**Minutes: 8th Meeting of the Students’ Senate, 31st January, 2015**

**The 2014-15/8th Meeting of the Students’ Senate (2014-15) was held on Saturday, 31st January, 2015 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 5:00 PM.**

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

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| **Item No. 1** | To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:   1. 2014-15/7th Meeting 2. 2014-15/1st (Emergency) Meeting |

The Minutes of the Meetings had been circulated by the Chairman, Students’ Senate before the Meeting.

The Senate made the following changes to the Minutes:

* The attendance record of Mr. Arpan Agarwal in the Minutes of the 2014-15/7th Meeting was changed from “Present^” to “Present.
* The attendance record of Mr. Jai Prakash Menaria in the Minutes of the 2014-15/7th Meeting was changed from “Present^” to “Present”.

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

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| **Item No. 2** | Announcements and Remarks, if any |

The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson:

* The General Secretary, Cultural Council announced that Impressions’15, the annual PG cultural festival was being organized on 1st February, 2015.
* The General Secretary, Cultural Council announced that Galaxy’15 was scheduled to be held from 3rd February, 2015 to 8th February, 2015.

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| **Item No. 3** | To ratify the decision taken by the Nominations Committee regarding the appointment of the Chief Election Officer. |

The Chairperson, Students’ Senate presented the decision taken by the Nominations Committee to appoint Mr. Srijan R. Shetty (11727) as the Chief Election Officer, Students’ Gymkhana on behalf of the Senate as empowered in the 2014-15/1st (Emergency) Meeting of the Senate.

The Senate ratified the decision taken by the Nominations Committee.

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| **Item No. 4** | To note the decisions taken by the Students’ Senate over the mailing list since the last meeting. |

The Senate noted the following decisions taken by the Senate over the mailing list:

* The Senate proposed the following names for the consultative group of students for Phase I of the selection process of the new Dean of Academic Affairs:
  + V. Srinivasan
  + Anand Prakash Dwivedi
  + Shrey Agarwal
  + Abhimanyu Arora
  + Anurag Sahay
* The Senate empowered the Chairperson, Students’ Senate and the Chief Election Officer, Students’ Gymkhana to make appropriate changes to the schedule of the General Elections’15 accepted by the Senate in its 2014-15/7th Meeting to account for the decision taken in the 2014-15/1st (Emergency) Meeting to delay the elections by one day.
* The Senate replaced the name of Prof. Ashutosh Sarma with the name of Prof. D. S. Katti, Dept. of BSBE for the proposed FAC of Techkriti’15.
* The Senate accepted the request of the General Secretary, Cultural Council that Impressions’15 on the date 1st February, 2015 be added to the Gymkhana Calendar for the year 2014-15.
* The Senate accepted the request of the Chairperson, Students’ Senate on behalf of the panels to select the Core Teams of Antaragni’15 and Udghosh’15 to Call for Re-nominations before recommending appropriate names for ratification by the Senate.

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| **Item No. 5** | To consider the Action Taken Report. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 6** | To note the results of the General Elections’15, Students’ Gymkhana and to consider the post-conduction report of the General Elections’15. |

The Senate noted the results of the General Elections’15, Students’ Gymkhana for the posts of the Gymkhana Year 2015-16 as follows:

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| President, Students’ Gymkhana | Gautam Pratap Singh | 12271 |
| General Secretary, Cultural Council | Ashish Aggarwal | 12165 |
| General Secretary, Games and Sports Council | M. Surya Prakash | 12408 |
| General Secretary, Science and Technology Council | Chirag Jha | 12219 |
| General Secretary, Films and Media Council | Prateek Mishra | 12507 |

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| Senator, UG Y11 (5 Year) | Rishikesh Mishra | 11601 |
| Abhishek Singh | 11029 |
| Senator, UG Y12 | Shubham Atreja | 12689 |
| Rishabh Bansal | 12573 |
| Sabyasachi Verma | 12596 |
| Aditya Raj Somani | 12050 |
| Harsh Toshniwal | 12286 |
| Navdeep Singh | 12433 |
| Senator, UG Y13 | Vedant Goenka | 13777 |
| Sagar Rastogi | 13600 |
| Abhimanyu Yadav | 13020 |
| Ashutosh Ranka | 13164 |
| Samyak Jain | 13610 |
| Sparsh | 13711 |
| Senator, UG Y14 | Simrat Singh | 14697 |
| Ayushya Agarwal | 14168 |
| Nikhil Bansal | 14424 |
| Gaurav Seth | 14242 |
| Shubham Kumar Pandey | 14679 |
| Kunal Kapila | 14343 |
| Senator, MSc (2 year) Y14 | Aakash Jain | 14876 |
| Senator, MBA+MDes+Other Eq. Programmes Y14 | Kshitij Sareen | 14125017 |
| Senator, PhD | Shashi Kant | 11207081 |
| Anand Prakash Dwivedi | 12105163 |
| Manoj Chahal | 14107282 |
| Vikram Kumar | 12105186 |
| Amarjit P. Kene | 12105162 |
| Leeladhar Nagdeve | 12205069 |
| Jitendra K. Katiyar | 12105168 |
| Sudhir Yadav | 13207079 |
| Vijay Kumar Pal | 11205072 |

The Chief Election Officer then presented the post-conduction report of the General Elections’15. The Senate noted the report did not include the budget.

