



Students' Senate (2018-19) Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Students' Gymkhana



Proposal for amendments in the CoSHA constitution

Gymkhana Representatives

According to clause 2.10 of the CoSHA Constitution:

2.10 The President, Students' Gymkhana shall also, upon ratification from the Students' Senate, appoint a representative from the non-executive members of the general body of each Hall of Residence as "Gymkhana Representative, Hall ". He/She shall:

- a. Be a special invitee to all COSHA meetings
- b. Represent his/her Hall in the COSHA meetings
- c. Assist as per specific direction, the President, Students' Gymkhana in his executive work.

It is unfortunate that the above clause had not been followed in the previous tenure, and almost half into even this tenure, any initiative is yet to be taken. The CoSHA/Senate must deliberate upon its importance and remove the clause if felt unnecessary, so that the Constitution is being followed at all times. However, it is proposed that the appointment shall be made at the earliest possible and the role be redefined to make it more effective and appropriate.

As the Gymkhana Representative is appointed by the Students' Gymkhana and not residents of the hall, he/she can, in no capacity, represent his/her hall which is the role of the President as mentioned in clause 2.7 a. Additionally, non-executive members and appointed by Students' Gymkhana, their responsibilities should be extended to represent the Gymkhana in halls and ensure that the required rules, decisions and directions are being followed in their hall. Therefore, it is proposed that the clause 2.10 be amended to:

2.10 The President, Students' Gymkhana shall also, upon ratification from the Students' Senate, appoint a representative from the non-executive members of the general body of each Hall of Residence as "Gymkhana Representative, Hall ". He/She shall:

- a. Be a special invitee to all COSHA meetings
- b. **Present the views of non-executive General body members of his/her Hall in the COSHA meetings**
- c. Assist as per specific direction, **the Chairperson, CoSHA** in his/her executive work.



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- d. Represent the Students' Gymkhana (incl. CoSHA) in his/her hall.
- e. Keep in check that decisions of the CoSHA and the Hall Constitution are being followed in his/her hall, in his/her capacity as a general body member of that hall.

Composition of the CoSHA

According to clause 2.4 of the CoSHA Constitution:

2.4 The COSHA shall comprise of:

- a. The Chairperson, COSHA
- b. The Convener, COSHA
- c. The Chairperson, Students' Senate [ex-officio]
- d. The President of the Hall Executive Committees of each Halls of Residence
- e. Two Nominees of the Students' Senate

As the President may sometimes not present the exact view of the HEC/General Body of his Hall, or sometimes lack the knowledge/experience required, it is proposed that another member from each Hall of Residence be added to the composition of CoSHA. This member shall be nominated by the Hall Executive Committee (preferably excluding the President) of each hall from the general body members of the hall (including the executive members). This shall bring a wider perspective from each Hall and may also bring some experience if the HEC appoints an Ex-HEC member. Till the time HEC doesn't appoint this representative, the Mess Secretary of the hall shall serve as the member temporarily. This would also ensure that quorum does not fail in case of unavailability of the President. Therefore, it is proposed that the clause 2.4 be amended to:

2.4 The COSHA shall comprise of:

- a. The Chairperson, COSHA
- b. The Convener, COSHA
- c. The Chairperson, Students' Senate [ex-officio]
- d. The President of each **Hall** of Residence
- e. **One nominee of the Hall Executive Committees of each Hall of Residence**
- f. Two Nominees of the Students' Senate