



Students' Senate (2014-15)

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Minutes: 2nd Meeting of the Students' Senate, 8th April, 2014

The 2014-15/2nd Meeting of the Students' Senate (2014-15) was held on Tuesday, 8th April, 2014 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 4:05 PM.

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. 2013-14/10th Meetingii. 2013-14/11th Meetingiii. 2013-14/7th (Special)iv. Joint Meeting, 2014v. 2014-15/1st Meeting
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The Minutes of the Meetings had been circulated by the Chairman, Students' Senate before the Meeting. The following modifications were made to the Minutes:

- In Item 5 of the Minutes of the 2013-14/10th Meeting, the text was changed from "The item was withdrawn by the proposer." to "The item was presented by the proposer. The Senate agreed to the proposal, and directed the President to write a letter to the concerned authority regarding the same."
- In Item 3 of the Minutes of the 2014-15/1st Meeting, the text was changed from "The Chairperson, Students' Senate (2013-14) was absent from the meeting, and thus could not present the agenda item. Hence, the agenda item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting." to "The Chairperson, Students' Senate (2013-14) was not present in the Meeting, and thus could not present the agenda item. Hence, the agenda item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting."
- In Item 4 of the Minutes of the Joint Meeting, 2014, the text was changed from "Mr. Vivek B. then handed over charge of the post of In-charge, UG Academic Affairs to Mr. Amarjit Kene." to "Mr. Vivek B. then handed over charge of the post of In-charge, PG Academic Affairs to Mr. Amarjit Kene."

The Minutes were confirmed by the Senate with the above changes.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson:

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- The Chairman announced that the Faculty who were members of the Institute-level committee to look into the mechanism of the feedback taken from students at the end of the course no longer wished to attend a Senate meeting since the work of the committee was wrapping up.

Item No. 3	To report on action taken.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate (2013-14) presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The following decisions were taken on the basis of the report:

- The committee to look into the need for change in the procedure of Senate elections was reconstituted with the following members:
 - V. Srinivasan (Chair) Chairman, Students' Senate (2013-14)
 - Harpreet Singh Senator, UG Y13
 - Ashutosh Ranka Senator, UG Y13
 - Palak Agarwal General Body Member
 - Shouvik Sachdeva General Body Member

The committee was instructed to take into account the change in the size of the Senate, and directed to submit its report by August.

- The committee to audit and monitor the items purchased through the Golden Jubilee fund was reconstituted with the following members:
 - Sarthak Chandra (Chair) General Body Member
 - Anurag Sahay Senator, UG Y11
 - Balendu Shekhar Senator, UG Y12
 - Shridhar Agarwal General Body Member

The committee was directed to submit its report by September.

- The committee to consider the status of contingency funding for PG students was reconstituted with the following members:
 - V. Srinivasan (Chair) Chairman, Students' Senate (2013-14)
 - Arun Karthik (Convener) Senator, PhD
 - Alok Ranjan General Body Member
 - Manu Kanchan General Body Member



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The committee was directed to submit its report by August.

The Action Taken Report was accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 4	To consider the proposal for restructuring the Science and Technology Council.
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The proposal was presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate considered the proposal favorably and noted that this proposal would require a constitutional amendment. The Senate decided to forward the proposal to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its opinion.

Item No. 5	To consider, for ratification, the list of names of students for the Cultural Council
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The list was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate ratified the names and appointed the following to the indicated posts:

Coordinator, Dance Club	Anuja Pandey	12142
	Kanishka Kumar	12369
Coordinator, Dramatics Club	Ashish Aggarwal	12165
	Priya Agarwal	12513
	Vishal	12820
	Vishwas Bhargav	12828
Coordinator, Fine Arts Club	Arpit Shrivastava	12161
	Ish Kumar Jain	12306
	Novnit Kashyap	12457
	Srishti	12730
Coordinator, Literary Society (ELS)	Adhiraj Arora	12040
	Shehzad Hathi	12666
Coordinator, Literary Society (HSS)	Aayush Sultana	12009
	Raunak Raj	12561
	Shubham Kumar	12698
Coordinator, Music Club	Mukul Bhagia	11443
Coordinator, Quiz Club	Prakash Vishnoi	12493
	Rishav Raj Agarwal	12577
	Rohit Verma	12589
	Shashank Bhandari	12660



