



Students' Senate (2016-17)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Vedant Goenka | Chairperson



10th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2016-17): Minutes

The 2016-17/10th Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on 21st March, 2017 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:41 PM

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2016-17/7th Meeting ii. 2016-17/5th (Special) Meeting iii. 2016-17/8th Meeting iv. 2016-17/9th Meeting
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The confirmation of Minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The President, Students' Gymkhana remarked that the interview process for the post of Overall Placement Coordinators (OPCs) was not transparent. He notified the Senate that the candidates who were not seen competent were being selected for the post of Overall Placement Coordinator. The President also clarified that one candidate who was clearly seen to be unprepared had been selected. The Senate was also clarified that the names of Overall Placement Coordinators that were selected also included some of the names not on the original list. The President exclaimed that the Senate should write a resolution if those names are selected. The President also explained that in SPC only one thing had happened in one year which was not significant and that SPC needs to be made proactive.

Item No. 3	To note the decisions taken by the Senate over the mailing list
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This item was not presented as it was not submitted.



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Item No. 4	To consider a censure motion against General Secretary, Cultural
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The proposer stated his arguments to the Senate for why in his belief the General Secretary Cultural should be censured. The General Secretary Cultural gave her clarification. The General Secretary Cultural claimed that she was asked to call upon a meeting during Galaxy, and it was not reminded to her. She also explained that she thought the gravity of the situation was not properly conveyed to her by the Convener of Gymkhana Review Committee. The General Secretary Cultural also explained that she discussed the idea on the facebook group of core team. General Secretary Cultural exclaimed that once she thought she should discuss it, she didn't get any reminders for the same. The Chairperson explained that she should not give a reason that she was not reminded. Regarding the negligence shown by the General Secretary Cultural, a senator asked for clarification from her. The Senator also sought an official clarification regarding the news related to galaxy before the results were announced and why the hall were taking pics of the winning the trophies and why was it allowed. A General Body Member argued that he wanted to get an exact text for the censure motion.

The proposer clarified the points laid by the General Secretary Cultural in the previous Senate meeting. The General Body Member clarified that he believes all the four points are not contradictory. The President clarifies his previous opinions. The Senator questioned whether there was any other new point that was needed to be raised in that regard. Few other concerns of the General Secretary Cultural was cleared.

The text for the censure motion can be found here:

“To The Chairperson

Students' Senate

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Sir,

This is to propose a censure motion against the General Secretary, Cultural Affairs. The Gymkhana Review Committee (GRC) had requested her to call a core team meeting of the cultural council. But she choose not to call the meeting even after several reminders. I believe that she has subverted the work of the committee and not called the meeting to discuss the merger proposal. She is not even sure whether her coordinators were available or not for the meeting. This is deliberate misuse of power to the effect that a meeting that would have resulted in a Senate appointed committee gaining insight into a very important issue relevant to the student community not taking place.



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Regards,
Vipul Garg
Convener, GRC
Seconded by Karan Kashyap”

The Parliamentarian was requisitioned to clarify the levels of censure motion. Another concern was raised by the Senate in order to understand whether the General Secretary Cultural should have the power to cancel a meeting if she feels it was not needed. Many doubts regarding censure motion were cleared. The Senate decided to take up level one censure motion for consideration. Based on the results of the voting session, the Senate decided to pass the censure motion.

Item No. 5	To reconsider for de-ratification, the list of names of students who did not fulfil the eligibility criteria while filing nominations
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Few suggestions were given by the core team antaragni to the Senate regarding the nominations procedure. The Chairperson laid out his statement on the need for going through procedures. The Senate deliberated on the proposal. The Antaragni core team has agreed that they violated procedures of constitution of the Students' Gymkhana. On part of core team, they have tried to find people who might have exploited the loopholes. A call for censure motion was done by a senator. After deliberations the proposer decided to go on for a second level censure motion. The core team raised doubts regarding the point of the chairperson not being able to go bring minutes on time. A proposal to adjourn the Senate meeting was being raised by a member. After deliberations and after understanding the importance of the agendas, the senator decided to continue and not go with the adjournment motion.

Offences made on part of the antaragni team was were laid out including reports not being submitted, messing up with the ratifications, antaragni team being late to submit MoUs. First major offence pointed was: Utter disregard to be the rules of constitution. The Antaragni team explained that they were too busy as it was two days before the fest. Second major offence was: Not making necessary changes to pre-conduction report among various other mistakes.



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Third major offence was: Incorrect list sent for de-ratification. The Antaragni team explained that many loopholes are there in the procedures and that they tried to ensure that people comment on the status.

The fourth major offense was: Bills were not submitted one month after fest and the finance report was still not prepared. The Antaragni team explained their stand and suggestion to change the rules for submission deadline for the finance report.

The text of the censure motion can be found here:

“To Chairperson
Students' Senate

I, Richeek Awasthi, Senator BT/BS Y16 would like to propose a censure motion against the festival coordinators of Antaragni' 16 because of the utter disregard they have shown towards the rules and regulations of the Students' Senate and the constitution of the Gymkhana Constitution as a whole.

