**Minutes: Joint Meeting of the Students’ Senate, 17th March, 2016**

**The Joint Meeting of the Students’ Senate (2014) was held on Thursday, 17th March, 2016 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate (2015-16) at 8:30 PM.**

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| **Item No. 1** | To consider the proposed constitutional amendments from the Rules and Procedures Committee |

The Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate.

The items of the 7th and 8th meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee were presented one by one and accepted by the Senate.

The proposed Amendment to Appendix IX, regarding the listing of the Bicycling Hobby Group was discussed and accepted by the Senate.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution related to the proposal to dissolve the Students’ Academic Council i.e. the UGSAC and the PGSAC were discussed by the Senate. The following changes were accepted by the Senate:

2.04 The Senate shall elect from amongst the non-executive members of the General Body: a. The Chairperson, Students’ Senate;
b. The Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate;
c. The Finance Convener, Students’ Senate;
d. The In-charge, Hostel Affairs;

 3.12 The elections of the Parliamentarian, the Finance Convener and the In-charge Hostel Affairs shall also be conducted as per Article

3.11. In this case, the tie-breaking vote shall be that of the Chairperson and not the President.

4.01 The Senate shall discharge its responsibilities through itself, its Standing Councils and its Standing Committees.

 4.02 The Standing Councils of the Senate shall discuss matters pertaining to their purpose on their own initiative, and may make policy and other decisions on these matters without referring it to the Senate. However, the Councils shall be subordinate to the Senate in all their decision making powers.

4.03 The Standing Council(s) of the Senate shall be:
a. The Council of Students for Hostel Affairs (COSHA)

The Article 4.07 detailing the SAC was removed from the Constitution and the articles following it in the chapter were accordingly renumbered.

4.07 Students’ Academic Council (SAC)
a. The SAC shall supervise and coordinate student matters and opinion pertaining to academics of all Departments of the Institute.
b. It shall have its own constitution which shall be maintained as an Appendix to this Constitution.
c. It shall consist of two wings, namely:
 i. Undergraduate Students’ Academic Council (UGSAC)
 ii. Postgraduate Students’ Academic Council (PGSAC)
d. The Chairperson, UGSAC (as specified in the SAC Constitution) shall preside over the meetings of the UGSAC and shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the UGSAC.
e. The Chairperson, PGSAC as specified in the SAC Constitution, shall preside over the meetings of the PGSAC and shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the PGSAC.
f. The In-charge, Undergraduate Academics shall be elected from among the non-executive undergraduate members of the General Body, and shall be the ex-officio Convener, UGSAC and shall maintain the records of the UGSAC. He/she shall represent the UGSAC in the meetings of the Senate.
g. The In-charge, Postgraduate Academics shall be elected from among the non-executive postgraduate members of the General Body, and shall be the ex-officio Convener, PGSAC and shall maintain the records of the PGSAC. He/she shall represent the PGSAC in the meetings of the Senate.

The proposed amendments regarding the formation of the new entity christened as ‘Cells’ were considered in the Senate. The following articles were accepted and are to be incorporated in the Constitution:

2.25 Every year, there shall be a handing over session which shall be jointly attended by members of both the incoming as well as outgoing Senate as full-fledged members. The outgoing Office-bearers of the Gymkhana and of the Senate shall handover charge to the respective incoming Office-bearers in writing, under the supervision of the Chairperson of the incoming Senate. The annual report of the Gymkhana, consisting of the reports of all Office bearers along with the reports of councils, cells, teams and festivals, shall be presented before the House for comments.

5.22 The Gymkhana may also have associations of students, identified as Teams, which participate in an external competition.

5.23 Teams shall be approved by the Senate on the recommendation of an Executive only if they have a validated source of funds. They shall not be allowed to use any funds from the Gymkhana.

5.24 Teams shall not be a part of any other entity under the Gymkhana and shall be headed by one or more Captains appointed by the Senate.

The item related to the proposal for mandatory pre-term reports was discussed in the Senate and accepted. No amendments in the Constitution are required.

The item related to the proposal to form a General Affairs Committee was presented in the Senate and deliberated upon. The following articles were incorporated in the Constitution:

2.05 The Executive Wing of the Students’ Gymkhana shall comprise of the Executive Councils and Cells.

2.06 The President, Students’ Gymkhana shall be the Chief Executive of the Gymkhana. He/she shall:
a. Be elected by the General Body.
b. Supervise and coordinate the general affairs of the General Body.
c. Be the ex-officio Chairperson of the General Affairs Council.
d. Represent views of the students at all forums of the Institute.
e. Be an ex-officio special invitee to the (academic) Senate of the Institute.
f. Be a member of various bodies of the Institute whenever a representative of the Gymkhana is required

g. Preside over meetings of the General Body, when convened by him/her.
h. Maintain and execute an Office of the Students’ Gymkhana (hereinafter referred to as the President’s Office).
i. Have other responsibilities and powers as mentioned in this Constitution or as assigned to him/her by the Senate from time to time.

