



Students' Senate
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Ankit Bhutani | Convener



Minutes: 7th Meeting of the Students' Senate, 17th October, 2012

The 7th meeting of the Students' Senate (2012 – 2013) was held on 17th October, 2012 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Convener, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.

The attendance record of the senators is:

- Total: 57
- Present: 45
- Absent: 12
- Absent with permission: 5

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	Ratification of the Minutes of the 2012-13/6 th Meeting of the Students' Senate held on 05.10.2012.
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The draft minutes, which had previously been circulated to the Senate, were presented by the Convener for the consideration of the Senate.

The President informed the Senate that regarding the inter-IIT issue for additional finance requirements, the General Secretary had expressed in the previous meeting that President or Convener should take it up instead of just mentioning the President. The change was allowed in the minutes.

The Minutes of the Meeting, with the above-mentioned change, were confirmed by the Senate.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any.
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- The Convener announced that the Webmasters had developed a Lost and Found portal to reduce spamming of mails. He informed the Senate that a prototype version would be circulated to the Senate for testing, after which the portal would be sent to all students for their use.

Item No. 3	To report on action taken.
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Due to the short gap between the 2012-12/6th and the 2012-13/7th Meetings, no new action had been taken in the interim period, and thus, no Action Taken Report was presented.



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Item No. 4	Discussion on the complaint received against the Security team, Antaragni'12.
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The Convener informed the Senate that he had received a few complaints in verbal and 4 complaints in written against the Security Team, Antaragni'12. The complainants who had submitted in written were present, and were requested to elaborate on their specific complaints. The Senate deliberated upon the nature of the complaints and after discussion, decided to constitute a fact-finding committee to look into these complaints, and other issues with the activities of the Security Team, Antaragni'12. Further, it was decided that no member of the Antaragni'12 team should be a member of the Fact-Finding committee to ensure unbiased investigation.

The members of the fact-finding committee are:

- Pratik Moona (Chair) Senator, UG Y9
- Saurabh Dixit Senator, UG Y10
- Ashish Dabas Senator, UG Y11
- Sonal Kumari General Secretary, Cultural Council
- Chirag Gupta Senator, UG Y12

Item No. 5	Discussion on the proposal for audit grade.
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Anurag Sahay, Chairman of the committee to formulate the proposal for audit grade presented the item in detail. After discussion on the specifics of the proposal, it was decided by the Senate that there were still a few concerns about the proposal, and Anurag was directed to hold another meeting to address these concerns and submit a consolidated report.

Item No. 6	Discussion on the request for remote desktop connection from Academic Area to Hostel and vice versa after 12 Midnight.
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The item was presented in detail by the proposer, V Srinivas. The Convener informed the Senate that remote desktop connection from the Academic Area to the Hostel would be against the policy of the Computer Centre to keep the LAN closed after Midnight. However, he informed the Senate that if a list of specific important servers could be provided, there might be a possibility of getting the restriction relaxed for this particular list of servers. Mr. V. Srinivasan was asked to prepare a list of servers and submit it to the Convener so that Convener can take up this issue with the administration.



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Item No. 7	Request to discuss monitoring of attendance in various departments for PG
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The item was presented in detail by the proposer, V Srinivas. It was felt that this issue should be discussed with SPGC student representatives first and then if required, the SPGC student representatives can get it discussed in SPGC.

Item No. 8	Request regarding GATE 4 timings.
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The item was presented in detail by the proposer, V Srinivas. After consideration, the Senate agreed to forward the request. The Convener was requested to take the issue up with the relevant authorities.

Item No. 9	Discussion on the proposal for mid-term reports by Senators.
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The Convener briefed the Senate that in the 2nd Special Meeting of the Students' Senate 2012-13, this issue was discussed and the Senate had agreed that such a thing might help. However, after the meeting, a few concerns were raised regarding the constitutional validity of such a thing. Considering this, the Convener had referred this agenda to the Rules and Procedures Committee which deemed it unconstitutional. The relevant portions of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee and the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana were cited. The Convener then opened the floor for further discussion.

After discussion, the Senate agreed, in principle that any such mid-term report for Senators was unconstitutional and thus, would not be introduced. Further, it was also pointed out that a Senator individually is not answerable to the Senate, but rather to the students of his/her batch and hence the Senator submitting the report to the Senate was against this very spirit.

However, the Senate agreed that there was a need for making the students more aware about the work the Students' Senate and the Senators do so that they hold the Senators responsible for their duties. The Convener informed that he was planning to prepare and present a mid-term report of the Students' Senate containing summary of all major decisions taken, mid-term reports of the standing committees, compiled attendance record of all Senators and a few other things which might serve the purpose. Further, he informed that a website for Students' Senate is being made in order to provide an easily accessible forum for information dissemination. The Senate appreciated the initiatives suggested by the Convener.