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Finance Executive	Ranjeet Kumar	13554
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Item No. 6	To consider the interim report of the Antaragni'13 Fact-Finding Committee
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The Convener of the Antaragni'13 Fact-Finding Committee, Mr. Karthik Balasundaram presented the interim report of to the Senate. The following facts were established by the Committee and verified by the Senate:

- Head, Media and Publicity, Antaragni'13, Mr. Soren Raj Goyal had engaged in a sponsorship deal on behalf of Antaragni'13 worth Rs. 20,000 with Mr. Pritam Thakur, a student of the Institute. This sponsorship deal was not reported in either the pre-conduction report or the post-conduction report presented to the Senate.
- The deal involved taking Rs. 20,000 from Mr. Pritam Thakur and using it to print 1,00,000 paper cups with Antaragni, its sponsors and Mr. Pritam Thakur's blog "socialscribblers.in".
- No proper Memorandum of Understanding was signed, and the transaction was carried out verbally.
- The deal was made without the knowledge of the Dean, Students' Affairs and the Head, Finance, Antaragni'13.
- Mr. Soren Raj Goyal was aware that the authority to enter into such a deal vests only with the Dean, Students' Affairs, yet decided to bypass him anyway.
- Further, it was noted that 65 t-shirts were lost by the Antaragni team with worth amounting to Rs. 19,500. It was further agreed that the loss of the t-shirts was primarily an accident. The Senate decided that to recompense, 50% of the loss would be borne by the Coordinators/Core Team Members responsible while the remaining amount shall be recovered from the Buffer.
- A few other concerns were raised by the Committee. The Senate agreed that these shall be taken up when the final report shall be presented.

Further, it was agreed that the Committee, once it completes its work with respect to fact-finding will present to the Senate its recommendations as to how situations like these can be avoided in the future.



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The Senate discussed the various issues that had been established by the Fact-Finding Committee. After deliberation, the Senate agreed that:

- Financial mismanagement and wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Soren Goyal was established.
- Financial mismanagement is a grave matter, and disciplinary decisions, if any should not ideally be taken by other students.
- On account of the above, the details of the situations shall be sent to the Chairman, SSAC & Dean, Students' Affairs, Prof. A.K. Ghosh for his consideration, with a request to convene a meeting of the SSAC to discuss the issue.

It was further decided that the Senate shall abide by any decision taken by the SSAC.

Item No. 7	To consider the end-term report and charge handover of the Finance Convener
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The outgoing Finance Convener, Mr. Siddharth Vishwanath presented the end-term report of the Finance Committee for the consideration of the Senate. The report was accepted by the Senate.

Mr. Siddharth Vishwanath then handed over charge to the incoming Finance Convener, Mr. Vibhi M. Bajpai.

Item No. 8	To consider the Hall Allocation Policy (2014-15)
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The Hall Allocation Policy (2014-15) was presented by the President, Students' Gymkhana & Chairman, COSHA, Mr. Abhimanyu Arora for the consideration of the Senate. Several concerns were raised regarding the low number of UG Y14 students in Hall 10. After discussion, the Senate decided to refer the matter back to the COSHA for its consideration.

Item No. 9	To consider the Gymkhana Budget (2014-15)
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The Gymkhana Budget (2014-15) was presented by the Finance Convener on behalf of the Finance Committee for the consideration of the Senate. Several concerns were raised regarding certain budget heads in the Games and Sports Council. After discussion, the Senate decided to refer the matter back to the Finance Committee for its consideration.



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Item No. 10	To consider the Gymkhana Calendar (2014-15)
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The Gymkhana Calendar (2014-15) was presented by the President for the consideration of the Senate. It was noted that the dates of Techkriti'15 were provisional and may be changed on the recommendation of the Core Team, Techkriti'15. It was further noted that the dates of Students' Senate meetings were tentative and the actual dates may differ by a few days.

