



Students' Senate (2017-18)  
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur  
Kunal Kapila | Chairperson



**3rd Meeting of the Students' Senate (2017-18): Attendance Record**

Date: 17th August 2017

Total Strength of the Senate: 37

Total number of Senators Present : 30

Total number of Senators Absent: 7

without notification: 5

with permission: 2

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No.	Name	Post	Status
1	Kunal Kapila	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2	Rutuj Jugade	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3	Swapnil Kumar	General Secretary, Media and Culture	Present
4	Nikhil Srivastava	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
5	Anvesh Jadon	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
6	Shubham Das	Finance Convener, Students' Senate	Present
7	Siddhant Naik	Parliamentarian, Students' Senate	Present
8	Shubham Garg	Senator, BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	Absent
9	Ayushya Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
10	Bhanu Garg	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
11	Mandeep Singh	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Present
12	Labhansh Agrawal	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Present
13	Sagar Chand	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Present
14	Tony John	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Present
15	Animesh Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
16	Pranav Sao	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
17	Pranshu Garg	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
18	Pratyush Rai	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present



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19	Shivam Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
20	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent#
21	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
22	Abhay Kumar Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
23	Ayush Singh	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
24	Mukund Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
25	Richeek Awasthi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
26	Yash Mahajan	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
27	Arjak Bhattacharjee	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
28	Chalumuri Sivananda	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
29	Kapil K. Dayma	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
30	Mahendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y16	Absent
31	S. Vishaal	Senator, MSc/MSc-PhD Y16	Present
32	Ankit Panwar	Senator, MBA/M.Des. Y16	Present
33	Alluru Srinivas	Senator, MSR	Absent
34	Aditya Desai	Senator, PhD Y14+	Present
35	Chandra Sekar	Senator, PhD Y14+	Absent#
36	K. Kishore Kumar	Senator, PhD Y15	Present
37	Manjeer Majumdar	Girls' Representative. PG	Present

\* - with Nominee

# - with Permission



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**3rd Meeting of the Students' Senate (2017-18): Minutes**

**The 2017-18 3rd Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on 17th August, 2017 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:40PM.**

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2016-17/7th (Special) Meeting ii. 2016-17/10th Meeting iii. 2016-17/8th (Special Meeting) iv. 2017-18/2nd Meeting
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This item was deferred since the minutes were not uploaded 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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No announcements or remarks were made.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the reply of the Senators, to the show cause notice issued to them for missing 2 meetings without notification
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Mr. Mandeep Singh (Senator BT-/BS Y14) and Mr. Labansh Agarwal (Senator BT/BS Y14) were reprimanded for missing 2 meetings without the permission of the Chair and for not being able to suitably justify the reason for missing the meetings.

They were also warned that they would be removed from office upon missing another meeting without taking prior permission from the Chair.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the resignation of Mr. Mahendra Kumar from the post of Students' Senate Nominee to Finance Committee.
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The Senate, after due deliberations, accepted the resignation of Mr. Mahendra Kumar (Senator, MTech Y16) from the post of Students' Senate Nominee to Finance Committee.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider the resignation of Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra from the post of Students' Senate Nominee to CoSHA.
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The Senate took cognizance of the fact that Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra is the President of the Hall of Residence 5 thereby making him an ex-officio member of CoSHA.

The Senate, after due deliberations, accepted the resignation of Mr. Abhay Kumar Mishra from the post of Students' Senate Nominee to CoSHA.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider the resignation of Mr. Shivank Garg from the post of Secretary, Students' Senate.
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Mr. Shivank Garg presented his resignation from the post of Secretary, Students' Senate for the consideration of the Senate citing academic reasons.

The Senate, after due deliberations, accepted the resignation of Mr. Shivank Garg from the post of Secretary, Students' Senate.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	To consider the election of the members of the following standing committees and councils of the Students' Senate: i) Nominations Committee ii) Finance Committee iii) CoSHA
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Elections to the various committees and councils of the Students' Senate were deferred to the next meeting of the Students' Senate, in light of the fact that new Senators who would be joining the Senate after the Mid-Term Elections 2017 should also be considered for the above mentioned posts.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider a proposal regarding Minors
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.



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<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider the end-term report of the Academics and Research Cell
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider the end-term report of the Community Welfare Cell
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the post-conduction festival report of Antaragni '16
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 12.</b>	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.