After a brief discussion, a 3 member committee was constituted to suggest ways to better inform the general body of students about the work that the Students' Senate and the Senators do so that the students to whom the Senators are responsible are aware of the duties of the Senators and can hold them responsible accordingly.

The members of the committee are:

- Harshvardhan (Chair)

Senator, MTech Y12



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- Praveen Honhar
- Tushar Deshmukh

Senator, UG Y12
Senator, MTech Y12

The committee was asked to submit its report by the next meeting.

The Convener adjourned the Meeting at 10:43 PM for a short break.

The Meeting was reconvened at 11:02 PM, and was called to order by the Convener.

Item No. 10	Discussion on the proposal for online lectures.
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Due to lack of time, this item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

Item No. 11	Discussion on the impact of single mid-semester systems.
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Due to lack of time, this item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

Item No. 12	Discussion on the need for change in the procedure of Senator elections.
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Due to lack of time, this item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

Item No. 13	Discussion on the interference of Executives in Vox Populi, the student Newsletter.
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The issue at hand was presented in detail by Vox Editor, Pratik Moona. The issue was discussed in the Senate, and it was decided that the incongruity between having the “free press” paradigm answerable to the “government” it checks would be referred to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its opinion. In the meantime, it was decided that:

- For all news articles not directly concerning to the General Secretary, FMC only he/she may review the content.
- In case, anything is written about the General Secretary, FMC which Vox editors may not want him/her to review shall be reviewed by the President.
- In case the President or General Secretary overrules a decision of the vox editors, the vox editors may approach the Senate and get the matter discussed in the Senate.

Item No. 14	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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Due to lack of time, this item was deferred to the next Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned by the Convener, Students' Senate at 12:08 AM.



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Attendance Record

S. No.	Senators	Name of the Post	Record
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	Karthik Balasundaram	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
8	Kumar Gaurav	Senator, Ph.D.	Absent*
9	Payel Pal	Senator, Ph.D.	Absent*
10	Rekha Raja	Senator, Ph. D	Absent*
11	Pavan Kumar Nagar	Senator, Ph. D	Present
12	Pankaj Chaturvedi	Senator, Ph. D	Absent
13	Rajat Dhingra	Senator, Ph. D	Present
14	Arun Kumar	Senator, Ph. D	Absent
15	V Srinivasan	Senator, Ph. D	Present
16	Shamik Ghosh	Senator, Ph. D	Present
17	Khushal Singh Chauhan	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Present
18	Gaurangi Gupta	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Present
19	Harshvardhan	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Present
20	Tushar Deshmukh	Senator, M. Tech Y12	Absent
21	Arjun Ravichandran	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
22	Adwait Parulekar	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
23	Abhimanyu M A	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
24	Srinivas Chitturi	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
25	Nishant Maheshwari	Senator, MBA + M.Des. + other equivalent Masters Programmes Y11	Absent
26	Sumit Bhagwani	Senator, UG Y8	Present
27	Akella Ravi Nagarjun	Senator, UG Y8	Present
28	Kanish Manuja	Senator UG Y9	Absent*
29	Jyoti Gupta	Senator UG Y9	Present
30	Pratik Moona	Senator UG Y9	Present
31	Aman Haji	Senator UG Y9	Present
32	Digraj Singh Chahal	Senator UG Y9	Present
33	Anurag Dash	Senator UG Y9	Present
34	Himanshu Pandey	Senator UG Y10	Present
35	Abhiroop Bhatnagar	Senator UG Y10	Present



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36	Rahul Arora	Senator UG Y10	Present
37	Saurabh Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Present
38	Amritanshu Mishra	Senator UG Y10	Absent
39	Saurabh Dixit	Senator UG Y10	Present
40	Sanchit Khattar	Senator UG Y10	Present
41	Shivam Trivedi	Senator UG Y10	Present
42	Ankur Atul Agarwal	Senator UG Y11	Absent*
43	Amrit Rijhwani	Senator UG Y11	Present
44	Samarth Bansal	Senator UG Y11	Absent
45	Srijan R Shetty	Senator UG Y11	Present
46	Shouvik Sachdeva	Senator UG Y11	Present
47	Ashish Dabas	Senator UG Y11	Present
48	Pranjal Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Present
49	Diksha Gupta	Senator UG Y11	Present
50	Akshay Mahajan	Senator, UG Y12	Present
51	Balendu Shekhar	Senator, UG Y12	Present
52	Prakhar Jain	Senator, UG Y12	Present
53	Chirag Gupta	Senator, UG Y12	Present
54	Praveen Honhar	Senator, UG Y12	Present
55	Utkarsh Agarwal	Senator, UG Y12	Absent
56	Shubham yadav	Senator, UG Y12	Present
57	Adhiraj Arora	Senator, UG Y12	Present

Absent* - Absent with permission