**Interim Report: Sub-Committee for changes in CoSHA**

**Premise**

In the 2015-16/9th Meeting of the Students’ Senate held on 10th March, 2016, a sub-committee was formed to comment on the proposal by the President, Students’ Gymkhana to make some changes in CoSHA.

**Constitution**

The constitution of the committee was as follows:

* Mr. Ashutosh Ranka, Senator UG Y13 (Convener)
* Mr. Samyak Jain, Senator UG Y13
* Mr. Anand Dwivedi, Senator Ph.D.
* President, Students’ Gymkhana (Ex-Officio)

The committee met at 7:00 PM on 15th March, 2016 in the Reading Room of Hall of Residence I. All the members were present in the meeting.

The committee was apprised about the proposal and its background, specifically the discussions in CoSHA, by the President. The committee had detailed discussion on the proposal and felt that it should be further broken down into two segments:

1. Membership/Attendance/Quorum

The committee accepted the reason for changing the membership of CoSHA, opining that there is a need to make CoSHA leaner and effective. The committee also agreed that in its present form, instead of acting as an overlapping body, CoSHA hasn’t been able to build the outreach of the Students’ Gymkhana in Halls. Yet, the committee rejected the proposed membership, instead suggesting a new structure which shall provide both legislative and executive assistance to the Halls. The committee also opined that the changes in attendance rules should also be rejected. Thus, it has also suggested new rules for attendance in CoSHA.

1. Position of In-Charge, Hostel Affairs

The committee considered the present responsibilities of the position-holder as listed in the constitution as well as the work that the position-holders have done majorly done in the past. The committee felt that there is a lot of executive work related to Hostel Affairs which the President cannot take up on his/her own. Thus, there is still a need for individuals who shall take up the work independently. Thus, the committee has suggested changes which may not disturb the status quo yet may allow individuals to assist the President in the Hostel Affairs.

**Recommendations to Students’ Senate**

1. The proposed member-structure includes:
   1. President, Students’ Gymkhana [Chair] (1)
   2. Secretary , CoSHA (0) / In-Charge, Hostel Affairs (1)
   3. Senate Nominees (2)
   4. President/Convener from Hall/SBRA or their nominee (1 each)
   5. Chairperson, Students’ Senate [Ex-Officio] (0/1)

In addition, it is proposed the President should appoint general body members from every Hall on the positions of Gymkhana Representative, Hall \_ who shall serve as special invitees in CoSHA as well as assist the President in the executive work that has he has to take up.

The proposed attendance rule thus stands same as proposed with an additional rule that the Senate nominees and the special invitees shall be held accountable according to the attendance rules for the sub-committees of the Senate.

The proposed quorum rule stands same as proposed.

1. There are two proposals by which the position of In-Charge, Hostel Affairs may be changed to better reflect the present responsibilities. Out of these any one may be chosen.
   1. It is proposed that the constitution may be edited to add a responsibility to the current position which shall allow the position-holder to take up executive work when directed by the President.
   2. It is proposed that the constitution may be edited to change the current position of the In-Charge, Hostel Affairs to Secretary, CoSHA who shall be appointed by the President, Students’ Gymkhana from among the General Body Members to do the documentation work. The President should also appoint a Head, Hostel Affairs to take up the executive work on his/her behalf.

The committee requests the Senate that it may consider the proposal by the President clubbed together with this report to make changes pertaining to CoSHA at the earliest so that the new term of CoSHA may be more productive.

The committee requests that this report may be treated as an interim report and all recommendations in it temporary, allowing the committee to work further.

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(Convener)