**2015-16/7th (Special) Meeting of the Students’ Senate**

**The 7th (Special) Meeting of the Students’ Senate was held on Sunday, 28th February, 2016 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 4:15 PM.**

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| **Item No. 1** | To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:   1. 2015-16/3rd Special Meeting 2. 2015-16/8th Meeting |

The Minutes were not circulated and shall be presented for confirmation in the next meeting.

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

The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate:

* The General Secretary, Science and Technology informed the Senate that Techkriti the annual technical and entrepreneurial festival of the Student’s Gymkhana would be held from 3rd to 6th March, 2016.

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| **Item No. 3** | To consider for ratification, a name for the Core Team of Impressions '16 |

The General Secretary, Cultural Affairs has submitted a request for the ratification of Mr. Rahul Janghra (14979) for the post of ‘Manager - Fashion Show’ in the Core Team of Impressions ’16. The Senate ratified the name.

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| **Item No. 4** | To consider the de-ratification of various members of Cultural Council |

The General Secretary, Cultural Affairs has submitted a request for the de-ratification of some members of the Cultural Council. The Senate deratified the proposed members.

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| **Item No. 5** | To consider the post-conduction report of Takneek '15 |

The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the recommendations of the report with some changes. The General Secretary was asked to resubmit the report with the above changes.

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| **Item No. 6** | To consider the post-conduction report of Galaxy '16 |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 7** | To consider a proposal to dissolve the Students' Academic Council i.e. the UGSAC and PGSAC |

The President, Students’ Gymkhana presented this proposal for the consideration of the Senate. The President stated that due to the current redundancy in the functioning of the Senate, SAC and Academics & Research Cell, there is a need to review our present system. He proposed that the SAC should be dissolved because of the following:

1. The legislative work of the SAC should ideally take place in the Senate with expertise given by various functionaries called in there.
2. The executive work of the SAC shall be taken care of by the Academics and Research Cell.

The Senate discussed the proposal and after due deliberation accepted it in principle and forwarded it to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its opinion.

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| **Item No. 8** | To consider the updated proposal regarding installing UFO system in the OAT |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 9** | To consider the updated proposal regarding teams in the SnT Council |

The General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the updated proposal regarding teams for the consideration of the Senate. The proposal was discussed on the floor of the Senate after due deliberation accepted in totality. The Senate opined that teams should be made Constitutional entities in all the councils and forwarded the proposal to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its opinion.

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| **Item No. 10** | To consider the interim report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into the deficit of Antaragni '15 |

The Convener of the Fact Finding Committee presented the interim report for the consideration of the Senate. The committee, based on the inputs received from the Head, Finance estimated that Antaragni’15 has overshot its budget by approximately Rs.10.5 lacs. It was pointed out that this is a rough estimation and the final figure will be clear, only once the Finance report is presented to the Senate. As per the findings of the committee, there were multiple causes that led to such a huge overshoot, including rain and change of venue. The Senate noted that while some of these causes such as rain could not be controlled, there were other causes as well, which could have been prevented with a better management on part of the Festival team. Hence, the Senate concluded that there is a need to further look into the causes for this deficit, in particular the ones that could have been avoided and establish if any individuals were responsible and thus directed the committee to submit another report to the Senate on the same.

Once it was established that Antaragni’15 has overshot its budget, the committee then went on to analyse the current situation being faced by Antaragni’15 due to unavailability of funds to carry out its expenses. The committee pointed out that Antaragni is yet to receive some of its money from the sponsors and the institute is also willing to provide some support to cover the extra expenses due to rain. However, there is still an interim need of funds to carry out some of the immediate expenses until any external support is provided. As a result, the Festival Coordinator of Antaragni has requested that some additional funds be provided to Antaragni’15 as a loan from the Students’ Gymkhana and it shall be settled once all the details are available.

