



Students' Senate (2022-23)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Sanidhya Rathore | Chairperson



The 1st (Special) meeting of the Students' Senate was held in online mode on Zoom. The meet commenced at 9:23 PM on 11th June, 2022.

Members in attendance:

Sr No.	Name	Post
1	Sanidhya Rathore	Chairperson, Students' Senate
2	Rohit Kejriwal	President, Student's Gymkhana
3	Som Vishwas Tambe	General Secretary, Science and Technology
4	Ghanshyam Waindeshkar	General Secretary, Media and Culture
5	Animesh Singh	General Secretary, Games and Sports
6	Manit Ajmera	General Secretary (UG), Academics and Career
7	Neha Sharma	(Officiating) General Secretary (PG), Academics and Career
8	Prashant Kumar Mishra	Parliamentarian, Students' Senate
9	Abhiraj Akhouri	Senator BT/BS Y21
10	Kushagra Gupta	Senator BT/BS Y21
11	Nitin Garhwal	Senator BT/BS Y21
12	Prachi Choudhary	Senator BT/BS Y21
13	Ritam Acharya	Senator BT/BS Y21
14	Sahil Panjwani	Senator BT/BS Y21
15	Srijan Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y21
16	Harsh Ranjan	Senator BT/BS Y20
17	Kanhैया Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y20
18	Kshiteesh Bhardwaj	Senator BT/BS Y20
19	Parteek	Senator BT/BS Y20
20	Prem Milind Gujrathi	Senator BT/BS Y20
21	Shantanu Sirothia	Senator BT/BS Y20
22	Sheeshram Choudhary	Senator BT/BS Y20
23	Akash Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y19
24	Akash Patel	Senator BT/BS Y19
25	Utkarsh Jain	Senator BT/BS Y19
26	Bhavesh Nehete	MTech (2-year) Y21
2	SRIKANTA PANIGRAHI	MTech (2-year) Y21
28	Harsh Mirani	MSR



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29	Khushbu Kishnani	MSR
30	Varun Chothani	MBA and MDes and other 2 year programmes Y20
31	Akhil Singh	MBA and MDes and other 2 year programmes Y21
32	Ankul kumar	PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MSc-PhD Y16)
33	Baban	PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MSc-PhD Y16)
34	Vijaya Mishra	PhD Y20 (including MSc-PhD Y17)

Item No. 1	Announcements, remarks, and questions, if any
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The following announcements and remarks were made:

1. a. The President informed the Senate that the arrangements for the accommodation of students for Summer Term 2022-23 have been done and about 400 students have been accommodated from the Gymkhana's side. b. He also informed about the ongoing discussions with the administration on the refund of the Mess Establishment Charges for those graduating early and that they wouldn't be charged for 3 whole months c. The Senate was informed about the ongoing talks with the Chairman, SSAC, on the lines of introducing community service(e.g. Prayas teaching) as an alternate form of punishment for probation cases; however, no effective conclusion has yet been reached. d. He also informed the Senate about the successful conduction of the "Youth and Truth" session conducted jointly by the Students' Gymkhana and the previous Antaragni team on 8th June 2022.
2. a. The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council informed the Senate about the ongoing summer camps for various sports. b. He also informed that the rescheduling of slots and timings of Gymnasium along with optimum modifications of the slot strengths is under works, and the proposal has already been sent to the Chairman, SPEC for consideration. c. The concerns about the swimming pool were also addressed. He informed that the ongoing construction work would take significant time and hence might not be functional for the whole of the present tenure, noting it'd be winter by the time of completion. He also informed the Senate that swimming pool arrangements for the prospective Institute Aquatics Team are being made with some



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success in the search in the city itself. The notifications for trials for the same have already been mailed to the campus community.

3. a. The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council informed the Senate about the 1st Council Core Team meet held recently. b. The ongoing Summer Projects for students was also brought to the notice of the Senate.
4. a. The General Secretary, Media and Cultural Council informed the Senate of the recent conduction of 1st Council Core Team meet. b. He also informed the Senate on the starting of Summer Workshops, now that the budget allocation has concluded.