2.13 The Finance Convener shall advise the Senate on financial matters. He/she shall oversee the financial affairs of the Gymkhana. He/she shall:
a. Be elected by the Senate from among the non-executive members of the General Body.
b. Be responsible to the Senate and through the Senate to the General Body for the overall financial affairs of the Gymkhana.
c. Be the ex-officio Convener of the Finance Committee of the Senate, preside over its meetings and be responsible for its activities.
d. Oversee and check all financial expenditure of the Gymkhana.
e. Report to the Senate from time to time the status of the finances of the Gymkhana.
f. Be an ex-officio member of all Executive Councils as well as all Committees of Festival Affairs (Udghosh, Antaragni and Techkriti). Unless specifically assigned by the Constitution or the Senate, he/she shall not have any executive responsibilities.

2.15 In all matters of general interest, the Executive councils, cells and the committees and councils of the Senate, all bodies appointed by the Senate, and all other bodies of the Gymkhana except its Advisory Body and General Body, shall be subordinate to the Students’ Senate, and therein the Senate shall be subordinate to the General Body.

5.01 The Executive activities of the Gymkhana shall be discharged through the Executive Councils and Cells.

5.02 The Executive Councils shall execute affairs pertaining to an overarching purpose. 5.03 The Executive Council(s) of the Gymkhana shall be:
a. General Affairs Council
b. Cultural Council
c. Films and Media Council
d. Games and Sports Council
e. Science and Technology Council

5.04 The Executive Councils may include clubs and hobby groups oriented to their purpose.

5.05 A Hobby Group shall be an association of 10 or more students united by a common activity or interest. Such groups shall be associated with a council, with the consent of its General Secretary, and shall be headed by one or more Leaders appointed by Senate at the recommendation of the General Secretary. An exceptionally performing hobby group can be converted into a club.

5.06 A Club shall organise and promote activities in a specific field of interest. Such entities shall be headed by one or more Coordinators appointed by the Senate at the recommendation of the General Secretary, and shall be selected by a call for nominations to the General Body. Clubs shall receive funding from the Annual Gymkhana Budget.

5.07 General Affairs Council
a. The General Affairs Council shall assist the President in discharging his/her duties.
b. The President, Students’ Gymkhana shall be the Chairperson of the General Affairs Council and shall supervise the Council’s activities.
c. The council shall consist of all members nominated by the President, the Chairperson, Students’ Senate or his/her nominee and the Finance Convener (ex-officio).

5.13 The President and General Secretaries shall recommend to the Senate for ratification the names of the students who shall be appointed to various positions of responsibility in their respective councils.

5.15 At most five of the names recommended by the President/General Secretary for inclusion in their respective council may be Senators.

6.06 Finance Committee shall finalize the budget on the recommendation and requirements of the Executive councils and cells and shall present it to the Senate for ratification.

6.08 In the budget of the cells, separate heads are to be made for all the major expenses and estimates of miscellaneous expenses.

The items to consider proposals for a PG nominee, numbered Constitutional Amendments and change in the procedure of the making Constitutional Amendments were considered and the recommendations of the Rules and Procedures Committee was accepted by the Senate.

The inconsistencies pointed out in both the meetings of the Rules and Procedures Committee were discussed and the corrections accepted by the Senate.

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| **Item No. 2** | To consider the interim report of the subcommittee constituted to look into the changes pertaining to CoSHA |

The interim report of the subcommittee was presented before the Senate by the President, Students’ Gymkhana (2015-16). The Senate deliberated upon the report and concerns were raised regarding the position of the Convener, CoSHA with respect to the President, Students’ Gymkhana. The Senate deliberated upon the need for the Convener, CoSHA to hold executive powers. It was decided that the Convener, CoSHA would be allowed to have executive powers provided that the powers were not exercised on his or her own discretion but on the direction of the President, Students’ Gymkhana. Further, the changes proposed in the membership of the CoSHA and the need for those were discussed by the Senate. The Senate accepted the proposed interim changes by the committee to the membership of the CoSHA. The changes were accepted keeping in mind the proposal to form a centralized mess committee. There were concerns raised on the proposal in the report to have only the Hall Presidents or their representatives as the hall representative in the committee. The Senate decided that there was need for two representatives of the Hall in the CoSHA. It was proposed and accepted by the Senate that the second representative of each Hall to the CoSHA be nominated by the President, Students’ Gymkhana.

