



Students' Senate
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Ankit Bhutani | Convener



Minutes: 2nd Emergency Meeting of the Students' Senate, 27th August, 2012

The 2nd emergency meeting of the Students' Senate (2012 – 2013) was held on 27th August, 2012. It was called to order by the Convener, Students' Senate at 8:15 PM.

The attendance record of the senators is:

- Total: 39
- Present: 30
- Absent: 9
- Absent with permission: 5

The detailed attendance record is placed from AP-2 to AP-3

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	Discussion on the modifications proposed by the Nominations Committee in order to overcome the inconsistencies in the original list of Students' Senate nominees for the Senate standing committees for the session 2012-13.
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At the outset of the meeting, the Convener informed the Senate that there were a few discrepancies in the list of students proposed as the Students' Senate nominees for the (Academic) Senate standing committees for the year 2012-13. He further informed the Senate that the Nominations Committee had an emergency meeting on 26th August, 2012. The discrepancies and proposed changes were:

- No two student nominees to the SUGC can be from the same batch (as prescribed in the Senate Manual). Since Aditya Gupta (Y8127036) and Sumit Bhagwani (Y8127515) are from the same batch, the name of Mr. Sumit Bhagwani has been removed from the list, and the Nominations Committee proposed the name of Mr. Ankit Bhutani (Y9094) as the replacement.
- The student nominees to the SPGC are to be two from PhD programs, and two from MTech and other programs (as prescribed in the PG Manual and the Senate Manual). However all 4 proposed names were from PhD programs, and hence, the names of Mr. Ahmed Sameer and Mr. Mohammad Aashiq were removed from the list, and the Nominations Committee proposed the names of Mr. Sumit Kumar and Mr. Charchit Chauhan as replacements.
- The name of Ms. Jyoti Gupta has been removed from the list of SSAC nominees and the Nominations Committee proposed the name of Mr. Ahmed Sameer as the replacement.
- The name of Mr. Ankit Bhutani has been removed from the SEPC, and instead, the name of Mr. Sumit Bhagwani has been proposed as the replacement.



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The Convener further stated that the letter sent to the Dean, Student Affairs from the Secretary, Senate regarding the Students' Senate nominees did not state any of these requirements. Furthermore, the Convener said that he did not have direct access to the Senate Manual at that time, and was unaware of these requirements completely. He stated that he was informed of these requirements after the letter was sent to the Secretary, Senate, informing him of the nominees.

The Convener also informed the Senate that the Senate standing committees were due to be constituted in 2012-13/1st Meeting of the (Academic) Senate which was to be held shortly. He thus requested the Senate to note and approve the changes to the proposed names.

The following concerns were raised by Senator, MTech 11, Arjun Ravichandran:

- He enquired as to why some of the proposed nominees had not filled in the “Call for Nominations” that had been sent for the same by the Convener.
- He asserted that members of the Nominations Committee should not nominate themselves for positions they are asked to nominate people for.
- He asserted that the Students' Senate could not be expected to accept the list of names without being intimated about the rules governing the members of the Senate standing committee. He thus asked the Convener to produce the letter sent from the Secretary, Senate and the relevant portions of the Senate Manual.
- He enquired as to why no “Call for Nominations” was sent for nominees to the SSAC.

The Convener and the President clarified that the Gymkhana Constitution, the (Academic) Senate and the Students' Senate do not lay any framework to the Nominations Committee about the nomination procedure, and it is left to the discretion of the Committee. Thus, no “Call for Nominations” is mandatory, and even students who have not responded to a call can be nominated with their consent if the Nominations Committee deems them best for the work.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that members of the Nominations Committee should be allowed to nominate themselves if they believe they are most fit for the nominated post, and that the word of the Convener regarding the rules governing the nominations was sufficient as he had now confirmed it with the Senate manual, PG Manual and UG Manual; the Senate could not ask for more without undermining the credibility of the Convener. It was decided that the letter sent by the Secretary, Senate will be circulated to the Senate. Furthermore, it was decided the Convener shall try to procure a copy of the (Academic) Senate manual for record and help in all further matters.

The President and Convener also clarified that the nominees to the SSAC are chosen keeping in mind that the issues discussed there are serious and require a certain amount of experience with the administration and the student body. Thus, no nominations were called for this post, and



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experienced individuals were nominated to SSAC with their consent by the Nominations Committee.

At this point, Arjun asked for a justification for some of the names nominated for the committees in question. The following justification was provided:

- Mr. Abhay Jain was nominated to the SSAC since he is the President, Students' Gymkhana and it is a general policy for one nominee of the SSAC to be a member of the day to day workings of the Gymkhana such as the President and Convener.
- Mr. Aditya Gupta was nominated to the SSAC and the SUGC since he was a nominee to these committees in the session 2011-2012, and it is a general policy to have at least one nominee the same as the previous year to ensure continuity.
- Mr. Karthik Balasundaram was nominated to the SPGC since he was a nominee to the SPGC in the session 2011-12 and no other former nominee wished to be nominated again. Thus, to maintain continuity, the nominations committee was left with no other choice than to nominate Mr. Karthik for SPGC.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the list of names as proposed was approved, with the above changes. The same has been annexed at AP-1

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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No other items were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned by the Convener, Students' Senate at 9:00 PM.

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AP-1

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AP-2

Attendance Record

Sl.No.	Senators	Name of the Post	Attendance
1	Abhay Jain	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
2	Sonal Kumari	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
3	Subhojit Ghosh	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Present
4	Yuvraj Dhillon	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Present
5	Yashovardhan Bhagat	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Present
6	Ankit Bhutani	Convener, Students' Senate	Present
7	Sumit Bhagwani	Senator, UG Y8 (5 Year)	Absent
8	Akella Ravi Nagarjun	Senator, UG Y8 (5 Year)	Present
9	Kanish Manuja	Senator UG Y9	Present
10	Jyoti Gupta	Senator UG Y9	Absent*
11	Pratik Moona	Senator UG Y9	Present
12	Aman Haji	Senator UG Y9	Present
13	Digraj Singh Chahal	Senator UG Y9	Present
14	Anurag Dash	Senator UG Y9	Present
15	Himanshu Pandey	Senator UG Y10	Absent
16	Abhiroop Bhatnagar	Senator UG Y10	Present
17	Rahul Arora	Senator UG Y10	Present
18	Saurabh Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Present
19	Amritanshu Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Present
20	Saurabh Dixit	Senator UG Y10	Present
21	Sanchit Khattar	Senator UG Y10	Present



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22	Shivam Trivedi	Senator UG Y10	Present
<u>AP-3</u>			
23	Ankur Atul Agarwal	Senator UG Y11	Absent*
24	Amrit Rijhwani	Senator UG Y11	Present
25	Samarth Bansal	Senator UG Y11	Present
26	Srijan R Shetty	Senator UG Y11	Present
27	Shouvik Sachdeva	Senator UG Y11	Present
28	Ashish Dabas	Senator UG Y11	Present
29	Pranjal Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Present
30	Diksha Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Absent*
31	Arjun Ravichandran	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
32	Adwait Parulekar	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
33	Abhimanyu M A	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent
34	Srinivas Chitturi	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
35	Nishant Maheshwari	Senator, MBA + M.Des. + other equivalent Masters Programmes Y11	Present
36	Karthik Balasundaram	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
37	Kumar Gaurav	Senator, Ph.D.	Absent*
38	Payel Pal	Senator, Ph.D.	Absent*
39	Rekha Raja	Senator, Ph.D.	Absent

Absent* - Absent with permission