The Senate accepted the updates on the conduction of the General Election. However, the Senate noted that since no girl Senator had been elected, elections must be held as per Article 3.12 of the Constitution of the Students’ Gymkhana for the post of UG Girls Representative and PG Girls Representative to the Senate.

Given this, the Senate directed the Chief Election Officer to plan the elections for the Girls Representatives, and to present the schedule, norms and modalities for the Girls Representatives election in the next Senate meeting. The Senate further deferred the post-conduction report until the Girls Representative election is over.

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| **Item No. 7** | To consider the mid-term report of the Students’ Senate. |

The Chairperson, Students’ Senate presented the mid-term report of the Students’ Senate for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report as presented.

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| **Item No. 8** | To consider the mid-term report of the President, Students’ Gymkhana, the Presidential Council and the President’s Office. |

The President, Students’ Gymkhana presented the mid-term report of the President, Students’ Gymkhana, including the reports of the Presidential Council and the President’s Office for the consideration of the Senate. During the course of the presentation, Senators raised discussions over various decisions taken by the Institute Advisory Committee. The Senate advised the Senators to propose an agenda item in the next meeting for discussing these decisions if they deemed it necessary. The Senate discussed the recommendation of the President with respect to closing GLDC and Alumni Cell. After discussion, the senate accepted the recommendation that GLDC and Alumni Cell should be closed down. However, the Senate decided that the GLDC head in the budget should remain as a “Gymkhana Lectures” head, and the President, Students’ Gymkhana shall use the fund to conduct lectures. The Senate accepted the report with the above caveats.

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| **Item No. 9** | To consider the mid-term report of the Games and Sports Council. |

The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council presented the mid-term report of the Games and Sports Council for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report as presented.

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| **Item No. 10** | To consider the mid-term report of the Films and Media Council. |

The General Secretary, Films and Media Council presented the mid-term report of the Films and Media Council for the consideration of the Senate.

Several Senators raised concerns about the conduction of the Phase II of Spectrum. The General Secretary, Films and Media Council informed the Senate that the second phase had been delayed at the unanimous request of all Spectrum Captains of the different pools. He further informed the Senate that he was looking for alternative dates in which the second phase could be organized.

Given the delay in the organization, the Senate directed the General Secretary, Films and Media Council to submit the post-conduction report of Phase I of Spectrum as soon as possible.

With the above caveat, the Senate accepted the report as presented.

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| **Item No. 11** | To consider the mid-term status of the finances of the Students’ Gymkhana and to revise the Gymkhana budget accordingly. |

The mid-term status of the finances of the Students’ Gymkhana was presented by the Finance Convener for the consideration of the Senate. Several issues were raised by various Senators regarding the mid-term status as presented.

After discussion, the Senate decided the following:

* The deadline of 8th February, 2015 was set for requisitioning the Senator Seed Fund using the SG-9 form. Any form which does not reach the Finance Convener by the deadline will be considered invalid. The SSF will subsequently be dissolved and redistributed in the Gymkhana Budget by the Senate.
* The Finance Convener was directed to share the updated information about the individual usage of each Senator’s SSF with the Senators online.
* The Finance Convener was directed to reconvene a meeting of the Finance Committee to reconsider the mid-term status and the subsequently revised budget, taking into account the various issues raised by Senators regarding the presentation of the mid-term status.

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| **Item No. 12** | To consider the pre-conduction report of Galaxy’15. |

The pre-conduction report was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council for the consideration of the Senate.

The Senate discussed the report at length. Several changes were made to the report by the Senate. The Senate accepted the report with the above mentioned changes, and directed that the updated pre-conduction report be shared with Senators over the Senate mailing list, for noting.

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| **Item No. 13** | To consider the post-conduction report of Antaragni’14. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 14** | To consider the proposed document “Gymkhana Awards”. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 15** | To elect a member of the Finance Committee. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 16** | To consider the constitutional amendment regarding “Institute Teams”. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 17** | To consider the list, that will be submitted to the SUGC, of inter-collegiate festivals outside the Institute in which the Gymkhana shall participate. |

The list was presented by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate approved the list and directed the Chairperson to submit the list to the SUGC.

