

Item No.16

In the past 6 years, the senate has gone from a 25 member body to a 55+ member body, yet its standing committees have remained the same size. It is my personal belief that it is high time these committees were expanded. In particular, I mean the smaller committees (not COSHA/UGSAC/PGSAC). I propose that the non-ex-officio members of the FC, Steering Committee, Rules and Procedures Committee and the Nominations Committee be expanded from 2 to 4. This is a constitutional amendment.

Item No.17

At present, if no Senator is a girl, a Girls' Representative is elected from among the female members of the General Body. It is my opinion again that the problems and concerns of UG girls and PG girls are different. Thus, I propose that if no UG Senator is a girl, elections be held for UG Girls' Representative, and if no PG Senator is a girl then election be held for PG Girls' Representative, independent of each other. This is also a constitutional amendment.

Item No.19

To the best of my knowledge, the extended orientation proposed by the GRC has been implemented. I request the President, the Chairman, GRC and the concerned members of the GRC who helped with the implementation to provide feedback to the Senate regarding this implementation. I also request that a discussion be subsequently held regarding whether it was a success and whether such an activity should be continued with every year.

Item No.20

I am not sure how feasible this is, but I'd like to propose the possibility of giving an alumni email id (such as say asahay@alum.iitk.ac.in) which can have the same username as the iitk email id used to. This would be very useful years down the line as it would make contacting alumni of the institution much easier, and because it would allow for closer connectivity among the alumni and between the alumni and the institute.

Item No.21

In my opinion, the current level of Faculty-Student interaction, at least for UG students is much below the standard it should be. A culture has gotten built which keeps students and faculty apart, and leads to incidents such as the Techkriti/Papa CJ fiasco. To the best of my knowledge, no steps are being taken by the Institute to correct these problems. However, there is a need for these problems to be discussed in a forum where Faculty and Students are both present. I believe that a joint meeting of the Students' Senate and the Faculty Forum is the best place for such a discussion to have long term gains. Thus, I propose that a joint meeting be held with a single agenda item "To consider the current state of Faculty-Student interaction and discuss possibilities of improvement". I have spoken to the Convener, FF about this. If the Senate agrees, we need to send him a letter, and he will discuss it with the Executive Board of the FF and get back to us.