 2019-20/5th (Special) Meeting  ii. 2019-20/2nd Emergency Meeting  iii. 2019-20/2nd Vacation Meeting |
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* The minutes of the 5th Special and 2nd Emergency meeting were presented on the floor of the Senate and accepted without any changes.
* 2019-20/2nd Vacation Meeting - The minutes were presented on the floor of the Senate. Contentions were raised on Item 3 of the minutes. A Senator questioned the definition of forced participation. The Senate decided to remove the point regarding increasing the severity of punishment in case the complainer is on AP/Warning. The Senate also opined that cases of false punishment be taken seriously and the punishments be limited to a particular event only. It was also decided that only the affected student can complain. The line regarding 11 pm was changed to late at night. The Senate accepted the minutes in principle.

| **Item No. 2** | Announcements, Questions and Remarks, if any |
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* A Senator inquired about the proceedings with the institute regarding the Solidarity March held by the students. The Senate constituted a 3-member subcommittee consisting of:
  + Abhishek Aryan
  + Rishikesh Sharma
  + Kartikeya Dhakad

The mandate of the committee was to look into the matter related to the event and to draft a resolution to express Solidarity. The resolution was drafted and sent to the mailing list and accepted by the Students’ Senate.

* The President, Students’ Gymkhana informed the Senate that all the resolutions were forwarded to the Director and he assured the Senate that he will try to present it in the next meeting of the Academic Senate.
* A Senator informed the Senate that the institute plans to increase the hostel fee of all students by Rs 12,000 to recover the hostel maintenance costs. As hostel maintenance fee is already taken from the students, the Senate was of the view that the increase seems overpriced. So, the Senate constituted a 3 member sub-committee to look into the fee structure of other IITs and recommend on the matter. The sub-committee consisted of:
  + President, Students’ Gymkhana
  + COSHA Convener
  + Convener, PGSAC
* The Women Cell nominee informed the Senate that the Relationship policy had been passed and final details will be shared over the mailing list.
* The UGARC Convener informed the Senate that the first draft of the Constitution has been made and sent to the Director and the departments.

| **Item No. 3** | To take note of decisions taken over the Mailing List |
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No major decision was taken over the mailing list

| **Item No. 4** | To consider the updated Ratification lists for Students' Gymkhana |
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* The ratification list of DPGC nominees was presented and accepted by the Senate.
* The ratification list of the Election Commision was presented and accepted by the Senate.

| **Item No. 5** | To consider Pre-Conduct Report of General Elections 2020 |
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The Pre-conduction report of General Elections 2020 was presented on the floor of the Senate and the following contentions were raised -

* The position of General Secretary, UG Academics and Career should be changed to UG Secretary , Academics and Career and the position of General Secretary, PG Academics and Career should be changed to PG Secretary, Academics and Career.
* The Senate decided that the cost of the ID Cards will be borne by the candidates

The report was accepted with the aforementioned changes.

| **Item No. 6** | To consider a Proposal to reforms in the Constitution of UG-SAC |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to the absence of the proposer.

| **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:  i. Outreach Cell  ii. Vox Populi  iii. Community Welfare Cell  iv. E-Cell |
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**Outreach Cell** - The Mid-Term Report of Outreach Cell was not presented due to paucity of time.

**Vox Populi** - The Mid-Term Report of Vox Populi was presented on the floor of the Senate. The Chief Editor informed the Senate that they were directed by the administration in strong words to remove anything related to the Solidarity march including the article on Solidarity march. The report was accepted by the Senate.

**Community Welfare Cell** - The Mid-Term Report of Community Welfare Cell was not presented due to paucity of time.

**E-Cell** - The Mid-Term Report of E-Cell was not presented due to unavailability of report.

| **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 the Mid-term report of the Media and Cultural Council |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 13** | To consider the Mid-term report of the Academics and Career Council |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 14** | To consider the Mid-term report of the Science and Technology Council |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

| **Item No. 15** | To consider the Mid-term report of the Students' Senate |
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The Mid-term report of the Students’ Senate was presented on the floor of the Senate by Mr. Richeek Awasthi. With due deliberation, the Senate decided that Recommendation no. 1,2,4 and 5 would be forwarded to RPC for further discussion. The Mid-term report was accepted without any changes.

| **Item No. 16** | To consider a proposal for waterless urinals |
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 am with a vote of thanks to all the members.