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| **Item No. 18** | To consider the report of the committee regarding Entrepreneurship. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 19** | To consider the issue pertaining to the Health Center. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 20** | To consider the issue pertaining attendance in Senate meetings. |

The Chairperson, Students’ Senate presented the issue for the consideration of the Senate. He informed the Senate that at present, the amendment of the Constitution by the Senate in the Gymkhana Year 2013-14 had resulted in a situation where there were no extant attendance rules by which Senators who regularly absented themselves could be removed from their post. The new rules are awaited in Appendix I of the Constitution which is currently under consideration.

The Chairperson proposed that as an interim measure, the extant attendance rules that were present in the Constitution until the amendment be applied on all current Senators. The Senate considered the proposal at length and decided the following:

* As an interim measure, the attendance rules present in the Constitution until its amendments will be applied.
* The rules will be applied from the beginning of the Gymkhana Year 2014-15.
* Senators who would ordinarily have been removed under the earlier rules will not be automatically removed. Instead, a show-cause notice will be sent to them, informing them that their attendance was unsatisfactory as the earlier rules. If the Senator does not provide a satisfactory explanation, he/she shall be removed from the post as per the rule.

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| **Item No. 21** | To consider the proposal for provisions for early registration for Dual Degree students in the summer. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 22** | To consider the proposal for follow up of Manifestoes. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 23** | To consider the proposal for having seats for left-handers in Lecture Halls. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 24** | To consider the proposal for a Rickshaw stand near the New SAC. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 25** | To consider the proposal for a “Red Book” for the Senate. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 26** | To consider the proposal regarding PE and CPA. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 27** | To consider the proposal regarding Pool Allocation. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 28** | To consider the proposal to introduce guidelines for members nominated by Executives for their respective councils. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 29** | To consider the issue pertaining to the selection process of Associate Deans. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 30** | To consider the issue pertaining to the scheduling of academic activities on weekends and gazetted holidays. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 31** | To consider the recommendation of the COFA(joint) regarding the Unified Design Team. |

The President, Students’ Gymkhana & Chairman, COFA(joint) presented the item for the consideration of the Senate. He informed the Senate that the COFA(joint) unanimously felt that the Unified Design Team, as it was originally envisioned had not succeeded, and that it was unlikely that the UDT would be able to fulfill the requirements of all three festivals in the future as well. He further informed the Senate that given this, the COFA(joint) recommends that the UDT structure be dissolve, and that the post of Head, Web and Head, Design be created in each festival.

The Senate considered the recommendation of the COFA(joint). After discussion, the Senate decided to convert the UDT into a club under the Films and Media Council called the Design Club. The Senate decided to create two new Heads in the Core Team as per Clause 3.(ix) of the Festival Manual [quoted below] named Head, Web and Head, Design. The Head, Web shall be responsible for all web-related aspects of the festival and the Head, Design shall be responsible for all design-related aspects of the festival.

Clause 3.(ix) of the Festival Manual states the following:

*“Other than the Festival Coordinator, the Core Team will consist of the following members:*

1. *Head, Marketing*
2. *Head, Finance*
3. *Head, Security*
4. *Head, Events*
5. *Head, Public Relations*
6. *Head, Media and Publicity*
7. *Head, Show Management*

*Notwithstanding the above, the Senate may choose to add a new Head on an ad-hoc basis at the recommendation of the Festival Coordinator.”*

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| **Item No. 32** | To consider the proposal of the Festival Coordinator, Techkriti’15 to have an “Open Fest” model during Techkriti’15. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 33** | To consider the proposal to construct footpaths. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 34** | To consider the proposal regarding student representatives to the Women Cell of the Institute. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 35** | To consider the proposal for an Intra-campus mini-bus service. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 36** | To consider the report of the performance of the IIT Kanpur contingent to the Inter IIT Sports Meet. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 37** | To consider the proposal to convert the Shooting Hobby Group to a club. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 38** | To consider, for ratification, the names of students in the Games and Sports Council. |

The following names were ratified by the Senate:

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| Chairman, Institute Football League | Gaurav Singh | 13701 |
| Shreshtha Jakhar | 13668 |
| Chairman, Institute Phatta League | Sandeep Kumar Jha | 13613 |
| Arindam Raj | 13140 |

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| **Item No. 39** | To consider, for ratification, the proposed name for Webmaster, Cultural Council. |

The name of Anubhav Kumar (13132) for Webmaster, Cultural Council was ratified by the Senate.

