



Students' Senate (2014-15)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Anurag Sahay | Chairperson



Minutes: 9th Meeting of the Students' Senate, 26th February, 2015

The 2014-15/9th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2014-15) was held on Thursday, 26th February, 2015 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:50 PM.

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2014-15/7 th Special Meeting
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The Minutes were not circulated on time and hence were deferred for consideration.

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate:

- The Chairperson, Students' Senate announced that the 47th Convocation was successfully organized on Monday, 23rd February, 2015.
- The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council announced that IIT Kanpur secured 2nd position at the 3rd Inter IIT Tech Meet held at IIT Kharagpur from 30th January 2015 to 2nd February 2015, winning 2 Gold and 3 Bronze medals.
- The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council announced that the complaints received during Takneek'14 have been resolved by the GRC. The results of Takneek'14 have been finalized and are as follows:
 - Rajputs – 1st
 - Mughals – 2nd
 - Marathas – 3rd
 - Mauryans – 4th
- The General Secretary, Films and Media Council announced that the Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur is organizing a Photography Competition. The last date for submission of entries is 28th February, 2015 and an exhibition of the entries will take place between 19th March, 2015 and 22nd March 2015.

Item No. 3	To consider the reply of the Senators, to the show cause notice issued to them for not complying the following attendance rules: i) Missing more than 3 meetings without notification ii) Missing more than 5 meetings
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	iii) Missing 2 meetings without notification
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The Senators present in the meeting informed the Senate, against the show cause notice, their reasons for missing various meeting of the Senate. After due consideration, the Senate then accepted the reply of all the Senators who were issued a show cause and were present in the Meeting with the caveat that if any one of these Senators misses another meeting, he/she shall cease to be a Senator. The Senate further decided that the Senators who were issued a show cause notice for missing more than 3 meetings without notifications or missing more than 5 meetings, and were not present in the meeting to reply to their show cause notice, shall cease to be Senators.

Item No. 4	To note the decisions taken by the Students' Senate over the mailing list since the last meeting.
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The Senate noted the following decisions taken by the Senate over the mailing list-

- The Senate approved the schedule of the Elections for the Girls' Representative, Students' Senate (2015-16), to be held from 23rd February to 26th February.
- The Senate accepted the reallocation of the Gymkhana Budget, as proposed by the Finance Convener.

Item No. 5	To consider the Action Taken Report.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 6	To note the names of the DUGC/DPGC Student members, nominated by the Head of Department of the respective department.
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The Senate noted the names of the DUGC/DPGC Student members nominated by the Head of Department of the respective departments as presented by the Chairperson, Students' Senate. He informed the Senate that some of the departments are still considering the names for DUGC/DPGC Student members and he shall notify the Senate whenever any new names are received.

Item No. 7	To note the results of the Elections for the Girls' Representative, Students' Senate and consider the post-conduction report of the General Elections'15.
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The Senate noted the results of the Elections for the post of Girls' Representative as follows:



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UG Girls' Representative	Richa Agrawal	13566
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No nominations were received for post of PG Girls' Representative.

The Chief Election Officer then presented the post-conduction report of the General Elections'15. The Senators raised concerns over the finances of the elections since a considerable amount of the budget was spent on refreshments. The Senate discussed this issue and decided that as per the current practice, the viability and reasonability of a bill should be left up to the discretion of the Finance Convener as long as the expenditure does not exceed the proposed head. With this, the Senate accepted the report as presented.

Item No. 8	To consider the current status of the finances of the Students' Gymkhana and to revise the Gymkhana budget accordingly.
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The current status of the finances of the Students' Gymkhana was presented by the Finance Convener for the consideration of the Senate. Several issues were raised by various Senators regarding the current status as presented. The Senate discussed these issues at length and directed the Finance Convener to update the status, taking into account the various issues that were raised. The Senate then accepted the report with these changes.

Item No. 9	To consider the proposed names for the Core Team, Antaragni'15.
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The Convener of the panel & the Chairperson, Students' Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senators raised concerns over the recommendations of the panel since the Convener did not vote to avoid a possible tie. The Senate strongly felt that such a decision cannot be taken by the Convener of the panel. Since the relevant clause of the Constitution is ambiguous under the scenario when there is a tie in the panel, the Senate desired that the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee be sought regarding the clause and its interpretation. The Senate then directed the Rules and Procedure Committee to consider this issue and formulate its opinion regarding the same. The Senate also directed the panel for Head, Public Relations, Antaragni'15 to reconsider its decision and submit a new recommendation in the next Senate meeting.

Item No. 10	To consider the post festival finance report of Antaragni'14.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.



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Item No. 11	To consider the proposed names for the Core Team, Udghosh'15.
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The Senate ratified the following names for the Core Team, Udghosh'15.

Head, Public Relations	Shashwat Verma	12664
Head, Media and Publicity	Shweta Srivastava	12712
Head, Events (Major Events and Competitions)	Mitesh Gupta	12411
	Sushmita Shubham	12743
	Devvrat Singh	12273
Head, Design	Saarthak Jajoria	13593
Head, Finance	Rajat Agarwal	13540
Head, Security	Ayush Pathak	13185

The Senate noted that the all the names were unanimously recommended by the panel except for Mr. Devvrat Singh (12237) for the post of Head, Events (Major Events and Competitions) who was recommended with a simple majority of 4-1.