<b>Item No.13.</b>	To consider the post-conduction festival report of Techkriti '17
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	To take cognizance of the issues faced by the students with the Institute security and decide the action to be taken thereof.
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This item was not discussed due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	To take an update on the financial status of Antaragni '16 and to consider the action to be taken thereof.
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Mr. Yash Sharma, Festival Coordinator Antaragni'17, presented the financial status of Antaragni '16 for the consideration of the Senate. Further, he assured the Senate that the due amount would soon be settled and they will be presenting the post festival finance report after the first week of September.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	To note the minutes of the 2017-18/1st Joint CoFA meeting.
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This item was not considered as the supporting documents were not submitted.

<b>Item No. 17</b>	To consider the pre conduction report of the Mid Term Elections 2017.
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The Chief Election Officer, Election Commission presented the report for the consideration of the Senate.

Mr. Swapnil Kumar had apprehensions regarding whether the elections for the post of General Secretary, Media and Culture will be held or not.

The Convener, Rules and Procedures Committee clarified that during the discussions regarding the merger of the Films and Media Council and the Cultural Council, it was implicit that Mr. Swapnil Kumar would be given charge of the Media and Culture Council and hence there was no need for conducting elections of any post during by-elections.

The following points were changed in the presented report:

- Blank manifestos won't be accepted. (Blank manifesto, here, is defined as a document not consisting vision, mission, proposal or any other views of the candidate)
- A separate window for manifesto submission and ratification for candidates filing re-nomination was added.
- It was also decided that the Chairperson, Students' Senate would send a notification to the student community regarding the elections given the time crunch between the nomination filing and manifesto submission.
- Some changes were made regarding the post for which elections would be called.

The Chief Election Officer also clarified that the Incumbent Executives need not prepare any interim report for these Mid-Term Elections.

The Senate, after due deliberations, accepted the report with the above mentioned changes.



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<b>Item No. 18</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the post of Overall Manager, Freshers' Night 2017.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the ratification list for the consideration of the Senate. The list was ratified as presented.

<b>Item No. 19</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the post of Overall Manager, Takneek 2017.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the ratification list for the consideration of the Senate. The list was ratified as presented.

<b>Item No. 20</b>	To consider the decisions taken on the stray dogs' issue and to discuss their updates.
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Mr. Pratyush Rai (Convener, CoSHA) presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate, after due deliberations, decided that the list of the contact details of the volunteers should be made public subject to the discretion of the individual volunteers.

<b>Item No. 21</b>	To discuss the installation of a solar plant at campus
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Mr. Pratyush Rai (Convener, CoSHA) presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate, after due deliberations, accepted the proposal in principle. It was felt that this new method of electricity generation, if applied in the campus, would result in major reductions in the current amount being charged as electricity bill from the students as well as decrease the cost being borne by the institute, at the same time providing a cleaner source of electricity to the campus.

The Senate, after due deliberations, directed the Convener, CoSHA and President, Students' Gymkhana to contact the relevant authorities of the institute to take this issue forward.

<b>Item No. 22</b>	To discuss the ideas related to Mess Empanelment
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This item was deferred as the Senate felt that the item must be discussed with the various Hall Presidents, before presenting it in the Senate.

<b>Item No. 23</b>	To discuss the idea of having electricity meters in all hostel rooms
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Mr. Pratyush Rai (Convener, CoSHA) presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate, after due deliberations, concluded that the idea of individual electricity meters in all hostel rooms is not feasible. Further, the Senate directed the CoSHA to explore alternatives to resolve the issue.

<b>Item No. 24</b>	To consider the pre conduction report of Takneek 2017.
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The deadline for the submission for the posters is shifted to 11:59 PM, 28th September, 2017. The Senate after due deliberations, accepted the report with the proposed change.

<b>Item No. 25</b>	To consider the proposal to form a new finance related hobby group.
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Mr. Anish Lamba (General Body Member) presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate.

The Senate decided to change the proposed association of the Hobby group from the Science and Technology Council to the President's Office.

After due deliberations, the proposal was accepted by the Senate with the above change. The Senate further directed Mr. Anish Lamba to explore possibilities of collaborations with the newly formed Business wing of the E-Cell in the future.

The Senate directed the Rules and Procedures Committee to come up with the required changes in the constitution.

<b>Item No. 26</b>	To discuss the issues related to the internship process for MSc students of Y17.
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Mr. S Vishal (Senator MSc Y16) presented the issue for the consideration of the Senate.