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| **Item No. 40** | To consider, for ratification, the proposed name for Overall Coordinator, Galaxy’15. |

The following names were ratified by the Senate:

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| Vishal Heliwal | 11812 |
| Raghav Garg | 11554 |
| Sandeep Charan | 11634 |

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| **Item No. 41** | To consider, for ratification, the proposed team for Impressions’15. |

The following names were ratified by the Senate:

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| Overall Event Coordinator | Pankaj Jain | 14125022 |
| Shubhabrata Sarkar | 12215062 |
| Show Management | Lekhraj Dongre | 14115008 |
| Achyut Bala Yesu | 14125003 |
| Shelbin Devassy | 14125031 |
| Harsh Srivastava | 14125015 |
| Ganesh Shaji | 14125012 |
| Musicals | Raghav Sharma | 14125026 |
| Purvesh Moghe | 14125025 |
| Design | Prithvi Raj.R | 14119017 |
| Fashion | Chhavi Kataria | 14125010 |
| Gaurav Girdhar | 14125013 |
| Dramatics | Picon Pal | 14112015 |
| Dance | Sakshi Sharma | 14125029 |

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| **Item No. 42** | To consider, for ratification, the proposed name for Coordinator, Astronomy Club. |

The name of Sumit Kalra (11211061) for the post of Coordinator, Astronomy Club was ratified by the Senate.

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| **Item No. 43** | To consider the proposed dates of Udghosh’15. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 44** | To consider the issue pertaining to the enforcement of anti-drug laws against the increasing use of Marijuana on campus. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 45** | Questions and Remarks, if any. |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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|  | Any other item, with the permission of the Chair |

No other item was raised.

**The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 9:15 PM due to lack of quorum.**

**Attendance Record**

The attendance record is:

* Total Strength of the Senate : 59
* Total number of Senators present : 31
* Total number of Senators absent : 28
* Absent without notification : 25
* Absent with permission : 3

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

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| **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 | Amit Anand | Acting 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 | Absent# |
| 9 | Ankita Singh | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 10 | Imran Khan | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 11 | Sandeep Kumar | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 12 | Charchit Kumar | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 13 | Mohd. Amir | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 14 | Gopal Sharain Parashari | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 15 | Arun Karthik B. | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 16 | Amarjit Kene | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 17 | Vipin Kumar Jain | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 18 | Abhijeet Swain | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 19 | Javed Akhtar | Senator, PhD | Absent# |
| 20 | Akash Pushkar | Senator, MTech Y13 | Absent# |
| 21 | Mohammad Mahmood | Senator, MTech Y13 | Absent# |
| 22 | Gyanesh Kumar Singh | Senator, MTech Y13 | Absent# |
| 23 | Gaurav Kumar | Senator, MTech Y14 | Absent# |
| 24 | Shrishti Gautam | Senator, MTech Y14 | Absent# |
| 25 | Mohd. Asim Khan | Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Equivalent Programmes Y13 | Present |
| 26 | Himesh Anand | Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Equivalent Programmes Y14 | Absent# |
| 27 | Hemant Patel | Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year) | Absent# |
| 28 | Mohd. Dawood | Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year) | Absent# |
| 29 | Avish Rana | Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year) | Absent# |
| 30 | Amitanshu Gupta | Senator, UG Y11 | Present^ |
| 31 | Anuj Kukreja | Senator, UG Y11 | Present |
| 32 | Jai Prakash Menaria | Senator, UG Y11 | Absent# |
| 33 | Shrey Agarwal | Senator, UG Y11 | Present |
| 34 | Vibhu Mohan Bajpai | Senator, UG Y11 | Present |
| 35 | Rishikesh Mishra | Senator, UG Y11 | Present |
| 36 | Arjun Singh | Senator, UG Y12 | Present^ |
| 37 | Ashwani Roy | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 38 | Balendu Shekhar | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 39 | Chahat Bajpai | Senator, UG Y12 | Absent\* |
| 40 | Pushapjeet Singh | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 41 | Sabyasachi Verma | Senator, UG Y12 | Present |
| 42 | Saurabh Aggarwal | Senator, UG Y12 | Present^ |
| 43 | Vishal Goyal | Senator, UG Y12 | Present^ |
| 44 | Arpan Agarwal | Senator, UG Y13 | Present^ |
| 45 | Ashutosh Ranka | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 46 | Manikanta Reddy D. | Senator, UG Y13 | Present^ |
| 47 | Harpreet Singh | Senator, UG Y13 | Absent# |
| 48 | Kush Gupta | Senator, UG Y13 | Absent# |
| 49 | Rishabh Jain | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 50 | Ritika Mulagalapalli | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 51 | Samyak Jain | Senator, UG Y13 | Present |
| 52 | Arshil Abbas | Senator, UG Y14 | Present^ |
| 53 | Ashutosh Kumar | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 54 | Dhruv Bhanot | Senator, UG Y14 | Absent\* |
| 55 | Gaurav Seth | Senator, UG Y14 | Absent\* |
| 56 | Hari Shankar | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 57 | Mayank Varshney | Senator, UG Y14 | Present^ |
| 58 | Nikhil Bansal | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |
| 59 | Pooja Yadav | Senator, UG Y14 | Present |

\* – Absent with permission  
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^ – Present (Nominee)