Various incidents like not making the necessary changes to the pre-conduction report Antaragni' 16 recommended by the COFA before presenting it on the floor of the Senate, incorrect list sent for de-ratification, shows their attitude towards the rules of the Senate.

Proposer: Richeek Awasthi, Senator BT/BS Y16

Seconder: Karthik S.S. Korada, Senator BT/BS Y12

More onto the de-ratifications

The team accepted that they failed to follow some rules.

They talked about loopholes in the nominations procedure when no one in the de-ratification list had actually used them.”

The President argues that everyone is responsible for the mistakes. A point was raised that the Senate was ignoring this issue since long. A Senator argues that Senate hasn't been ignoring it. The Antaragni team in its defence, argued that graver issues were discussed in the Senate previously. A Senator believed that Censure motion should be downgraded. Censure proposer downgrades the motion to first level censure. A reprimand has already been proposed previously. The voting process begins. After considering the results of the voting process, the censure motion was failed.



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The Senate continues to have a closed door meeting. In absence of Mr. Vedant Goenka, Mr. Kunal Kapila presided over the rest of the meeting as the acting Chairperson.

Item No. 6	To consider the Mid-Term report of Chairperson, Students' Senate
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This item was presented as the report was not submitted.

Item No.7	To consider for voting, the constitutional amendments discussed in previous meetings
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 8	To consider the interim report of the Gymkhana Review Committee
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 9	To consider the report of the committee constituted to review the implementation of New ARC
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 10	To take cognisance of the financial status of Antaragni '16 and to consider the action to be taken thereof
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 11	To consider a proposal regarding Minors
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.



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Item No. 12.	To consider a proposal regarding availability of guest rooms for students on a priority basis
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No.13.	To consider the post-conduction festival report of Antaragni '16
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 14	To consider a proposal to repeal the decision of the Senate to cease Gymkhana funding to pools for GC Events
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 15	To consider the end-term report of the Academics and Research Cell
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This item was presented as the report was not submitted.

Item No. 16	To consider the end-term report of the Community Welfare Cell
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This item was presented as the report was not submitted.

Item No. 17	To consider the end-term report of the Entrepreneurship Cell
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This item was presented as the report was not submitted.

Item No. 18	To reconsider for de-ratification, the name of a student in the Science and Technology Council
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the name of Mr. Rithvik Patibandla for deratification. He pointed out that due to some other involvement of Mr. Ritwik, he was



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unable to perform work as the web executive in the council. The Senate accepted the request of the the General Secretary and de-ratified the name.

Item No. 19	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for various posts in the Election Council
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the ratification list for the Election Commission on behalf of the Chief Election Officer for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate ratified the names as presented.

Item No. 20	To consider the post-conduction report of Gymkhana By-Elections '17
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 21	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for various posts in the Academics and Research Cell
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the ratification list for the Academics and Research Cell (ARC) on behalf of the Overall Coordinator, ARC for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate ratified the names as presented.

Item No. 22	To consider the report of the sub-committee formed to look into the Gymkhana Blues and other awards
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 23	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for various posts in Inter-IIT Tech Meet 2017
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the ratification list for various posts in team for Inter IIT Tech Meet 2017 for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate ratified the names as presented.



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Item No. 24	To consider the pre-conduction report of Inter-IIT Tech Meet 2017
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the pre-conduction report of Inter IIT Tech Meet 2017 for the consideration of the Senate. After due deliberations, the Senate accepted the report with a few changes.

Item No. 25	To consider for approval and acceptance the list of names for the team and the following pre-conduction reports of Techkriti '17: a. Festival Conduction Report b. Marketing Report c. Finance Report d. Security Report e. Special Task Force
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The Festival Coordinator, Techkriti'17 presented the festival pre-conduction report, marketing report, finance report and the security report for the consideration of the Senate. After due deliberations, the Senate accepted the reports with the changes recommended by the Senate. The Festival Coordinator withdraws the ratification list and the list of students in the STF as were presented in the Senate in order to confirm the eligibility criteria for the students mentioned in the lists. The Senate decided that the Festival Coordinator will send the updated reports and lists to the Senate mailing list before the start of the festival.

During the discussion, the Senate accepted that the guidelines for collecting fines for various offences (a brief description of fine policy) should be made public in all the forthcoming Gymkhana festivals to increase transparency.

Item No. 26	To consider the action to be taken in regard to the recent misconduct inside the Senate Hall
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

Item No. 27	To consider the interviews for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni '17
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The Senate considered the interview of Mr. Kanishk Shami and Mr. Mayank Varshney for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni'17. The panel recommendations shall be placed before the senate for ratification along with the rest of the core team for Antaragni'17.

Item No. 28	Questions and Remarks, if any
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There were no Questions and Remarks.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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Item No. 29	To consider the proposal regarding restructuring COM200
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The Senate decided to send the item to Academics and Research Cell for their comments and suggestions before considering the proposal.

Item No. 30	To consider the proposal to introduce a new ESO.
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The Senate decided to send the item to Academics and Research Cell for their comments and suggestions before considering the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 AM March 22nd 2017 with a vote of thanks to all the members.