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The Senate took cognizance of the fact that there is a clear communication gap between the 1st Year MSc students and the Students' Placement Office resulting in serious losses on the student's part during the internship process.

The Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to assist Mr. S.Vishal to take up the issue with the Overall Placement Coordinators, Students' Placement Office in order to come up with short term solutions in order to minimize the losses to the current batch and long term solutions so that such issues do not recur in future.

<b>Item No. 27</b>	To note the minutes of the 2017-18/3rd CoFA (U) meeting.
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This item was not considered as the supporting documents were not submitted.

<b>Item No. 28</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Students' Senate nominees to various Academic Senate standing committees.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. The names were ratified as presented.

<b>Item No. 29</b>	To consider the proposal of having student representatives in the Internal Complaints Committee & Sexual harassment committee
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. The proposal was accepted in principle and the Senate decided to take it up with the concerned institute authorities.

The Senate recommended two student members (preferably one female and one male member) be included in both the Internal Complaints Committee & Sexual harassment committee.

<b>Item No. 30</b>	To consider the proposal for formation of a sub-committee for core course review.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate.



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The Senate constituted a sub-committee mandated to review the Core Courses of the institute focusing on the following:

- Suggest possible changes, additions and removals in the present course content
- Method of teaching (such as using MOOCs etc)
- Method of evaluation

The sub-committee should first review the Institute compulsory courses and then move to departmental core courses.

The Sub-committee may consult Faculty members, various institute functionaries such as Students' Senate nominees to SCDMC, or any other relevant member of the institute such as senior students etc, as required by the members of the sub-committee.

The Sub-committee is expected to give a tentative deadline by the next meeting of the Students' Senate.

The constitution of the Sub-committee was as follows.

For UG Core Courses:

- Chairperson, Students' Senate
- Coordinator, UG Academics, Academics and Research Cell (Convener)
- Mr. Parth Sharma (Students' Senate Nominee to SCDMC - UG)
- Ms. Vasundhara Rakesh (Students' Senate Nominee to SUGC)
- Mr. Abhishek Jain (Students' Senate Nominee to SUGC)
- Mr. Harshit Bisht (General Body Member)

For PG Core Courses:  
(exact constitution is yet to be decided).

<b>Item No. 31</b>	To consider a proposal for an online counseling platform for IIT Kanpur students.
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This item was deferred on the request of the President, Students' Gymkhana.

<b>Item No. 32</b>	To consider the following items related to the newly opened Students' Lounge: i. Suggestions for name ii. Collecting feedback
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The Senate decided that the Student's Lounge be named as Students' Lounge' 89 to mark their contribution to the construction of the lounge.

The Senate received the following feedback regarding the lounge:

- The timings of the lounge be extended.
- The conference rooms are currently inaccessible to the students directly as the booking can only be done by the Professors.

The Senate identified the issue concerning the current guidelines regarding the booking of conference rooms of the Students' Lounge by the students. The Senate constituted a sub-committee mandated to present a set of revised guidelines for the booking of conference rooms so as to make them more accessible to the student community.

The constitution of the sub-committee was as follows:

- Karthik (General Body Member)
- Manjeer Mazumdar (PG-Girl Representative) (Convener)
- Richeek Awasthi (Senator BT/BS Y16)

<b>Item No. 33</b>	To consider the proposal to revise the criteria for termination of Double Major program.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the proposal to revise the criteria for termination of Double Major program for the consideration of the Senate. As per the UG manual, if a student enrolled in the double major program has more than 30 credits left to complete the credits requirements for the parent department, his/her double major program would be terminated. The Senate, after due deliberations accepted the proposal and directed the Students' Senate nominees to the SUGC to take this up with the SUGC.

<b>Item No. 34</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any
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- The General Secretary, Media and Culture remarked that the Students' Senate website has not been updated yet even after pointing out the same in the previous meeting of the Students' Senate. The Chairperson, Students' Senate replied that the details of the elected members has been updated as per the amount of information provided by the members. The various ratification lists will soon be uploaded on the website along with



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the revised Gymkhana Budget and Calendar.

- A Senator remarked that the general guidelines regarding hall shifting should be circulated through mail to the migrating batch before shifting in order to avoid unwanted confusion.

<b>Item No. 35</b>	To consider, for ratification, the list of students for the core team of Udghosh
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. The list was ratified as presented.

<b>Item No. 36</b>	To consider, for ratification, the list of students for the core team of Techkriti
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. The list was ratified as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 A.M. on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 with a vote of thanks to all the members present.