



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



The 2022-23/2nd (Regular) Meeting of Students' Senate was conducted on 7th November, 2022 (Sunday) in offline mode in Senate Hall, New SAC. The meeting was called into order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 10.04 PM.

Attendance Record:

Sr. No.	Name	Post	Signature
1	Sanidhya Rathore	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2	Rohit Kejriwal	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3	Som Vishwas Tambe	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
4	Ghanshyam Waindeskar	General Secretary, Media and Culture	Present
5	Animesh Singh	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Present
6	Manit Ajmera	General Secretary (UG), Academics and Career	Present
7	Shreyank Goyal	General Secretary (PG), Academics and Career	Present
8	Utkarsh Jain	Finance Convener	Present
9	Prashant Kumar Mishra	Parliamentarian, Students' Senate	Present
10	Abhiraj Akhouri	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present
11	Kushagra Gupta	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present
12	Nitin Garhwal	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present
13	Prachi Choudhary	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present
14	Ritam Acharya	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present



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15	Sahil Panjwani	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present
16	Sharvani Uday Jadhav	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present
17	Srijan Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y21	Present
18	Kanhaiya Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y20	Present
19	Kshiteesh Bharadwaj	Senator BT/BS Y20	Present
20	Harsh Ranjan	Senator BT/BS Y20	Present
21	Parteek	Senator BT/BS Y20	Present*
22	Prem Milind Gujrathi	Senator BT/BS Y20	Present
23	Shantanu Sirothia	Senator BT/BS Y20	Present*
24	Sheeshram Choudhary	Senator BT/BS Y20	Present
25	Akash Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y19	Present
26	Akash Patel	Senator BT/BS Y19	Present
27	Avinash Vishwakarma	Senator BT/BS Y19	Present
28	Ganta Srujit Reddy	Senator BT/BS Y19	Present*
29	Romit Mohanty	Senator BT/BS Y19	Absent
30	Bhavesb Nehete	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	Absent
31	Drumil Ashokbhai Bhalani	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	Absent
32	Mohd Kashif	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	Absent
33	Shivam Saini	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	Absent
34	Srikant Panigrahi	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	Absent
35	Harsh Mirani	Senator MSR	Absent
36	Khushbu Kishnani	Senator MSR	Absent
37	Akhil Singh	Senator MBA/MDes and other 2 year programmes Y21	Absent



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38	Ankul Kumar	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches	Absent
39	Baban	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches	Absent
40	Manmeet Kaur	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches	Present
41	Neha Sharma	Senator PhD Y20 (Including MSc-PhD Y17)	Present
42	Rijin Rajan	Senator PhD Y20 (Including MSc-PhD Y17)	Present(Late)
43	Vijaya Mishra	Senator PhD Y20 (Including MSc-PhD Y17)	Present
44	Aman Sharma	Senator PhD Y21 (including MSc-PhD Y18)	Absent
45	Gnanendra Sri Phani Sai Channamsetty	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	Present
46	Krishan Kalpit	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	Absent
47	Muskan Tongaria	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	Absent
48	Sagnik Saha	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	Present
49	Bhakti Mete	Senator MBA/MDes and other 2 year programmes Y22	Present (Late)
50	Arnab Patel	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	Absent
51	Nitin	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	Absent
52	Rajvikram Singh	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	Absent
53	Rohit Rajput	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier	Absent



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		batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	
54	Satyam Gupta	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	Absent
55	Shambhavi Dube	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	Present
56	Sudama	Senator PhD Y21 (including MS - PhD Y18)	Absent
57	Pawan Nagarwal	Senator PhD Y22 (including MS - PhD Y22)	Absent
58	Manv Verma	Senator MSc (2 year) Y22 (including MSc - PhD Y22)	Absent

*** - Present with Nominee, # - Absent with Permission**

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of 3rd (Special) Meeting of Students' Senate 2022-23
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The Minutes were passed without any contentions.

Item No. 2	To confirm the Minutes of 1st (Special) Meeting of Cell Affairs Committee 2022-23
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No contentions were raised over the Minutes. It was decided that the Minutes would be open for the 24-hour period since they were uploaded late.

	Announcements and Remarks (if any)
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Chairperson, Students' Senate



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- The Chairperson congratulated Students' Gymkhana for successful conduction of Udghosh' 22 and Indian Governance Summit' 22.