The Senate decided to accept the interim report of the committee with the above changes and recommendations and decided that the updated report along with the original proposal be the guideline for the functioning of the CoSHA till the acceptance of the CoSHA Constitution by the Senate.

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| **Item No. 3** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Chairperson, Students' Senate |

The end term report of the Chairperson, Students’ Senate was presented by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate (2015-16), Mr. S. Atreja for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report as presented with a few changes.

The recommendation related to the circulation of the agenda item at least 48 hours before the meeting was not accepted on the grounds of unfeasibility but left on the discretion of the incoming Chairperson. The recommendation related to not allowing Senators to enter the meeting 90 minutes after it had begun and not allowing them to leave before 180 minutes after it had begun was not accepted by the Senate. The recommendation related to the conduction of pre-Senate meetings was accepted by the Senate but left to the discretion of the incoming Senate.

Mr. S. Atreja then handed over charge of the post of Chairperson, Students’ Senate to Mr. Vedant Goenka.

The Chairperson, Students’ Senate (2015-16) then vacated the chair for the Chairperson, Students’ Senate (2016-17).

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| **Item No. 4** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the President, Students' Gymkhana |

The end term report of the President’s Office and the Presidential Council was presented by the President, Students’ Gymkhana (2015-16), Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report. Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh presented before the Senate, the manifesto on which he had contested the general elections and gave a detailed review of the promises that had been made and kept and the reasons for the unfulfillment of those promises which had not been kept.

Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh then handed over charge of the post of President, Students’ Gymkhana to Mr. Ashutosh Ranka.

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| **Item No. 5** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the General Secretary, Cultural Affairs |

The end term report of the Cultural Council was presented by the General Secretary, Cultural Council (2015-16), Mr. Ashish Aggarwal for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report. The recommendations of the report were accepted by the Senate but the implementation of the recommendations was left to the discretion of the incoming General Secretary.

Mr. Ashish Aggarwal then handed over charge of the post of General Secretary, Cultural to Mr. Mayank Jain, Incoming General Secretary, Films and Media, for him to act as the Caretaker General Secretary, Cultural till the election of a General Secretary, Cultural.

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| **Item No. 6** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the General Secretary, Films and Media |

 The end term report of the Films and Media Council was presented by the General Secretary, Films and Media Council (2015-16), Mr. Prateek Mishra for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report.

Mr. Prateek Mishra then handed over charge of the post of General Secretary, Films and Media to Mr. Mayank Jain.

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| **Item No. 7** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the General Secretary, Games and Sports |

The end term report of the Games and Sports Council was presented by the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council (2015-16), Mr. Surya Prakash for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report.

Mr. Surya Prakash then handed over charge of the post of General Secretary, Games and Sports to Mr. Robinson Guria.

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| **Item No. 8** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the General Secretary, Science and Technology |

The end term report of the Science and Technology Council could not be presented by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council (2015-16), Mr. Chirag Jha for the consideration of the Senate as the report could not be prepared due to immitigable reasons. The Senate directed him to present the report in the next Senate meeting.

Mr. Chirag Jha then handed over charge of the post of General Secretary, Science and Technology to Mr. Ayush Shakya.

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| **Item No. 9** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate |

The end term report of the Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate and the Rules and Procedures Committee was presented by the Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate (2015-16), Mr. Vedant Goenka for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report.

Mr. Vedant Goenka then handed over charge of the post of Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate to Mr. Ayushya Agarwal.

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| **Item No. 10** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation of the Incharge, UG Academic Affairs |

The end term report of the Incharge, UG Academic Affairs could not be presented by the Incharge, UG Academic Affairs. The Senate directed him to present the report in the next Senate meeting.

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| **Item No. 11** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation of the Incharge, PG Academic Affairs |

The end term report of the Incharge, PG Academic Affairs was presented by the Incharge, PG Academic Affairs (2015-16), Mr. Jitendra Katiyar for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report.

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| **Item No. 12** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Convener, CoSHA |

The end term report of the CoSHA was presented by the President, Students’ Gymkhana (2015-16),with the additional charge of Convener, CoSHA Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report.

Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh then handed over charge of the post of In-charge, Hostel Affairs to Mr. Rutuj Jugade.

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| **Item No. 13** | To consider the End-Term Report Presentation and Charge Handover of the Finance Convener |

The end term report of the Finance Committee was presented by the Finance Convener, Students’ Senate (2015-16), Mr. Sabyasachi Verma for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report.

Mr. Sabyasachi Verma then handed over charge of the post of Parliamentarian, Students’ Senate to Mr. Shyam Sihotia.

**The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students’ Senate at 1:00 AM.**