



Students' Senate (2022-23)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
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The 2022-23/4th (Special) Meeting of Students' Senate was reconvened on 16th January, 2023 (Monday) in offline mode in Senate Hall, New SAC. The meeting was called into order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 9:03 PM.

Attendance Record:

Name	Post	Attendance
Sanidhya Rathore	Chairperson, Students' Senate	P
Rohit Kejriwal	President, Students' Gymkhana	P
Som Vishwas Tambe	General Secretary, Science and Technology	P
Ghanshyam Waindeshkar	General Secretary, Media and Culture	P
Animesh Singh	General Secretary, Games and Sports	P
Manit Ajmera	General Secretary (UG), Academics and Career	P
Shreyank Goyal	General Secretary (PG), Academics and Career	P
Utkarsh Jain	Finance Convener	P
Prashant Kumar Mishra	Parliamentarian, Students' Senate	P
Abhiraj Akhouri	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Kushagra Gupta	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Nitin Garhwal	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Prachi Choudhary	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Ritam Acharya	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Sahil Panjwani	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Sharvani Uday Jadhav	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Srijan Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y21	P
Kanhaiya Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y20	P



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Kshiteesh Bharadwaj	Senator BT/BS Y20	P
Harsh Ranjan	Senator BT/BS Y20	P
Parteek	Senator BT/BS Y20	P*
Prem Milind Gujrathi	Senator BT/BS Y20	P
Shantanu Sirothia	Senator BT/BS Y20	P
Sheeshram Choudhary	Senator BT/BS Y20	P
Akash Kumar	Senator BT/BS Y19	P
Akash Patel	Senator BT/BS Y19	P
Avinash Vishwakarma	Senator BT/BS Y19	P
Ganta Srujit Reddy	Senator BT/BS Y19	P*
Romit Mohanty	Senator BT/BS Y19	A
Bhavesh Nehete	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	A
Drumil Ashokbhai Bhalani	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	A
Mohd Kashif	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	A
Shivam Saini	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	A
Srikant Panigrahi	Senator MTech (2 year) Y21	A
Akhil Singh	Senator MBA/MDes and other 2 year programmes Y21	A
Ankul Kumar	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches	A
Baban	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches	A
Manmeet Kaur	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches	P
Neha Sharma	Senator PhD Y20 (Including MSc-PhD Y17)	P
Rijin Rajan	Senator PhD Y20 (Including MSc-PhD Y17)	A



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Vijaya Mishra	Senator PhD Y20 (Including MSc-PhD Y17)	P
Aman Sharma	Senator PhD Y21 (including MSc-PhD Y18)	A
Gnanendra Sri Phani Sai Channamsetty	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	P
Krishan Kalpit	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	A
Muskan Tongaria	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	A
Sagnik Saha	Senator MTech (2 year) Y22	P
Bhakti Mete	Senator MBA/MDes and other 2 year programmes Y22	A
Arnab Patel	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	A
Nitin	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	A
Rajvikram Singh	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	A
Rohit Rajput	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	A
Satyam Gupta	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	A
Shambhavi Dube	Senator PhD Y19 and earlier batches (including MS - PhD Y16)	P
Sudama	Senator PhD Y21 (including MS - PhD Y18)	A
Pawan Nagarwal	Senator PhD Y22 (including MS - PhD Y22)	A
Manav Verma	Senator MSc (2 year) Y22 (including MSc - PhD Y22)	A

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



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The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

