



Students' Senate (2019-20)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur



End Term Report
Post-Graduate Students' Affairs Council (PGSAC) 2021-22
IIT Kanpur



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Formal/Official sessions and their respective Agendas

1st Meeting – 13th March, 2021

Agenda: Introduction to student senate and PG-SAC. Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of PG senators.

2nd Meeting – 11th April, 2021

Agenda: To discuss common issues faced by PG students due to virtual mode of study.

3rd Meeting – 15th May, 2021

Agenda: MBA batch fees hike amidst pandemic stress.

4th Meeting – 20th October, 2021

Agenda: Issues in rules applicable to PG students who are residing in campus.

Informal/unofficial sessions and their respective Agendas

- 22nd April: To discuss PhD student's issues regarding continuing campus stay amidst the second wave of Covid.
- 3rd June: Discussion on calling back of PG students to campus owing to decrease in COVID cases Pan-India
- 4th September: Discussion over flaws in Entry-Exit guidelines for students who wish to come back to the campus in the institute authorized batches.
- 12th September: Issue of library timings being short and the need to extend them to accommodate student's requirements.
- 11th October, 2021: Issues in rules applicable to PG students who are residing in campus.
- 22nd March, 2022: Discussion over opposing the rule of mandatory return to campus for all PG students for offline classes and exams.
- Discussion with then COSHA over maintaining the status-quo of single occupancy of rooms for PGs who are Y20s and before.



Developments and Discussions

- 1st Meeting

The first meeting was a debrief session done by the President of Students Gymkhana for the senators of PG community.

In the meeting various things from past to present were discussed and information exchange was done in a positive manner for all senator's benefits.

- 2nd Meeting

This meeting was to discuss common issues regarding academics that were faced by student body. Here each senator came up with concerns that were collected from their respective batches. Discussion was done and recommendations were given to Chairperson of SS and President of SG for their kind perusal.

- 3rd Meeting:

Amidst the pandemic, the administration had imposed a fee hike of approximately 2 Lakh rupees/semester. The increment in terms of percentage was 291% or approximately 4 times of the initial value. The general body was not in principal against the fee hike but, the issue was the timing of the hike and the insensitivity towards financial issues faced by students due to Covid-19 disruptions in the whole economy of the country. After discussion in the PG-SAC meeting, the President and Chairperson advised to approach the issue through department and not through senate.

- 4th Meeting:

The issues faced by the PG community in regards to the entry-exit guidelines, process of getting permission to move in and out of the campus and other logistical issues in day to day life were discussed. The president of student gymkhana and the chairperson of student senate promised to take them up with DOSA in order to fetch relaxations in rules.