



**Students' Senate (2015-16)**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  
**Vedant Goenka | Chairperson**



**Minutes: 6<sup>th</sup> (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate**

**The 2016-17/6<sup>th</sup> (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:15 PM.**

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2016-17/4th Meeting ii. 2016-17/6th Meeting iii. 2016-17/7th Meeting
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting for confirmation. The minutes were confirmed by the Senate with no changes.

The Confirmation of remaining minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcement was admitted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate:

- The General Secretary, Cultural announced that the Inter-Pool Cultural Competition Galaxy was going to be organised from 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To take cognisance of the proceedings in the Special Election Session of the Incoming Senate and to consider the action to be taken thereof
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate informed the Senate about the proceedings in the election session, as the presiding officer of the session. He informed that there was one nomination received for the position of Chairperson, Students' Senate 2017-18 and the questions session for the candidate was underway, when a question was put to the Parliamentarian from a General Body member. He sought to know whether the said candidate could contest for the position being a Senior Election Officer. The Parliamentarian, as per his interpretation, announced that the said candidate could not contest and the session was accordingly adjourned without any result.

The Senate deliberated extensively on the matter and deemed the actions of the Parliamentarian as unconstitutional, citing a clearly defined eligibility for the position. The Senate further pointed out that the interpretation had come from no clause in particular and questioned the Parliamentarian's powers in this regard. The Rules and Procedures Committee was accordingly directed to give an opinion on the matter and propose an amendment in this regard if required. In his defense, the Parliamentarian cited a conflict of interest as the reason behind debaring the said candidate from contesting, which was turned down by the Senate. The Senate,



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although, directed the Rules and Procedures Committee to also come up with a list of possible conflicts of interest for students opting for multiple positions of responsibility.

A censure motion against the Parliamentarian was proposed by Mr. Harsh Narang (Senator, BT/BS Y15) and seconded by Mr. Mayank Jain (General Secretary, Films and Media), citing his unconstitutional interpretation and unethical debarring of a candidate. After subsequent discussion, the Senate failed the motion by majority. Although acknowledging the unethical debarring of the candidate, the Senate decided to allow him to contest for the Chairperson elections again.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the status of the Gymkhana By-elections 2017
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The Chief Election Officer presented the view of the Election Council on the matter for the consideration of the Senate. He informed the Senate that the Election Council was not in favour of organising By-elections in February and most of the members had tendered their resignations in lieu of the same.

The Senate deliberated on the matter and concurred that a by-election in February was of utmost importance in order to elect students to positions that had been left vacant. The Senate accordingly directed the Chief Election Officer to appoint additional members to his Council as per his requirement and proceed with the Gymkhana By-elections as planned in February 2017. On request of the CEO, the Senate also directed the Nominations Committee to call nominations for the Chief Election Officer 2017-18 before the by-election period began.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider a proposal for an Outreach Cell in the Students' Gymkhana
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. Some Senators inquired about the idea behind the cell and how it was different from the erstwhile student initiative, Alumni Contact Program (ACP). The Senate was informed about the drawbacks in ACP and the measures taken to refurbish alumni relations were more clearly outlined. Concerns were also raised regarding the presence of "Heads" in the new cell. Though the Senate felt that given the prevailing system, it would need to accommodate the proposed Head positions.

After due deliberations, the Senate accepted the induction of the proposed cell in principle and mandated that the new team present a clear timeline at the start of their tenure, as a pre-term report. The Rules and Procedures Committee is directed to consider inclusion of the same in the Constitution.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To reconsider for de-ratification, the list of names of students who did not fulfil the eligibility criteria while filing nominations
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.



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<b>Item No. 7</b>	To consider the revised Mid-Term status of the finances of Students' Gymkhana and to revise the Gymkhana Budget accordingly
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider the Mid-Term report of Chairperson, Students' Senate
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider a proposal for a new Gymkhana Award for event conduction
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider a proposal regarding Minors
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the report of committee constituted on implementation of new ARC
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	To consider a proposal regarding availability of guest rooms for students on a priority basis
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 13</b>	To consider a proposal to increase cap of external participants in Techkriti '17
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	To consider the post-conduction festival report of Antaragni '16
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	To consider the post-conduction report of Inferno '17
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	To consider a proposal to repeal the decision of the Senate to cease Gymkhana funding to pools for GC Events
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.



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<b>Item No. 17</b>	To consider the interviews for the post of Festival Coordinator, Udghosh '17
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The interviews for the post of Festival Coordinator, Udghosh '17 were held and the following candidates were interviewed:

- Naveed Imran (14458)
- Nitin Sangwan (13452)

The interview panel consisted of:

- Chairperson, Students' Senate (Chair)
- President, Students' Gymkhana
- General Secretary, Games and Sports
- Festival Coordinator, Udghosh '15

<b>Item No. 18</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any
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The following questions were raised by the members present:

- Mr. Vipul Garg, Senator BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12, asked the President, Students' Gymkhana about his absence from various Festival Core Team interviews. The President cited health reasons for absence from the interviews, also adding that he nominated an Acting President on the interview panel on his behalf. On further request, the Chairperson, as Convener of the panels, agreed to seek reasons of absence from the panel members who did not come for taking interviews.
- Mr. Richeek Awasthi, Senator BT/BS Y16, inquired about the status of Spectrum '16 results. The General Secretary, Films and Media informed the Senate that the results were being delayed due to unresponsiveness on part of various event judges. He further told the Senate that he shall try to get and announce the final results by the last day of Galaxy '17.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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<b>Item No. 19</b>	To re-consider the proposal for a review of the Students' Gymkhana
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The Senate re-considered the item as was presented in its previous meeting. The Senate decided to constitute a Gymkhana Review Committee (GRC) with the following members as proposed:

- Vipul Garg (Convener)
- Karthik S.S. Korada
- Ayushya Agarwal



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- Rutuj Jugade
- Mayank Jain

It was further proposed to the Senate that the GRC look into matters like the merger of Films & Media and Cultural Councils, the operating hierarchy in various executive bodies and such. The committee was also directed to seek help from whichever functionaries it deemed necessary to carry out its review.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM the next day.**