	Questions and Remarks (with permission from Chair)
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- A Senator raised a question to the Chairperson regarding not conducting (Regular) Senate Meetings at monthly intervals, when the Chairperson is required to convene at least 4 regular meetings per semester. The Chairperson responded that since there are two Academic Calendars running simultaneously in the current year, planning and conducting most of the Gymkhana events (including Senate Meetings) at their supposed timings have been affected and that they were unable to find a suitable weekend to conduct more meetings.
- A Senator raised concern over the fact that only two Regular Meetings were conducted in the previous semester, which restricted the capacity of Senators to present proposals. The concern was duly noted. The Senate directed the Chairperson to prefer conducting regular sessions instead of special sessions for the remaining tenure. The Chairperson further proposed to present a tentative Calendar with all upcoming events in the remaining tenure.
- A contention was raised over why the President, Students' Gymkhana did not discuss about the formation of the Housing Committee, vide the Office Order DIR/IITK/2022/OO-64 and its accepted recommendation with the Senate. The President clarified that the formation of the aforementioned committee and its recommendations have been presented at the CoSHA floor and discussed with the Hall Presidents. A Senator enquired the basis upon which the PG Nominee to the committee was nominated and it was noted that the President has the autonomy to appoint their Nominee wherein the Senate has no appointing authority. Further, it was noted that the actions of any President's Nominee is accountable to the President, Students' Gymkhana wherein the Senate can question the President and hold them accountable. Further, the President pointed that Mr. Chidanand Jadar is the current Hall 8 President, and has sufficient experience of hall affairs and governance.
- A Senator enquired whether Mr. Chidanand Jadar, the PG Nominee to the Housing Committee attended all the meetings of the committee to which the Senate noted that he attended 2 out of 3 meetings of the committee and the first meeting was attended by a different PG Nominee.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meeting: 2nd (Regular) Meeting of Students' Senate 2022-23
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The minutes were passed without any discrepancies.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks
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President, Students' Gymkhana

The President provided clarifications and interpretation of the recommendations of the Housing Committee, formed vide Office Order DIR/IITK/2022/OO-64. The President informed that the committee was formulated based on the assumption (present in the email thread of presidentsg@iitk.ac.in) - if Hall 14 not is constructed by August 2023 and/or Hall 15 is not constructed by 2025, and the Institute is then looking into releasing the entire campus crunch. The President clarified that the recommendations in no capacity aims to remove the campus stay of the current-residing students. The President explained that the committee was only mandated to lay down recommendations and solutions to release campus crunch, provided Hall 14 and Hall 15 are not constructed in the due time, and actual implementation of any of the recommendations proposed would be under the mandate of a number of committees including Hall Management Committee (wherein all Hall Presidents, Mess Secretaries and Hall Wardens are members) and finally the (Academic) Senate. Further, the timeline for implementing any such recommendations would only be after 2025.

A Senator objected that the President must pressurise the Institute into the construction of new Halls instead of entertaining membership in any such committees.

A Senator enquired about the steps taken by the President towards ensuring the construction of Hall 14. The President pointed out that initially they anticipated that Hall 14 would be available by August 2022. However when they were communicated about the delay in the availability of Hall 14, the intake of PG students was reduced to the requisite capacity for a crunch free MSc batch.

A Senator enquired about when and how did PG intake increase. It was informed that during the Covid years, due to multiple reasons, various departments exponentially increased their PG intakes, which was being reduced to the requisite levels from the current year.

A Senator sought clarity over the recommendation of delinking accommodation with admission. It was clarified that the recommendation aims to provide accommodation to PGs at residencies outside the campus. Further, it was noted that IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi have the same model but that Kanpur is a 2nd-tier city wherein the safety of students is rather low.



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General Secretary, Games and Sports

The results for the 55th Inter IIT Sports Meets were announced. IIT Kanpur stood 6th in the General Championship.

The General Secretary compared the statistics from Udghosh and the Inter IIT. He added that the last time IIT Kanpur stood first was in 2016 when IIT Kanpur organised it. The teams which participated in Udghosh were the entire contingent of IIT Roorkee and Delhi, plus approximately 70 percent of the total contingent of IIT Kharagpur. The results of Udghosh were

- IIT Kanpur
- IIT Roorkee
- IIT Kharagpur
- IIT Delhi

The General Secretary remarked that such statistics in the sports meet might have been due to the athletes being under skilled or skilled athletes underperforming. He explained that it was the latter issue, adding that we achieved these statistics because our teams had a different level of exposure than other IITs. He said that before the pandemic, our teams had exposure to at least one professional tournament outside the campus each semester.

He explained how we should be proud that our games and sports council hosts so many events for our general student body members in the campus community and that many institutes with non-functional sports councils exist. Most of IITK's teams played well in the league matches and lost the knockouts.