The Calendar, with the above notes was accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 11	To consider the issue of appointments to various posts in the Students' Gymkhana
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The Chairman presented the issue to the Senate for its consideration. He informed the Senate that several students who have been appointed to posts in the Gymkhana are not aware that they have been appointed. Conversely, some students whose names have not been ratified by the Senate have, in the past, been told they have been given a post and have been made to do work. Furthermore, the Chairman informed that there is often a lack of record in terms of old appointments. As a result of this, when a student graduates, he/she often has to approach the Chairman/President for a verification of the posts he/she once held as part of the Gymkhana. This also creates problems during Placement season when verification of resumes occurs. Finally, the Chairman noted that students who do not satisfy eligibility criteria of academic performance are appointed to positions in the Students' Gymkhana.

The Chairman proposed that to counteract this problem, the appointments made by the Senate, after ratification, shall be notified to the appointed student and the General Body as a whole through an Office Order. Furthermore, the Office Order shall be kept in the New SAC Office and the DOSA Office for record purposes and shall be used for verification later. The DOSA Office will ensure that the student satisfies the academic eligibility criteria. The proposal was discussed and accepted by the Senate.

Item No. 12	To formulate the student opinion on the Student Feedback taken after every course.
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The item was deferred to the next Meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 13	To consider the issue of washrooms in the Library.
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Senator, UG Y11, Mr. Jai Prakash Menaria presented the item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate agreed with the issue as presented, and directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to write a letter to the Deputy Director regarding this.

Item No. 14	To consider the attendance monitoring system of PG students and its affect on their fellowship.
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The Senate decided to refer the item to the PGSAC for consideration.

Item No. 15	To consider the issue of sheds over footpaths.
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Senator, UG Y9, Mr. Sushant Singh presented the proposal to construct sheds over footpahs especially between the Academic Area and Hostels for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the proposal and directed the President to forward the proposal to the Deputy Director for consideration.

Item No. 16	To consider the proposal for the change in the manner in which elections are conducted.
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The item was deferred to the next Meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 17	To consider the post-conduction report of Galaxy'14
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The post-conduction report of Galaxy'14 was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council (2013-14) for the consideration of the Senate. The report was accepted by the Senate after consideration.

Item No. 18	To consider the post-conduction report of Techkriti'14
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The item was deferred to the next Meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 19	To consider the problems during pre-registration
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The item was deferred to the next Meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 20	To consider the name, for ratification, proposed by the interview panel for Chief Election Officer.
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The Senate was informed that the panel wished to call re-nomination for the post of Chief Election Officer (2014-15). The Senate accepted the recommendation of the panel.

Item No. 21	To consider the name, for ratification, proposed by the interview panel for the Core Team, Techkriti'15.
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The Senate was informed that:

- The panel wished to call re-nominations for the following posts:
 - Head, Events (Major Events and Competitions)
 - Head, Marketing (Media and Publicity)
 - Head, Professional Affairs
- The panel wished to declare all proposed names together.

The Senate considered the above recommendations and accepted them. It further agreed that the final ratification shall be done over the Senate mailing list.

Item No. 22	To consider, for ratification, the names for various coordinators in Antaragni'14.
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The list of names was presented by the Chairman for the consideration of the Senate. The following names were ratified by the Senate:

Coordinator, Dramatics Events	Gagan Chandra Das	12254
Coordinator, Quiz Events	Jatin Vikram Singh	12315
	Raunak Raj	12561
	Rohit Verma	12589
Coordinator, MUN	Raunak Shamnani	12562
	Ashutosh Kumar	12542
	Shreyash Pandey	12683
Coordinator, Rithambhara	Sukhsand Singh	12735
	Sahars Kumar	12601
	Piyush Panchal	12480
Coordinator, Informals	Dharmendra Mahajani	12238
	Sachit Aggarwal	12597
	Shubham Kamal	12696
	Rajendra kumar	12548