Item No. 2	Further proceedings for electing General Secretary, PG Academics and Career Council
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The Chairperson requested the Parliamentarian to inform the senate on the necessary procedures to elect the General Secretary for the present tenure. He stated the position needs to undergo elections in mid-term or by elections. Until then, the duties could be discharged through an Officiating General Secretary for the council. The Chairperson also requested to convey the details on the Senate Mailing list which was done shortly after then. He also informed the Senate of carrying out the required proceedings, prospectively, in the next Senate meet.

Item No. 3	Games and Sports Council restructure proposal
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This was proposed by General Secretary 2022-23 and General Secretary 2021-22 of the Games and Sports Council as a long pending reform to the current structure.

- The Chairperson enquired about the addressal of PG and Women representation in the new structure, to which the General Secretary replied that this would be taken care of, internally, during the selection process in the future, by the council.
- A Senator informed the Senate about the rigorous training in sports negatively affecting students' continued participation in the same. The discussions concluded the new structure as being capable of addressing the same, through increased emphasis on casual sports training and activities.
- A Senator enquired about the absence of a Institute Carrom Team, to which the response stated that the presence of any such team is primarily due to the



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respective sport being part of the Inter-IIT competitions. However, it was informed that efforts are being made to induce them.

- A general body member raised the query regarding the absence of any Kho-Kho related activities/body in the institute. The General Secretary informed the proposal for creating a club/society for any sport with considerable participation of the campus community is welcome and the same can be proposed to the Senate.

The proposal was further sent to the Rules and Procedures Committee for further examination and scrutiny to ensure constitutional validity and feasibility of the same.

Item No.3	Academics and Career Council restructure proposal
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This was proposed by the Officiating General Secretary, PG AnC and General Secretary PG AnC 2021-22.

- The Chairperson opined that the current structure was formed, keeping in mind the aspect of mutual knowledge sharing between the UG and PG communities. The General Secretary 2021-22 replied that this purpose is failing to be kept for a long time and also claimed unfair distribution of responsibility between the two councils under the AnC umbrella. She also informed the Senate about the difference in the perspectives of the two councils regarding the selection of the Associate Heads causing troubles in the smooth functioning of the council.
- The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council opined on the possibility of going back to the previous structure of having coordinators for both councils, instead of creating additional Associate Head positions. He also conveyed the possibility of excess latter positions diluting the expected workload of the same if the responsibility is further splitted.
- The General Secretary, UG AnC stated that the Associate Head elections being an internal part of the council, any disagreement regarding the same doesn't conclude the need for two additional positions and the latter, if done, would increase redundancy. He also opined that the position is a managerial position and doesn't need excellency in research, as in case of Associate Head, Research AnC. He also pointed towards no applications for the post of Associate Head, Career Development from PG students in the call for nominations this year.
- The President supported the spirit of the proposal and requested the General Secretaries to come up with a separate structure with less Associate Heads than the



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proposed structure. He also opined on the possibility of replacing the present two Associate Head positions of Research and Career Development with Associate Head, UG Research and Career Development and Associate Head, PG Research and Career Development.

- A Senator, in agreement to the proposal, pointed towards the existing responsibility distribution between the two General Secretaries of the Council, namely UG and PG, and opined there should be no issue if the same is done in the two discussed Associate Head positions.

The Senate asked for the opinion of the Rules and Procedures committee on the proposal and agreed to carry on the discourse in the next meeting after the input of the latter.

Item No. 4	To consider the proposal for Lunchbox Delivery System
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This was proposed by Convener, CoSHA and was passed in the 1st(Special) meeting of the Council of Students for Hostel Affairs 2022-23.

- A general body member opined on the possibility of establishing an afternoon mess in the academic area, as a replacement to the proposal. However, the Senate found the idea having a lot of feasibility concerns and was dismissed.
- A Senator enquired about the implementation of the proposed system in Hall 13, as it lacks a Hall Executive Committee presently. The President informed that the related things would be taken care of, from his side.

This proposal was accepted by the Senate with consensus.

Item No. 5	To consider the proposal for a Dynamic Database for Halls
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This was proposed by Convener, CoSHA and was passed in the 1st(Special) meeting of the Council of Students for Hostel Affairs 2022-23.