The General Secretary replied to a query asking him how he plans to address the situation. He said that he has been pushing for more external tournaments to attend. A senator asked for the breakdown of the number of PG participants in the Inter IIT Sports meet. The General Secretary replied that he did not have the exact numbers available. However, he assured that the number of PG participants is significant and said around 50 per cent of team members in the cricket team were PG and that 2 out of 5 athletes in the badminton team were PG. He added that the numbers are slightly lower for girls.

The General Secretary announced that the Fresher's Inferno had been successfully concluded. Many Y22s showed up, and trials for Y22s started after the inferno.



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The General Secretary provided an update on the gym expansion project. He said that the council recently got enough funds to start the gym expansion project, and the construction shall begin soon. Additionally, the General Secretary announced that the swimming pool should become functional by march.

General Secretary, Media & Culture

The General Secretary informed the Senate that the Freshers' Nite for the Y22 batch was conducted recently receiving an excellent response from the target audience.

He further informed that the council is in the process of organising the PG Cultural Festival, Impressions. The council has been facing difficulty in finding an appropriate date. Suggestions from the Senate members were invited.

Furthermore he said, the results of the Inter IIT Cult Meet are not out yet. However, the performance at the meet was certainly not up to par. It was acknowledged that there was something fundamental that the council was doing wrong. The council has recognised specific issues, which include the need for a proper team structure like the other IITs do. A council core meeting shall be convened to discuss and internally review the performance, and action shall be taken accordingly, which shall be recommended to the Senate afterwards.

General Secretary, Science & Technology

The General Secretary informed the Senate that IIT Kanpur is hosting this year's Inter IIT Tech Meet. The institute's contingent is actively preparing for it. He further told that the SnT Council clubs organised introductory workshops for Y22s. SnT Pavillion, a special showcase for the Y22 batch, was organised successfully.

Furthermore, Non-Core Weekend was organised successfully by the Finance & Analytics Club in collaboration with Techkriti.

General Secretary (UG), Academics & Career



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The General Secretary informed the Senate that the council successfully conducted the first edition of the Institute Research Symposium, which received an overwhelming response -182 participants, out of which 20 were UG, wherein one UG was from the Y20 batch.

Furthermore he said that the council plans to conduct Career Connect from 10 -12 February and Students' Research Convention at the first weekend of March.

General Secretary (PG), Academics & Career

The General Secretary said that it is recommended to conduct the second edition of the Institute Research Symposium in October after the overwhelming response received in the first edition.

He further added that the council plans to organise a session on how to get a postdoctoral fellowship. The council also plans to change the name of Students' Research Convention to National Research Convention on topics such as healthcare, diagnostics, biosciences, and engineering, where good participation is anticipated.

At the end, the General Secretary added that in lieu of Vox Populi's latest article on casual sexism, the General Secretary appreciated the work of the Academics and Career Council in which there is a large proportion of female participation.

Item No. 3	To consider the Post Conduction Report of Udghosh'22
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The Post-Conduction Report was presented at the Senate floor by the Festival Coordinators, Udghosh.

The Festival Coordinators, Udghosh made the following recommendations:

1. Appeal for an extra Gymkhana Holiday so that there is no differentiation between any festivals.
2. There needs to be clear communication between the DoSA office and the Festival Teams on the financial guidelines for the festivals.
3. There was an incident of misconduct from the Amity Lucknow contingent on the last day of the festival. Appropriate measures can be taken to avoid such incidents in the future.

The report was hence passed.



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Item No. 4	To consider the Pre-Conduction Report of General Elections 2023
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The Chairperson invited the Chief Election Officer to present the report. The Chief Election Officer presented the Pre-Conduction Report.