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	Mayank Ahuja	12404
Coordinator, Mridaksh	Kartik Gupta	12345
	Parul Agarwal	12468
	Arpit Kabra	12160
	Kirtan Thakkar	13746
Coordinator, Parliamentary Debate	Iffat Siddiqui	111315
Coordinator, English Literary Events	Anushka Jha	12149
	Abhilash Parvatina	12015
Coordinator, Hindi Literary Events	Aayush Sultania	12009
	Ashish Shukla	12172
Coordinator, Dance Events	Rushil Dogra	12593
	Shubham Bhavsar	12690
Coordinator, Junoon	Akash Bajaj	12060
	Ankush Kothari	12131
Coordinator, Kavi Sammelan	Anil Kumar	12114
	Jitendra Singh	12326
Coordinator, India Haat	Swathi Krishna	12750
Coordinator, Fine Art Events	Kartik Agarwal	12344
Executive, Marketing	Abhimanyu Yadav	13020
	Abhishek Tyagi	12034
	Akshat Mudgal	13069
	Arnab Dey	13144
	Ashwani Roy	12174
	GSS Rao	13269
	Hiren Mittal	12302
	Meenakshi Shandilya	13402
	Mridul Bhardwaj	12422
	Nakul Surana	13418
	Nandit Jain	13422
	Parikshit Khanna	12467
	Piyush Singla	12482
	Rahul Kumar	12534
	Sachit Agarwal	12597
	Sarthak Tayal	12627
	Shridhar Agarwal	12684
	Varun Jorapur	13329
	Virendra Kumar	12817
	Manikanta Reddy	13265



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Executive, Professional Affairs	Adhiraj Arora	12040
	Ankit Sahu	12126
	Bhanu Pratap Singh Tanwar	12196
	Harshvardhan Rathore	12292
	Pratyush Mishra	13501
	Rahul Jadam	12533
	Rajnikant Bansal	12550
	Ravi Prakash	12566
	Riya Gupta	13583
	Saloni Jaju	12605
	Sanket	12309
	Sidhartha Gupta	13695
	Sushant Chalwad	12742
	Utkarsh Agarwal	13754
Executive, ShowM	Ramanish	12566
	Alkesh Kumar Sinha	12078
	Avi Goel	12176
	Vikramjeet Singh	12801
	Anuj Tiwari	12141
	Prasoon	12506
Executive, Finance	Shivam Goyal	13659
	Vedant Goenka	13777
	Abhay Kumar Singh	13016
	Harsh Khoont	13291
	Sandeep Kumar Jha	13613
	Amit Kumar Singh	13101
Media Coordinator	Priyaranjan	12519
	Chinmay Kumar	12216
	Kritika Awasthi	12363
Publicity Coordinator	Jai Mangal	12318
	Anish Agarwal	12116
	Om Prakash	12458
Creative Executive	Sabyasachi Verma	12596
Coordinator, Hospitality	Parakram	12465
	Chetas Sinha	12214
	Navdeep Singh	12433
	Rittik Mondal	12580
Coordinator, Synchronicity	Ankit	12121



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	Vikas Bishnoi	12796
Coordinator, Social Initiative	Shubham Atreja	12689
	Saurabh Aggarwal	12636

Item No. 23	To consider, for ratification, the names for various coordinators in Udghosh'14.
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The list of names was not submitted on time, and hence was not ratified.

Item No. 24	To consider the proposal of the COSHA to increase the Gymkhana fees for the purpose of funding the General Championship.
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The proposal was presented by the President (& Chairperson, COSHA) for the consideration of the Senate. It was proposed that the Gymkhana fees be increased from Rs. 450 per year, per student to Rs. 500 per year, per student. From the increase in the Budget, Rs. 4,00,000 would earmarked for use in the General Championship. Each pool will be given Rs. 1,00,000 to spend as they wish on the General Championship throughout the year. Further, the expenditure shall be audited by a Finance Committee constituted for this purpose by the Senate. Thus, Halls will no longer have to use their establishment charges for these activities. The proposal was discussed in detail by the Senate.

The proposal was accepted by the Senate under the assumption that the establishment charges of all Halls of Residence are decreased commensurately. The Senate directed the Chairman to forward the proposal to the Dean, Students' Affairs and request the President to convene a meeting of the Hall Management Council (HMC) of the Institute.