President, Students' Gymkhana

- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate about the financial misconduct done by DOSA office staff as mailed over the Students' Senate Mailing List. The President informed the Senate that the Assistant Registrar, DOSA office changed the honorariums, decided by the Festival Coordinators, Udghosh'21, to be given to the staff members of DOSA office without the consent of Festival Coordinators. In particular, the Assistant Registrar reduced the honorarium of the lowest-paid staff and added that amount to the honorarium of staff members which did not receive any honorarium from the Festival Coordinators. The President remarked that such an act does not stand with the fundamentals of Gymkhana in any way. The President further cited an incident that came into his knowledge that involved the Assistant Registrar, DOSA office directing the Assistant Registrar, Store Section to falsely claim that the purchasing limit of the Local Purchase Committee for Udghosh'22 was Rs. 25,000 instead of Rs. 50,000 (under non-GFR norms) and that purchases had to be made from the GeM portal, just a few days before the commencement of Udghosh'22.

The Chairperson concluded the issue by asking for the support of Students' Senate in going forward with the proposal mentioning the required action on the officials involved, as shared on Students' Senate Mailing List under the subject "Financial Misconduct by DOSA Office Staff". The proposal was hence accepted without any contentions raised.

- The President informed the Senate that the General Championship would happen next semester (2022-23-II).
- The President appreciated Unmukt for conducting the Gender Sensitization Program for the first time. The President also appreciated Vox Populi for planning to conduct Fleet Street for the first time.
- President, Students' Gymkhana further announced that the Estate Office has announced tenders for the following shops in campus: Urban Crave entity, the first shop in Chowpatty area, Hall 3 Canteen. Further, tenders are soon to be announced for Hall 12 Canteen. Further, the Institute has acquired back the legal charge of Shiru Cafe.

General Secretary, Media and Culture

- The Media and Culture Council conducted its first-ever literary fest – Alfaaz.



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- A contingent of the Media and Culture Council participated in Thomso'22, IIT Roorkee.
- The Council participated in Gymkhana Orientation of Y22 batch.

General Secretary, Science and Technology

- The Science and Technology Council organized SnT Pavilion for the orientation of the Y22 batch, wherein 7 clubs, 5 societies and 6 teams presented and introduced themselves.

General Secretary (UG), Academics and Career

- The International Relations Wing in coordination with the Office of International Relations celebrated Diwali with the foreign students on campus.
- The Council is working on a council-restructuring proposal.

General Secretary (PG), Academics and Career

- The Council conducted PG orientation for the Y22 batch, wherein the Council conducted a one-of-its-kind junior-senior interaction.
- The Council invited Dr. Ashutosh Sharma, President of Indian National Science Academy to interact with the PG students.
- The Council is planning to conduct Institute Research Symposium'23.

Item No. 3	To consider the proposal for converting GameDev Society to Club
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The Chairperson invited the General Secretary, Science and Technology and the Leaders of GameDev Society to explain their proposal. The Leaders of GameDev Society presented their proposal on the floor of the Senate.

The Chairperson enquired about the future plans regarding the extension of the Society to a Club. The Leaders informed the Senate of their upcoming plans.

The Chairperson enquired whether GameDev Society is looking to collaborate with E-Sports Society for gaming events or are they only interested in development of games, to which the Leaders answered that they are only interested in the development phase of games.

The Chairperson questioned the need for appointment of Faculty Advisor for GameDev Society. The Leaders clarified that they only want some faculty members to guide their members in some specialized domains. The Chairperson further suggested that since Faculty



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Advisor is an official position for Councils/Cells in Gymkhana, they should not opt for that nomenclature.

President, Students' Gymkhana asked the Leaders the things they wish to achieve if converted to a club. The Leaders answered that the budget allocation would be more convenient as a Club in line with their plans to which the General Secretary, Science and Technology informed that the Council does not differentiate between Clubs and Societies for Budget Allocation. General Secretary, Science and Technology mentioned that the conversion of hobby groups/societies to clubs indicated the continued growth and increasing campus participation in the hobby group/society, which is true for GameDev Society.

A Senator inquired about Minors in Game Development as present in the proposal, as to how the Club could help in that. The Leaders responded that with this initiative they wish to introduce Minors to the Institute, provided the students are competent for it.

Hence, with the approval of the Senate the proposal was accepted and GameDev Society was converted to Game Development Club.