The Senate further accepted the request to call for re-nominations for the remaining posts.

Item No. 12	To consider the post-festival Finance Report of Udghosh'14.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 13	To elect a member of the following Standing Committees: i) Finance Committee ii) UGSAC iii) PGSAC
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 14	To consider the constitutional amendment regarding "Institute Teams".
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 15	To consider the report of the committee regarding Entrepreneurship.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 16	To consider the report of the performance of the IIT Kanpur contingent to the Inter IIT Sports Meet.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 17	To consider the proposal to convert the Shooting Hobby Group to a club.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 18	To consider the issue pertaining to the selection process of Associate Deans.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 19	To consider the issue pertaining to the scheduling of academic activities on weekends and gazetted holidays.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 20	To consider the proposal of the Festival Coordinator, Techkriti'15 to have an "Open Fest" model during Techkriti'15.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 21	To consider the issue pertaining to the Health Center.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 22	To consider the proposal for provisions for early registration for Dual Degree students in the summer.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 23	To consider the proposal for follow up of Manifestoes.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 24	To consider the proposal for having seats for left-handers in Lecture Halls.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 25	To consider the proposal for a Rickshaw stand near the New SAC.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 26	To consider the proposal for a “Red Book” for the Senate.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 27	To consider the proposal regarding PE and CPA.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 28	To consider the proposal regarding Pool Allocation.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 29	To consider the proposal to introduce guidelines for members nominated by Executives for their respective councils.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 30	To consider the proposal to construct footpaths.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 31	To consider the proposal regarding student representatives to the Women Cell of the Institute.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 32	To consider the proposal for an Intra-campus mini-bus service.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 33	To consider the issue pertaining to the enforcement of anti-drug laws against the increasing use of Marijuana on campus.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 34	To consider the recommendation of PGSAC, for the agenda item pertaining to the increment in Research Scholarship for PG Students
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The Chairman, PGSAC & the Chairperson, Students' Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. He informed the Senate that the PGSAC has recommended that a clarification be sought from the institution regarding the duration of scholarship under Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). The Senate noted that with reference to the circular (F.NO.17-2/2014-TS.I) dated 18th February, 2015 and the revised circular (F.NO.17-2/2014-TS.I) dated 2nd March, 2015 received from the MHRD, there is no clear information regarding the duration of fellowship under SRF category. The Senate further noted that according to the current practice, the PhD students from Science as well as Engineering stream have been receiving the fellowship for the duration of 5 years as per the Article 3.1 of the PG Manual, which states the following:

“The Institute may provide to postgraduate students, financial assistance in the form of teaching or research assistantships (referred to as Institute Assistantship). Assistantships are awarded on a semester to semester basis for a period of up to 22 months for M.Tech./M.Des students and up to five years for Ph.D. students. The stipend for the assistantship is paid at the approved rates. A student is expected to devote up to eight hours per week towards job(s) assigned to him/her. The renewal of assistantship is contingent on the student's satisfactory performance in the academic programme and in the discharge of assistantship duties”

Keeping this in mind, the Senate accepted the recommendation of PGSAC and directed the Chairperson, Students' Senate to write a letter to the Dean, Academic Affairs seeking for clarification regarding the same.

Item No. 35	To consider the proposed dates of Spectrum Phase-II
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The General Secretary, Films and Media Council presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. He proposed that the phase-II of Spectrum be conducted from 11th March 2015 to 15th March, 2015, taking into account that it could not be organized on the dates proposed in the Gymkhana Calendar. The Senators pointed out that Inferno is also being organized on the same dates which may lead to an issue. However, the General Secretary explained that most of the events in Spectrum Phase-II will be organized in Auditorium and hence will not interfere in the organizing of Inferno. Taking this into account, the Senate accepted the dates as proposed.

Item No. 36	To constitute the panels for the following Gymkhana Awards: i) Outstanding Freshman
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	ii) Cultural Excellence Award
	iii) Science and Technology Excellence Award
	iv) Gymkhana Community Service Award
	v) Gymkhana Leadership Award
	vi) Gymkhana Blues

The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. He pointed out that there is a mistake in the agenda item as there are seven Gymkhana awards, the seventh one being Films and Media Excellence Award. Hence seven panels need to be constituted instead of six. The Senators then nominated themselves for each of these panels and the General Body Members were nominated by the Nominations Committee during the meeting.