- A general body member stated that a database already exists with the Automation Portal with details of the resident of each room, hence, enquired about the need for the proposal. The President informed that the database is not “dynamic” and hence the data is often misleading to utilize, showing the need for the proposal.

This proposal was accepted by the Senate with consensus.



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Item No. 6	To consider the proposal for Centralized List of vendors
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This was proposed by Convener, CoSHA and was passed in the 1st(Special) meeting of the Council of Students for Hostel Affairs 2022-23.

- The Chairperson questioned if any vendor can get their name listed or there were some criteria for the same. The Convener, CoSHA informed that there is no specific criteria as such, however the feedback on the vendors, from halls would be present.

This proposal was accepted by the Senate with consensus.

Item No. 7	To consider the Hall Allocation Policy(HAP) 2022-23
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This was proposed by Convener, CoSHA and was passed in the 1st(Special) meeting of the Council of Students for Hostel Affairs 2022-23.

- The Chairperson enquired about the motive behind the tag of a hall being a “UG” or a “PG” hall. The Convener, CoSHA replied that the wardens enquire for their hall under this categorisation and this is also helpful in preparing the HAP.
- The Convener, CoSHA 2021-22 pointed toward the over occupation in Hall 12 and claimed it to be infeasible considering the resources and facilities of the hall. He also informed about the messing capacity of the hall being incapable of catering to the proposed strength. After deliberations, the Senate opined to decrease the crunch in the hall by accommodating some more students in Hall 5. The Convener, CoSHA was instructed to make the proposed modifications in the meet itself.

The Chairperson proposed for a short break in the meeting, which was agreed upon by the Senate, hence the meeting stopped at 12:01 AM. The meeting started at 12:11 AM.

- A Senator pointed towards the different size of rooms in halls 5 and 12, and if that's being kept in mind in the proposed allocations. He was assured that all possible measures are being taken to reach an optimal allocation.
- The Convener, CoSHA 2021-22 found the crunch still being high after the modifications and emphasized the inability of the hall resources to cope with such numbers. Many other general body members stated similar resource



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constraints in their halls. The Senate asked the President to indulge in discussions with the administration in order to relax the constraints by providing the necessary support and resources, noting the capacity of halls is insufficient to accommodate such an increased student count.

- Hall 12 President offered to propose a few possible measures to reduce the crunch. They included a demand to the administration for late arrival of the Y22 batch on campus(after the first semester), conversion of Hall 4 to a Co-education(co-ed) hostel, utilizing few fully finished blocks of Hall 14 and accommodation for students outside the campus. However, the proposals were found to be very infeasible or unreliable at the moment and hence dismissed. For the last proposal, the President, Students' Gymkhana informed that no concrete advancements has been made by the administration yet.
- Finally, the Senate concluded that the crunch of Hall 12 be released by accommodating some extra students in Hall 10 and 11.

The Senate instructed the Convener, CoSHA to do the proposed changes and propose the modified allocation in the CoSHA for consideration.

Item No. 8	To take note of the Gymkhana Budget 2022-23 passed on the Senate Mailing list
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- A Senator raised the concern over Acting Finance Convener, Students' Senate being made just a day after the proposal of allocation, which made it difficult to get the relevant doubts addressed due to a communication gap. The Chairperson informed that it is the responsibility of the position holder to take cognizance of the duties and actions of the acting position holder, hence the latter could have been contacted, if needed.
- A Senator inquired if the budget has always been passed on the Senate Mailing list itself, and if not, why has this been done this time. The Chairperson informed that there were some unforeseen constraints due to which the allocation could not be presented in a meeting, instead proposed on the mailing list.
- The Chairperson informed the Senate on a general query regarding the budget allocations. He stated that any such council budget related concerns should be raised in the Council Core Team meets and the General Secretary of the respective council would carry out the rest of the necessary proceedings.

The Senate took note of the Gymkhana Budget 2022-23 and was considered passed.



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Item No. 9	To consider the ratification lists for term 2021-22
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This item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM on 12th June,2022 with a vote of thanks to all the members.