

## **Opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee on the constitutional amendment for UGSAC and PGSAC**

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.