



Students' Senate (2015-16)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Shubham Atreja | Chairperson



Minutes: 2nd Emergency Meeting of the Students' Senate, 6th January, 2016

The 2015-16/2nd (Emergency) Meeting of the Students' Senate (2015-16) was held on Wednesday, 6th January, 2016 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 10:55 PM.

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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There were no announcements or remarks.

Item No. 2	To consider the report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted in the 2015-16/7 th Meeting of the Students' Senate on the issue of Hall-XI Elections.
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The Students' Senate had constituted a Fact Finding Committee in its 2015-16/7th (Adjourned) Meeting on the issue of Hall-XI Elections. The Fact Finding Committee had submitted its report to the Chairperson and based on its finding, the Chairperson decided to call for an emergency meeting.

The report of the Fact Finding Committee was tabled on the floor of the Senate for its consideration. As per the report, the In-charge, Hostel Affairs had written a mail to the Warden-In-Charge of Hall XI. In this email, he had conveyed that he would be "busy with the General Elections" and hence he is nominating another general body member to act "on his behalf". He had further written that any candidate who is filing a nomination for a post in Hall 11 elections should cc the documents to the official webmail email id of the In-charge, Hostel Affairs, thereby proving that he was definitely involved in the elections. The In-charge, Hostel Affairs had also requested the Warden to forward this email to all Hall XI residents.

The Fact Finding Committee concluded that the In-charge, Hostel Affairs has overstepped his authority as Convener, COSHA, he has interfered in the election process of another hostel and that his actions can have a significant impact on the General Elections'16. During the course of discussion, the In-charge, Hostel Affairs accepted all facts presented by the FFC. He however, pointed out that the concerned email was never sent to the residents of Hall XI. He also stated that by saying that he would be busy in the elections, he meant that he was contemplating contesting for the post of President, Students' Gymkhana in the General Elections'16. In his defense he stated, "I agree that I have overstepped my authority as the In-charge, Hostel Affairs and Convener, COSHA and therefore I tend my resignation. There may have been some wrong intentions and I am thankful that these intentions were stopped timely. However, people should not be punished on the basis of intentions alone".



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After much deliberation about the findings of the FFC, the Senate unanimously accepted his resignation. Upon the question of his candidacy (should he choose to stand in the General Elections), the Senate decided to notify the Chief Election Officer about the proceedings of the Senate meeting and let it be on his discretion to take a decision.

However, given the nature of the act and its possible impact on the General Elections, some members of the Senate felt that given the nature of offense, some further disciplinary action should be taken. However, a general consensus could not be achieved on the issue and thus the Senate decided that the case be referred to S-SAC for further deliberation and action if required. However, it was further proposed that the Students' Senate should recommend a punishment in case it is considered a disciplinary offense. After much discussion, the Senate decided to call for a vote on this and the proposal was rejected with 14 Senators voting against it and 13 Senators voting in favor of it.

Item No. 3	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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There were no questions or remarks.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair
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The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 1:30 AM.

Attendance Record (Emergency)