- The Senate noted that a new Level of Penalty, i.e, Level 0: Warning has been introduced.
- A Senator enquired whether the elections would be offline or hybrid, to which the Chief Election Officer informed that only for the BT/BS Y22 batch, the duration of their mid-semester recess would be made available for online campaigning, the guidelines for which would be shared with the candidates. However, after their mid-semester recess is over, the campaigning would be strictly offline (unless explicitly allowed by the Election Commission).
- A Senator raised a contention over the name of Aravind in AGRC, based on lack of appropriate experience (since he is a PG Y21) for the committee proceedings. The Senate agreed to consider another name for AGRC, to be suggested by a group of PG Senators by 12 Noon the following day.
- A Senator suggested a change in procedure over the usage of Level 5 of Penalty: Case reported to SSAC, that the names to be sent to SSAC, must first be finalised in the Students' Senate. The President, Students' Gymkhana commented that the proceedings of any SSAC case must not be discussed in the Students' Senate, as whether a student should be tried by the SSAC for any case of indiscipline, cannot be decided by a simple majority of students. Further, SSAC cases need to have a level of confidentiality associated with them, which is ensured by the SSAC, but cannot be ensured by the Students' Senate.
- A Senator enquired the purpose of including the ban on alcohol for election-purposes since it is already banned on campus. It was noted that since in the past elections, candidates have tried such means to influence the elections, it has been explicitly banned in the Code of Conduct.
- A Senator enquired why public gatherings are suspended during election time, as mentioned in the Code of Conduct. The Chief Election Officer responded that such is done to restrict fake propaganda. A Senator suggested that the Chief Election Officer must not be given the authority to decide upon the conduction of any event and such authority must only lie with the Chief Counsellor of Students' Gymkhana. The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the Chief Election Officer does not have any such authority and this lies only the Chief Counsellor. Currently, the Chief Counsellor has allowed the Chief Election Officer to decide for conduction of events at their discretion, but any such decision by the Chief Election Officer can be



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overturned by the Chief Counsellor. Further, if any event is found to be of the stature that it would not affect the elections and/or carries more importance than the elections, it would be allowed nonetheless.

Further, it was noted that regulations on event-conduction during election times are placed to make sure fair practices are followed as the number of candidates and their campaign teams can be much greater than the team strength of Election Commission and in case such regulations are completely removed, it would be difficult to keep the elections in check.

- The Senate agreed a change in the presented report over “SECTION 2 : Penalty for Violation of Rules; Part A: Candidates; Level 4: Cancellation of nomination and case reported to Students’ Senate (may only be decided by the CEO in consultation with the managers of EC)” to “SECTION 2 : Penalty for Violation of Rules; Part A: Candidates; Level 4: Cancellation of nomination and case reported to Students’ Senate (may only be decided by the CEO)”.
- The Chairperson asked the Chief Election Officer to clarify the procedure in place to challenge any fines imposed by the Election Commission. The Chief Election Officer informed the Senate that after the Election Commission imposes any fine, they are bound to inform the procedure to file any complaints against the fine to the GRC/AGRC.
- A Senator enquired about the timeline under which the Election Commission must take action over any case reported to them. It was noted that setting any timeline for the taking action cannot be defined due to its subjectivity. The Chief Election Officer clarified that they are bound to take action at the earliest over any complaint, provided they have gathered sufficient proof/evidence
- It was noted that any person who purposely withholds the evidence with the intention to manipulate the elections, may be charged with misleading the Election Commission.
- It was noted that the Election Commission can penalise anyone for election-related violations which happened before the enforcement of Code of Conduct, provided the violation can greatly impact the elections.
- A Senator enquired if the Election Commission has taken any step to prevent propaganda via mass-mailing. The Chief Election Officer informed that they have already sent a Warning Mail to the GBM to disregard any such propaganda. Further, it was noted that propaganda mass-mailing cannot be prevented completely as there is no feasible solution to it.
- A Senator recommended a change in the structure of the current Election Commission via incorporating three CEOs in the structure. The Senate agreed to discuss this



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recommendation only after a proper proposal is raised in the upcoming Senate Meetings.

The Senate hence accepted the Pre-Conduction Report of the General Election 2023 with the proposed changes made into it.

Item No. 5	PoR Handbook Draft
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The Parliamentarian presented the PoR handbook at the Senate floor. The Senate appreciated the Parliamentarian for their contributions towards the PoR Handbook. The same was passed without any discrepancies.

Item No. 6	To consider the proposal of deratification of core team members of E-Cell <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Arihant Jha: Manger Marketing2. Mayank Saini: Manager Marketing3. Dakshita Mittal: Manager Finance4. Shruti Upadhayaya: Manager Design
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The Chairperson informed that the Overall Coordinators, E-Cell have recommended the de-ratifications as the aforementioned Core Team Members willingly stepped down from their positions. Further, they were absent to defend their de-ratification.

Hence, the Senate accepted the aforementioned de-ratifications.

The meeting was adjourned at 00:27 am.