Item No. 4	To consider the Mandate of PoR Handbook.
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The Chairperson invited the Parliamentarian to discuss the Mandate of PoR Handbook.

The Parliamentarian went on to explain the proposal. The Mandate draft was accepted without any contentions.

A Senator enquired if the PoR Handbook intends to specify/create hierarchy or levels among various Positions of Responsibilities to which the Chairperson replied that the document was not intended to do so as it is irrational to compare PoRs, specially across Councils. They further asked about the basis upon which Gymkhana PoRs are selected by companies for placement purposes to which the Chairperson replied that Gymkhana has no role in directing companies for the same and only a Senate-ratified list of Gymkhana position-holders is sent to the Students' Placement Office without any hierarchical comparisons or definitions mentioned with it.

The General Secretary, Media and Council asked the Parliamentarian about the status of completion of the PoR Handbook, to which the Parliamentarian replied that the PoR Handbook is almost complete and would be presented at the Senate floor after its review in the Rules and Procedure Committee.



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Item No. 5	To consider a proposal for the formation of Product Management Group
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The Chairperson invited the proposers to present their proposal. The proposers presented their proposal on the floor of the Senate.

After due debate and discussion, it was decided that the Product Management Group would be introduced as a Special Interest Group under the Academics and Career Council after due discussion and acceptance by Council Core Committee of Academics and Career Council.

Item No. 6	To consider the proposal for renaming “Senior Member” PoR to “Assistant Editor” in Vox Populi
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The proposal was accepted without any contentions.

Item No. 7	To consider the proposal for Women’s Society
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The proposal was withdrawn by the proposers.

Item No. 8	To consider the proposal for extending the eligibility criteria of tutorship for MSR Students
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The Chairperson, Students’ Senate informed the Senate that this issue has already been included in the latest version of the Post Graduate-Academic Review Committee (PG-ARC) report and would be implemented in accordance with the recommendations of the report in due time.

Item No. 9	Proposal for organizing Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0
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The Chairperson informed the Senate that the current edition of Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 is going to be organized at IIT Kanpur this year. He further invited the Overall Coordinators for Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 to present the proposal for the same.

The Overall Coordinators informed the Senate the tentative dates for the Tech Meet as 10th to 12th February, 2023. They further explained the proposal as presented.

The President, Students’ Gymkhana made the following remarks over the proposal:



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1. Usually, Students' Gymkhana is not associated with the conduction of Inter-IIT Meets as the vision for Inter-IIT Meets do not align with the Gymkhana vision. However, the Presidents' Office is organizing the Inter-IIT Meet this year due to logistical constraints.
2. Overall Coordinators and the Core-Team for Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 would be reconstituted after Call for Renominations and Senate-Ratification.
3. Gymkhana budget would not be sanctioned for Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 unless the Senate approves it upon need. However, the bank account of Students' Gymkhana would be used for maintaining the finances/accounts for the Tech Meet.
4. IIT Kanpur Contingent members for Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 would not be a part of the organizing team for Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 to ensure fair competition among all the participating IITs.
5. Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 would be open for collaborations with Gymkhana bodies except the Science and Technology Council due to conflict of interest.

A Senator enquired about the reason due to which Gymkhana is organizing the Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0. The Chairperson informed the Senate that after discussions with the Institute Administration and other stakeholders, it was agreed that Gymkhana would be the best organizing body for it, as Gymkhana often organizes similar events. Further, the Advisory Board for Inter-IIT Tech Meet 11.0 would be recognized by the overall Tech Board wherein all IITs can curate the organization of the Tech Meet.

Another Senator enquired about the accommodation plans for the expected 600 participants that would be visiting IIT Kanpur for the Tech Meet. The Overall Coordinators informed that they are planning to utilise the vacant rooms in H7,H8,H10 and H12 and accommodate the participants in crunch in around 150 rooms.

The proposal was accepted with Senate's approval.

Item No. 10	Proposal for Electricity Bill Issue
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate invited the President, Students' Gymkhana to discuss the proposal.

The President, Students' Gymkhana discussed the proposal as presented. The President remarked that the issue has been taken up with high priority from their side. The President remarked that officials from the Institute Works Department have been highly negligent and irresponsible over the matter for a long time now and have not been able to provide any satisfactory answer over the excessively high electricity bill.

