



Rules and Procedures Committee

Students' Senate

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

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Minutes: 2013-14/1st Meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee

The 1st Meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee of the Students' Senate (2013-14) was held on 11th April, 2013. It was called to order by the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate at 10:30 PM.

Attendance

The attendance record of the members was as follows:

Anurag Sahay (Parliamentarian; Convener <i>ex-officio</i>)	Present
Praveen Honhar (UG Senator; Member)	Present
Vivek B. (PG Senator; Member)	Present

No other Senator or special invitee attended the Meeting.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

1. To consider the constitutional amendment regarding UGSAC and PGSAC.

The Committee considered the proposal for two new standing subcommittees of the Senate, the Undergraduate Students' Academic Council (UGSAC) and the Postgraduate Students' Academic Council (PGSAC) sent to the Committee by the Senate for its opinion.

The Chair informed the Committee about some confusion over whether the new subcommittees should be called "Councils" or "Committees". The Committee deliberated over it, and decided that the name should be left as it is. However, the Committee decided that the guidance of the Senate should be sought on the matter when the amendment is sent to the Senate for voting. The Committee then drafted the text of the constitutional amendment.

The following text was proposed by the Committee:

In Chapter 4, Article 4.02 of the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana, the following sub-clauses shall be added:

- h. The Undergraduate Students' Academic Council (UGSAC)**
- i. The Postgraduate Students' Academic Council (PGSAC)**



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In Chapter 4, the following Articles (4.10 and 4.11) shall be added after Article 4.9:

4.10 Undergraduate Students' Academic Council (UGSAC)

- a. The UGSAC shall discuss academic affairs which pertain to undergraduate students. The members of the UGSAC shall represent the students to various Institute academic committees such as SUGC, DUGC etc.**
- b. It shall consist of the In-charge, UG Academic Affairs, the Chairperson, the President, the student representatives to the DUGC of each department, the Students' Senate nominees to the SUGC and SEPC and 2 UG Senators as Senate nominees.**
- c. The In-charge, UG Academic Affairs, elected by the Senate, shall be the Convener of the UGSAC.**
- d. The Chairperson, Students' Senate shall be the Chair of the UGSAC except if the Chairperson is a postgraduate student and the President is an undergraduate student. In this case, the President shall be the Chair of the UGSAC.**
- e. The President or the Chairperson may requisition a joint session of the UGSAC and the PGSAC if an item relevant to both comes up for discussion. Such a session shall be chaired by the Chairperson.**

4.11 Postgraduate Students' Academic Council (PGSAC)

- a. The PGSAC shall discuss academic affairs which pertain to postgraduate students. The members of the PGSAC shall represent the students to various Institute academic committees such as SPGC, DPGC etc.**
- b. It shall consist of the In-charge, PG Academic Affairs, the Chairperson, the President, the student representatives to the DPGC of each department, the Students' Senate nominees to the SPGC and SEPC and 2 PG Senators as Senate nominees.**
- c. The In-charge, PG Academic Affairs, elected by the Senate, shall be the Convener of the PGSAC.**
- d. The Chairperson, Students' Senate shall be the Chair of the PGSAC except if the Chairperson is an undergraduate student and the President is a postgraduate student. In this case, the President shall be the Chair of the PGSAC.**



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e. The President or the Chairperson may requisition a joint session of the UGSAC and the PGSAC if an item relevant to both comes up for discussion. Such a session shall be chaired by the Chairperson.

Finally, the remaining Articles of the Chapter shall be renumbered appropriately.

The Committee then deliberated on its opinion of the constitutional amendment. The Committee strongly favoured the amendment, and believed that the amendment would help increase awareness among the students about academic issues and the Institute decisions regarding academics. Further, the Committee believed that it would help provide a forum to the students' representatives to the various academic committees of the Institute to communicate with each other and formulate a coherent opinion for students on items that affect more than one department. Finally, the Committee believed that such standing committees would inadvertently increase the involvement of the Students' Senate itself on matters relating to academics, something that the Committee felt has been missing in the past few years. Hence, the Committee recommends that the Senate pass this constitutional amendment, and directed the Chair to forward the opinion of the Committee to the Senate.

2. Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.

No other item was introduced.

The Meeting was adjourned by the Parliamentarian at 11:30 PM.

Anurag Sahay
Parliamentarian, Students' Senate