



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



Minutes: 8th Meeting of the Students' Senate

The 2016-17/8th Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Wednesday, 9th January, 2017 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 08:30 PM.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2016-17/3rd Meeting2. 2016-17/4th Meeting3. 2016-17/5th Meeting4. 2016-17/3rd Special Meeting5. 2016-17/4th Special Meeting
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the minutes of the 3rd, 3rd (Special) and 4th (Special) meetings for confirmation. The minutes were confirmed by the Senate with no changes.

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

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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No announcements were made.

Item No. 3	To consider the resignations of the following Senators from office: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nitish Kumar Pal2. Vikram Yellasiri3. Amulya Ambare4. Abhishek Aryan
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The Senate accepted the resignation of the aforementioned Senators and relieved them from their duties.

Item No. 4	To note the decisions taken by the Senate over the mailing list
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 5	To report on the actions taken on the decisions of the Senate
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 6	To consider for de-ratification, the list of names of students who did not fulfil the eligibility criteria
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The Chairperson presented the item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate sought explanation from the respective appointing authorities for the wrongful appointment of the students to the respective council, cell or festival, - the reason for which was that the CPI was wrongly filled in by the students.

From the discussion that ensued, the Senate decided to inform the concerned individuals asking for an explanation, following which some action may be taken against them. The Chairperson further requested the Senate to defer the item until the same.

Item No. 7	To consider the list of names of students at various positions of responsibilities who shall cease to hold their positions
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The list was accepted as presented.

Item No. 8	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Cultural Council
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The General Secretary, Cultural Council presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. In the discussion that followed, it was identified that too many posts with the name 'head' were being given out. It was decided that the name will be changed to 'Executive, Cultural Council'. Further, the name of Richa was also removed.

Item No. 9	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for certain positions in the Election Council
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The Chief Election Officer presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. The list was ratified as presented.

Item No. 10	To consider the revised Mid-Term status of the finances of Students' Gymkhana and to revise the Gymkhana Budget accordingly
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This item was deferred for consideration till the next Senate meeting.

Item No. 11	To consider the Mid-Term report of General Secretary, Films and Media
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The General Secretary, Films and Media presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report as presented with The President Students' Gymkhana appreciating the emergence and working of Vox as a club especially during HC unrest and during the Inter IIT Sports Meet.

The following recommendations were accepted:

- A letter be moved from the Students' Senate to Head, CC for allocating a person who will be responsible for maintaining the students' server and gymkhana website.



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- If the animation hobby group doesn't perform as it should, it should be dissolved.
- If the design club doesn't work well till the end of this semester, the option of dissolving the club should be considered in the end term report. Keeping a club alive only on papers is completely useless.
- The sound system room is required during several events of the students' gymkhana and it continually hinders the work of the general secretary as it takes a lot of his/her time, hence it is suggested that all the councils appoint an executive as a part of their core team who will be taught how to use the sound system room and he/she shall be operating the system during respective council events.

The report was accepted by the Senate with the above recommendations.

Item No. 12	To consider the Mid-Term report of General Secretary, Games and Sports
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The item was withdrawn as it had already been taken up by the Senate.

Item No. 13	To consider the Mid-Term report of General Secretary, Science and Technology
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology Presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that the Science and Technology summer camp is not as efficient as it claims to be. The ratio of actual project proposals to project completion was found to be too high. It was identified that 30% of projects are same every year, and that should be considered as a measure of underperformance. The General Secretary was asked to take up the issues further and have a look at the council's performance.

The following recommendations were accepted:

- The General Secretary, Science and Technology was asked to come up with a proposal to the senate about the proposal of a technological park in the campus, a centralized place for all council activities where all the clubs can work together in collaboration. It should also include a proper space to preserve the projects, serving as a hall of fame having the projects at display.
- The Senate asked the General Secretary, Cultural to come up with a proposal towards the waiver of charges of LHC for Student's Gymkhana.
- The General Secretary, Science and Technology was asked to come up with more proposals to gather more funds.

The report was accepted by the Senate with the above recommendations.



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Item No. 14	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.

Item No. 15	To consider a proposal for Health Insurance of IITK students
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The President Students' Gymkhana presented the report for the consideration fo the Senate. Concern were raised that due to the kind of deal which the Gymkhana is trying to crack, the Gymkhana can get a huge bargain. It was pointed out that the proposal was received from Apollo Munich Health Insurance. Clarification was sought regarding the 18-year condition.

It was decided that a sub-committee will be formed to look into the specifics. The members of the committee are:

- Manjeer Manjumdar
- Pratyush Rai
- Garima Bawa (14971)
- Amit Ranjan (14087)
- President Students' Gymkhana
- Chairperson, Students' Senate

Item No. 16	To consider the recommendations of the Rules and Procedures Committee regarding certain Constitutional Amendments
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The Parliamentarian presented the various constitutional amendments for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate agreed to all the amendments as presented. As required by the Constitution, voting on the same shall be carried out in the next meeting.

Item No. 17	To consider a proposal for a Bachelor of Science (BS) Programme in the Department of Biological Sciences and Biological Engineering
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It was decided that the proposal be sent to the DUGC Student Nominees of BSBE department and ask them to come back with the opinion of the department on the same. The Senate decided to defer the proposal till appropriate feedback is received from the Nominees.

Item No. 18	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.

Item No. 19	To consider a proposal regarding Minors
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.



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Item No. 20	To consider a proposal regarding the control of stray dogs in Halls and OAT
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

Item No. 21	To consider a proposal to introduce a Driving School
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Mr. Karan Kashyap presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the proposal in principle and instructed Karan to come up with an implementation of the same.

Item No. 22	Questions and Remarks, if any
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The following questions were raised by the members present. The Chief Election Officer was called to the meeting as certain questions were addressed to him.

- Pranshu Garg asked the CEO about a clarification regarding the phrase 'roaming around' in the General Election pre-conduction report. The CEO replied back saying that if a candidate is found to be in any place where he/she has no reason to be or is violating any other election rule then it will be considered as roaming around,
- Rutuj Jugade asked the CEO about the situation when a candidate may have to go to some other hall to get campaigners and the action that should be taken by the candidate. The CEO answered back by saying that each candidate has 3 or 5 campaigners and they should help the candidate in this situation.
- Pranshu Garg asked the CEO about how the EC will stop the people from attending their non-academic activities. The CEO replied back by saying that the EC asks all the candidates to temporarily relieve the various duties that they may have. This includes all the non-academic activities.
- Siddhant Naik asked the CEO about the reason why the HEC is being put under the same basket as the General Secretaries. The CEO replied by stating that the HEC hold enormous influence over the residents of a hall and if they were to indulge in any malpractice, they can change the course of elections in a similar magnitude as a General Secretary can.
- Ayushi Bansal asked if the seats for the CPA can be increased. The Chairperson cleared her doubt by saying that it becomes difficult for the coach to accommodate a large number of students for CPA as they also have to train the students for inter IIT.
- Labhansh Agarwal asked the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council why the refund money for the summer camp was given in old notes. The General Secretary replied back by saying that he was not aware of such incident and the most probable cause would be the sudden announcement of demonetization and he also told that any concerned student could have asked to get new notes instead of the old ones.



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	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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No other items were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 01:07 AM on the next day.