Item No. 25	To consider the proposal for a new hobby group under the Presidential Council.
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The proposal for a new hobby group named "Student Association for Leadership and Development" was presented by the President, with help from the proposers of the group. The Senate accepted the proposal, and decided to form the hobby group under the Presidential Council.

Item No. 26	To consider the proposal for a new hobby group under the Cultural Council.
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The proposal for a new hobby group named “Debate and Discussion Society” was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council, with help from the propose of the group. The Senate accepted the proposal, and decided to form the hobby group under the Cultural Council.

Item No. 27	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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No questions or remarks were raised.

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

The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.



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Attendance Record

The attendance record is:

- Total Strength of the Senate : 56
- Total number of Senators present : 37
- Total number of Senators absent : 19
- Absent without notification : 11
- Absent with permission : 8

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

Sl.No.	Name	Post	Attendance
1	Anurag Sahay	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2	Abhimanyu Arora	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3	Shalin Mandowara	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
4	Shivendu Bhushan	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Present
5	Chirag Agarwal	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Present
6	Chetan Kumar Garg	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Present
7	Ashwani Kumar Munnangi	Senator, PhD	Absent#
8	Ahmed Sameer	Senator, PhD	Present
9	Syed Moiz Ali	Senator, PhD	Present
10	Ankita Singh	Senator, PhD	Absent#
11	Imran Khan	Senator, PhD	Absent#
12	Sandeep Kumar	Senator, PhD	Absent*
13	Charchit Kumar	Senator, PhD	Absent*
14	Mohd. Amir	Senator, PhD	Absent*
15	Gopal Sharain Parashari	Senator, PhD	Present
16	Arun Karthik B.	Senator, PhD	Absent*



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17	Amarjit Kene	Senator, PhD	Absent*
18	Vipin Kumar Jain	Senator, PhD	Absent#
19	Abhijeet Swain	Senator, PhD	Absent#
20	Mohd. Furquan	Senator, MTech Y12	Absent#
21	Akash Pushkar	Senator, MTech Y13	Absent#
22	Mohammad Mahmood	Senator, MTech Y13	Present
23	Gyanesh Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y13	Present
24	Mohd. Asim Khan	Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Equivalent Programmes Y13	Present
25	Sushant Singh	Senator, UG Y9	Present
26	Manish Kumar	Senator, UG Y9	Absent*
27	Hemant Patel	Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year)	Present
28	Mohd. Dawood	Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year)	Absent#
29	Avish Rana	Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year)	Present
30	Mohd. Farid Ahsan	Senator, UG Y10 (4 Year)	Present^
31	Rishabh Katiyar	Senator, UG Y10 (4 Year)	Absent#
32	Umang Khandelwal	Senator, UG Y10 (4 Year)	Absent#
33	Sanchit Garg	Senator, UG Y10 (4 Year)	Present
34	Abhishek Jindal	Senator, UG Y10 (4 Year)	Present
35	Amitanshu Gupta	Senator, UG Y11	Absent*
36	Anuj Kukreja	Senator, UG Y11	Absent*
37	Jai Prakash Menaria	Senator, UG Y11	Present
38	Pranay Jain	Senator, UG Y11	Absent#
39	Shrey Agarwal	Senator, UG Y11	Present
40	Vibhu Mohan Bajpai	Senator, UG Y11	Present
41	Arjun Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Present



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42	Ashwani Roy	Senator, UG Y12	Present
43	Balendu Shekhar	Senator, UG Y12	Present
44	Chahat Bajpai	Senator, UG Y12	Present
45	Pushapjeet Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Present
46	Sabyasachi Verma	Senator, UG Y12	Present
47	Saurabh Aggarwal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
48	Vishal Goyal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
49	Arpan Agarwal	Senator, UG Y13	Present
50	Ashutosh Ranka	Senator, UG Y13	Present
51	Manikanta Reddy D.	Senator, UG Y13	Present
52	Harpreet Singh	Senator, UG Y13	Present
53	Kush Gupta	Senator, UG Y13	Present
54	Rishabh Jain	Senator, UG Y13	Present
55	Ritika Mulagalapalli	Senator, UG Y13	Present
56	Samyak Jain	Senator, UG Y13	Present

* – Absent with permission

– Absent without notification

^ – Present (Nominee)