Based on the findings, the committee concluded that at this point it is not possible to establish the exact amount of deficit that Antaragni’15 will face as it will be based on various factors, including the amount of support from the institute authorities. Therefore, the Senate noted that they should not take into consideration the expected amount of deficit and any loan, if provided should be based on the current requirements of the Antaragni team. As per the report, the Antaragni team has asked for a loan of Rs.6.8 lacs, which is required to distribute the prize money to the participants. The Senate noted that the need seems genuine and thus the Students’ Gymkhana must provide additional funds to support one its festival. However, various Senators expressed their concerns over the means by which the loan will be returned and also pointed out the possibility of a wrong precedence in terms of Festivals demanding additional funds after their conduction. The Senate then discussed the two solutions presented by the committee to deal with the situation. After long deliberations, the Senate concluded the following:

1. It accepted the request of Antaragni’15 to provide a loan of Rs.6.8 lacs from the corpus fund of Students’ Gymkhana.
2. Based on the next report of the Fact Finding Committee, if it is established that some amount of deficit has resulted due to lack of responsibility from individuals, then that amount shall be recovered from those responsible and be submitted to the Students’ Gymkhana, as partial recovery of the loan. The Senate may further decide to take any other action, in case there is a need.
3. The remaining amount of the loan shall then be added to the account of Antaragni. It shall be carried forward through the years and be covered by Antargni through 5% of its marketing budget every year.
4. Any amount, if received from institute shall be used to carry out the remaining expenses of Antaragni’15.

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| **Item No. 11** | To consider a proposal to nominate DUGC/DPGC Student Representatives |

The President, Students’ Gymkhana presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. It was proposed that instead of election of the DUGC/DPGC nominees, these should be nominated. Multiple recommendations shall come from the Departmental Representatives of the Students' Gymkhana and shall then be considered by the nominations committee. The nominations committee shall then submit the final names for ratification in the Students' Senate. The proposal was discussed on the floor of the Senate. It was opined that the nominating panel, decided by the nominations committee would consist of people who have an idea about the work of the DUGC/DPGC nominees. After due deliberation the proposal was accepted and forwarded to the SUGC.

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| **Item No. 12** | To consider a proposal pertaining to changes in COSHA |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 13** | To consider a proposal to reorganize the responsibilities of the SUGC and SPGC vis-à-vis the Office of Academic Affairs |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 14** | To consider a proposal to restructure the SUGC |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 15** | Proposal to form a new standing council of the Senate: Council of Students for Departmental Affairs |

The President, Students’ Gymkhana presented this proposal for the consideration of the Senate. It was proposed that the Senate should have a new standing council to handle the departmental affairs. The members should be two elected representatives: one UG and the other PG. These members shall act as the primary student representatives of the department. The elections should take place with the general elections of the Students' Gymkhana. The President should be the chairman of the council with one general body member elected as the convener. The council shall act as the space where various pan-departmental issues shall be discussed as well as problems of some departments shall be solved.

The proposal was discussed at length on the floor of the Senate. An ad-hoc committee was constituted to further look into the matter. The mandate of the committee is to look into the extent of non-academic related matters of the department, which is the area where the student representatives will be needed. The committee will investigate whether the DUGC/DPGC student nominees mandate can be extended to cover the above mentioned work and if not then how shall the student representatives be elected and what shall be their relation with the DUGC/DPGC student nominees.

The Senate opined that it understood that the DUGC/DPGC student nominee system is an important one and the effects of the existence of the new system on the existing structure must be kept in mind while deciding on the proposal.

The committee consists of:  
1) Mr. Kunal Kapila, Senator, UG Y14 (Convener)  
2) Mr. Abhimanyu Yadav, Senator, UG Y11  
3) Mr. Aakarsh Jain, Senator, M.Sc. Y14  
4) One PG member

The name of the PG member will be confirmed on the mailing list.

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| **Item No. 16** | To consider the current financial situation and measures recommended by the Finance Committee |

The item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

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| **Item No. 17** | To consider for approval and acceptance the list of names for the team and the following pre-conduction reports of Techkriti '16:  a. Festival Conduction Report  b. Marketing Report  c. Proposed Budget  d. Security Report  e. Special Task Force |

The Festival Coordinator, Techkriti’16 presented the reports for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate deliberated upon the reports. The Marketing report had mentioned a certain amount for which the team did not have signed MoUs. The team was given time to show written confirmation within a day for the amount or it would not be accepted. The reports were accepted by the Senate with some changes.

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| **Item No. 18** | To consider the interview for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni'16 |

The interview for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni’16 were conducted. The interview panel recommended the name of Mr. Prakhar Singhal (13486) for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni’16.

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| **Item No. 19** | Questions and Remarks, if any. |

There were no questions or remarks.

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

No other agenda item was raised.

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 am by the Chairperson, Student’s Senate.**