The President suggested that they plan to formally step down from any hall-related committees until and unless the issue is resolved, upon the direction of the Students' Senate. If the issue is



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not acted upon soon, protests would be organized after the Placement Season is over.

The President introduced the Letter, as present in the proposal, that would be forwarded to the Director of the Institute, upon Senate's approval.

The President further explained that they demand that the Electricity Bill would be paid by the Halls only after the bills have been revised and rightfully reduced and proper explanation is provided for the excessively high bills that were sent to the Students.

The President further noted that there are other issues which need to be resolved by the Institute Works Department, but more importantly, the Students' Senate must hold the Institute Works Department accountable for their negligence and casual attitude towards various important Students' issues.

The General Secretary, Media and Culture asked about the possible repercussions the student community would face following the President stepping down from hall-related committees. The President answered that Winter Accommodation of students and MEC & Water Charges would be impacted immediately, followed by accommodation of the new PG batches coming in January, if the issue is not resolved by January. The President further stressed that the very fact that students can face repercussions is necessary to pressurise the administration to resolve the issue quickly.

The Students' Senate accepted the proposal and its attached Letter without any contentions raised, and directed the President to do the needful as mentioned in the proposal and its attached Letter.

Item No. 11	To consider a proposal to build a Toilet near Hall X
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The Chairperson presented the proposal.

The President remarked that a similar proposal has already been forwarded to the Institute Works Department by the Chief President's Nominee of the Gymkhana tenure 2021-22.

Item No. 12	Elections for Students' Senate's Nominee to Senate Standing Councils and Committee
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Note it was assumed that candidates who had filed their nominations via mail, but were absent in the Senate without prior notice to the Chairperson, intended to withdraw their nominations. All the nominations considered during the election required the candidates to be present at the time of election (or) be absent with prior permission from the Chairperson.



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Council of Festival Affairs: Nominations were filed by Mr Kushagra Gupta, Mr Ritam Acharya and Ms Prachi Choudhary via mail. Elections were conducted.

Council of Students' Hostel Affairs: Nominations were filed by Mr Kushagra Gupta and Mr Nitin Garhwal. Elections were not conducted as the requisite number of people filed nominations and their candidature was accepted.

Cell Affairs Committee: Nominations were filed by Mr Kanhaiya Kumar and Ms Prachi Choudhary among the Senators present in the meet through the mail. Further, nominations were called among the Senators present in the meet as the requisite number had not filed the nomination through the mail. Ms Sharvani Uday Jadhav and Ms Vijaya Mishra filed their nominations for the same. Elections were not conducted as the requisite number of people filed nominations and their candidature was accepted.

Finance Committee: Nominations were filed by Mr Jai Verma, Ms Sharvani Uday Jadhav, and Mr. Shreyansh Kesharwani. Elections were not conducted as the requisite number of people filed nominations and their candidature was accepted.

Steering Committee: Nomination was filed by Mr Sushant Fuajdar. Further, nominations were called among the GBM present in the meet as the requisite number had not filed the nomination through the mail. Mr Abhiraj Akhouri filed the nomination. Elections were not conducted as the requisite number of people filed nominations and their candidature was accepted.

Nominations Committee: Nomination was not filed by any of the attendees. Further, nominations were called among the GBM present in the meet as the requisite number had not filed the nomination through the mail. Mr Prem Milind Gujrathi filed the nomination. Elections were not conducted as the requisite number of people filed nominations and their candidature was accepted.

Rules and Procedure Committee: Nominations were filed by Mr Abhiraj Akhouri, Mr Sahil Panjwani, Mr Ritam Acharya, Mr Sagnik Saha. Elections were conducted. Mr Abhiraj Akhouri and Mr Sahil Panjwani were consequently elected.

Council of Festival Affairs: Mr Kushagra Gupta and Mr Ritam Acharya won the election.

The following members were selected for various standing committees and councils:

Council of Festival Affairs: **Kushagra Gupta, Ritam Acharya**

Council of Students' Hostel Affairs: **Kushagra Gupta, Nitin Garhwal**



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Rules and Procedure Committee: Abhiraj Akhouri, Sahil Panjwani, Sagnik Saha

Steering Committee: Abhiraj Akhouri, Sushant Faujdar

Finance Committee: Jai Verma, Sharvani Uday Jadhav, Shreyansh Kesharwani

Nominations Committee: Prem Millind Gujarathi

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 am, 7th November, 2022.