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Dear Shubham,

In my capacity as Students' Senate nominee to the SUGC, I wish to propose the following changes to Appendix 6 of the Constitution as an agenda for consideration of the Students' Senate in its next meeting.

1) There should be one uniform criterion for all nominated and elected positions within the Gymkhana and the nominees to the Institute Committees. Hence, only the General Eligibility Guidelines should be retained and the special guidelines for nominated positions should be deleted. Further the line "For all elected and nominated posts of the Students' Gymkhana except the posts of Students' Senate Nominees, a General Body Member will be eligible to apply only if:" should be changed to "For all elected and nominated posts of the Students' Gymkhana and the posts of Students' Senate Nominees to Institute Committees, a General Body Member will be eligible to apply and continue to hold office only if:"

2) The SUGC seems to now have a consensus on what a backlog is in context of new ARC. They have been using it to imply any course that a student fails in. At the Institute level too there are quite a few rules on the basis of a backlog. For example, you cannot migrate to the PG part with a backlog in a compulsory course and similarly if you have 4 or more backlogs, you are not even eligible to apply for conversion to dual degree. I believe that even in our general requirements for eligibility, we must respect that the student has not accumulated many backlogs. If he has many backlogs, then his/her focus should ideally be on academics alone. Even taking a liberal point of view, I believe that we must add a sub-criteria under the General Eligibility clauses as below:

vii) During any time between the beginning of the process of election/call for nomination and till the end of the tenure, the office-holder should not have/accumulate backlogs in three or more courses in his/her academic program.

I am proposing *three* because at in my experience when a student has four backlogs, his/her degree is almost always extended (something we should absolutely not allow). Hence, relieving a student who is at three backlogs gives him a decent chance of graduating on time.

3) I believe that a laid out procedure should be added to explicitly to Appendix 6 which describes the mechanism by which all ratified position holders would be cross-checked against all eligibility criteria each semester after the APEC report is available. I believe that there should be a person/committee who goes through all CPIs and backlogs of all ratified post holders. However, I believe that this person/committee should not have the Chairperson, Students' Senate and President, Students' Gymkhana. As an alternative, I propose that this work can be delegated to either one of the following:

- Overall Coordinator, Academics and Research Cell - Makes sense since he/she shall be working in direct connection with the DoAA office.
- Student Nominees of the SUGC- These office-bearers officially receive the APEC report. Also, since there are many ratified positions, this work can be done effectively by 4 student nominees.
- Chief Election Officer- For obvious reasons.

Further, this is only a checking mechanism. Any office holder not satisfying any of the eligibility criteria should ideally resign of his/her own accord. However, I propose that in case the above committee finds any such defaulter, then the Students' Senate can take ONLY one or more of the actions listed below (other than removing him with immediate

effect which is a must):

- 1) Withhold or cancel any official acknowledgement of his/her work.
- 2) Blacklist the person from holding any other position of responsibility in the future.

Regards,
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