

# Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Students' Senate Srinivasan V | Chairperson



# Terminal Report – Chairperson, Students' Senate (2013-14)

It has been more than a year back, the day when the election for the various posts of students' senate (2013-14) was held. I, already being a President of Hall-8 then, was keen to take up the small responsibility (Finance Convener) in students' senate in addition. After losing the election for the post of Convener, Finance and since, the post of Chairman, Students' Senate was about to fall vacant; I decided to take up the responsibility to serve the Students' Gymkhana.

# Major Highlights that took place during my tenure

- 1. Papa CJ Fiasco that took place during Techkriti'13
- 2. Formation of Academic Affairs Cell under Presidential Council which was later renamed as Students' Welfare Cell
- 3. Boxing Hobby Group under Games & Sports Council
- 4. Constitution of GRC (Gymkhana Review Committee)
- 5. Introduction of Academics in GC (General Championship)
- 6. Addition of Wall climbing as CPA
- 7. Unified design team
- 8. Proposed to create e-mail id for Chairperson, SUGC & SPGC with mailing rights.
- 9. Imposing a expiry date of 2 months on SG-9 form (SSF)
- 10. SG-11 (no dues), 12 (Income receipt) form introduced by Finance committee
- 11. Fashion & lifestyle hobby group was formed under Film & Media Council
- 12. Student Editorial Board was formed as a club under FMC
- 13. An additional member who would be the part of FC & CoFA has been added to the gymkhana festivals as senate nominees
- 14. Review & recommendations from PGSAC to (academic) senate on PGARC report & implementation.
- 15.GFAC (Gymkhana Festival Advisory committee) was constituted by Director to monitor all the festivals of gymkhana in addition to the respective FAC.
- 16.UG Manual was successfully made available for students belonging to 2011 batch onwards and issues related to minors, double majors were resolved.

#### I. Ratification

- 1. Gymkhana Calendar
- 2. Gymkhana Budget allocation and mid-term re-allocation
- 3. Hall Allocation Policy
- 4. Pool Structure & point structure for General Championship
- 5. Green Opus and Academics in GC (Intra-hall Event as a part of GC under Presidential Council)
- 6. Inferno Preliminary & post conduction (Intra-hall Event as a part of GC under Games & Sports Council)
- 7. Takneek Preliminary & post conduction (Intra-hall Event as a part of GC under Science & Technology Council)
- 8. Spectrum Preliminary & post conduction (Intra-hall Event as a part of GC under Film & Media Council)
- 9. Galaxy Preliminary conduction (Intra-hall Event as a part of GC under Cultural Council)
- 10. Udghosh Preliminary & post conduction (Annual Gymkhana Sports Festival)
- 11. Antaragni Preliminary & post conduction (Annual Gymkhana Cultural & film Festival)
- 12. Techkriti Preliminary conduction (Annual Gymkhana Technical & Entrepreneur Festival)
- 13. Fresher's nite, Fresher's Inferno, Gymkhana Day
- 14. Election for DPGC& DUGC representatives, Gymkhana Bi-elections, Gymkhana general elections Preliminary & post conduction
- 15. Co-ordinators of various clubs under different councils and co-ordinators of different gymkhana festivals

## II. Appointment and Interview of

- 1. Chief Election Officer
- 2. Festival Coordinators and the core team of Udghosh, Antaragni and Techkriti
- 3. Students' Senate Nominees to various standing committees of (academic) Senate

#### The following were the major constitutional amendments

- 1. UGSAC & PGSAC, CoFA & SGC Constituted as standing committees
- 2. Additional members added to Steering, Nominations and Rules & Procedures
- 3. Composition of FC & CoFA has been modified with 3 common members in both the committees.
- 4. UGSAC,PGSAC & CoSHA has been declared to be Standing Councils of the students' senate
- 5. Minimum no. of girl senator increased from 1 to 2.
- 6. The ratio of senator: No. of students of each batch has been modified to 1:150 from 1:100.
- 7. The minimum no. of meeting that a senator must attend has been increased.

# **Major Pending Jobs**

- 1. Joint meeting of Students' Senate with Faculty forum
- 2. Proposal to renovate the Old SAC to Students' Lounge
- 3. Feedback to be sent to the committee formed by director to analyse students feedback form for courses
- 4. Upgradation of OARS & Office automation
- 5. Online academic registration instead of doing it manually.
- 6. Approval has to be sought for changes made in the age criteria for getting elected to be a member of the senate from Chairman, BoG.
- 7. The recommendations of interpreting the students' governance report from R&P should be added in the appendix of the constitution.
- 8. The cap on maximum no. of participants should be revised from 1500 to 1800 and the approval has to be sought from Director.
- 9. The no.of festival days for Udghosh are to be increased from 2.5 to 3.5 and the approval has to be sought from Director.

#### Recommendations

- 1. The senate should continue extended orientation for every incoming batch.
- 2. Conduction of Pre-senate with the executives and convener/chair of the standing committees/councils might reduce the discussion time of the senate.
- 3. The members of the steering committee and the Secretary, Students' Senate should work more efficiently in not only making the agenda, ATR and minutes but also to keep reminding the ad-hoc sub-committees for holding the meeting and getting it reported to the senate at the earliest.
- 4. Currently, given the steering committee being expanded to 4 members, the Chairman should dedicate 1 member exclusively as a senate coordinator who can coordinate with the ad-hoc sub-committees
- 5. President, Students' Gymkhana being the Warden of SAC should officially allot a person-in-charge/clerk to ensure smooth functioning of the office of chairman, students' senate.
- 6. DPGC/DUGC student representatives should be continued to be selected through election process latest by August 1<sup>st</sup> week.
- 7. The student senate nominees to the standing committees of the (academic) senate should be interviewed and appointed latest by August last week.
- 8. Recommendations for constitution of GFAC should be made at the beginning of the academic year.
- 9. The FC along with Chairperson, SS should also monitor the following bank accounts related to students and report it to the senate in frequent intervals
  - Students' Benevolent Fund
  - ii. Students' Medical emergency fund
  - iii. Students' Gymkhana Corpus
  - iv. Students' Gymkhana (gymkhana fees + matching grant + students' contribution to festivals)
  - v. Students' activities account
  - vi. CDSS, Prayas, S&T etc

#### Served in Various committees at the Institute level

- 1. Fact Finding Committee to investigate the issues related to Papa CJ comedy show
- 2. Advisory Committee for Convocation'13 and Convocation'14
- 3. Hall Allocation Advisory Committee to monitor the accommodation of students in halls of residence
- 4. Fact finding committee to look into the unfortunate demise of Late Shri Manjunath
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- 6. Visitor's hostel Management Committee
- 7. Automation requirement specification team
- 8. PG Admission process
- 9. Computer Centre coordinator's committee
- 10. DoRD Selection committee
- 11. Senate Students' Affairs Committee
- 12. Senate Post Graduate Committee
- 13. Institute Senate

### **Request Note to Senators:**

- 1. I kindly request all the senators to know their responsibilities and act wisely in each and every decision taken by the senate which should be based on the general interest of the student body than any individual or a group of students.
- 2. Every senator must read the constitution, agenda and minutes and ensure that it is being followed in compliance
- 3. Every senator must be vocal enough in laying down his views, because any decision of the senate taken against point 1 would lead him/her to be a party to such decisions.

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