The panels for various awards were constituted as follows-

Outstanding Freshman:

- i) Abhimanyu Arora, President, Students' Gymkhana
- ii) Anurag Sahay, Chairperson, Students' Senate
- iii) Shivendu Bhushan, General Secretary, Science and Technology Council
- iv) Chetan Garg, General Secretary, Films and Media Council
- v) Shalin Mandowara, General Secretary, Cultural Council
- vi) Chirag Agrawal, General Secretary, Games and Sports Council

Cultural Excellence Award:

- i) Abhimanyu Arora, President, Students' Gymkhana
- ii) Shalin Mandowara, General Secretary, Cultural Council
- iii) Sabyasachi Verma, Senator UG Y12
- iv) Sarthak Chandra, General Body Member
- v) Mukul Bhagia, General Body Member

Films and Media Excellence Award

- i) Abhimanyu Arora, President, Students' Gymkhana
- ii) Chetan Garg, General Secretary, Films and Media Council
- iii) Rishikesh Mishra, Senator UG Y11
- iv) Sohil Bansal, General Body Member
- v) Shiva Asapu, General Body Member

Science and Technology Excellence Award

- i) Abhimanyu Arora, President, Students' Gymkhana
- ii) Shivendu Bhushan, General Secretary, Science and Technology Council



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- iii) Harpreet Singh, Senator UG Y13
- iv) Anurag Dwivedi, General Body Member
- v) Shashank Dixena, General Body Member

Gymkhana Community Service Award

- i) Abhimanyu Arora, President, Students' Gymkhana
- ii) Anurag Sahay, Chairperson, Students' Senate
- iii) Saurabh Agarwal, Senator UG Y12
- iv) Shashank Bhandari, General Body Member
- v) Shourya Umang, General Body Member

Gymkhana Leadership Award

- i) Abhimanyu Arora, President, Students' Gymkhana
- ii) Anurag Sahay, Chairperson, Students' Senate
- iii) Ashutosh Ranka, Senator UG Y13
- iv) Sarthak Chandra, General Body Member
- v) Gautam Pratap Singh, General Body Member

Gymkhana Blues

- i) Pushapjeet Singh, Senator UG Y12 (Convener)
- ii) Ashwani Kumar Munnangi, Senator PhD
- iii) Pooja Yadav, General Body Member
- iv) Avish Rana, General Body Member
- v) Samyak Jain, General Body Member
- vi) Kshitij Sareen, General Body Member

Item No. 37	To consider the clarification sought by the panel for Head Security, Antaragni'15.
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The Convener of the panel, the Chairperson, Students' Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. He informed the Senate, that various members of the panel wanted to appoint two students for the post of Head Security, Antaragni'15, taking into account the increased work load. However the panel wanted to consider the opinion of the Senate before submitting any recommendations. The Senate then discussed the issue and decided to increase the number of students appointed for the post of Head Security, Antaragni from 1 to 2. The Senate also directed the panel to submit its recommendation for the post, based on the decision taken by the Senate.



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Item No. 38	To consider the post conduction report of Galaxy'15.
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The General Secretary, Cultural Council presented this report for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the report and accepted it as presented.

Item No. 39	To consider a proposal to restructure the Standing Committees of the Students' Senate.
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Mr. Shubham Atreja and Mr. Gautam Pratap presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the proposal at length. Since the proposal required a constitutional amendment, the Senate decided to send this proposal to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its consideration. One Senator pointed out that changing the composition of the Finance Committee will affect the composition of the COFA and the way finances of Gymkhana Festivals are handled by the Finance Committee. Hence the Senate decided to send the proposal regarding Finance Committee to the COFA as well for its consideration.

Item No. 40	To consider the issue related to mails from Vivekanand Samiti
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 41	To consider the issue pertaining to delay in the commencement of the Senate meeting.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 42	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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No Questions or Remarks were raised

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair
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No other item was introduced

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM by the Chairperson, Students' Senate



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Attendance Record

The attendance record is:

- Total Strength of the Senate : 41
- Total number of Senators present : 33
- Total number of Senators absent : 19
- Absent without notification : 6
- Absent with permission : 2

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No.	Senators	Name of the Post	Attendance
1	Abhimanyu Arora	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
2	Shalin Mandowara	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
3	Avi Singh	Acting General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Present
4	Chirag Agrawal	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Present^
5	Chetan Kumar Garg	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Present
6	Anurag Sahay	Chairman, Students' Senate	Present
7	Ashwani Kumar Munnangi	Senator, PhD	Present
8	Ankita Singh	Senator, PhD	Present
9	Arun Karthik B	Senator, PhD	Present^
10	Amarjit Kene	Senator, PhD	Present
11	Gyanesh Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y13	Present
12	Mohd. Asim Khan	Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Eq. Programmes Y13	Present
13	Hemant Patel	Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year)	Present
14	Avish Rana	Senator, UG Y10 (5 Year)	Present
15	Amitanshu Gupta	Senator, UG Y11	Present
16	Anuj Kukreja	Senator, UG Y11	Present
17	Jai Prakash Menaria	Senator, UG Y11	Present^
18	Vibhu Mohan Bajpai	Senator, UG Y11	Present



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19	Rishikesh Mishra	Senator, UG Y11	Present
20	Arjun Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Present
21	Balendu Shekhar	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*
22	Chahat Bajpai	Senator, UG Y12	Absent#
23	Pushapjeet Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Present
24	Sabyasachi Verma	Senator, UG Y12	Present
25	Saurabh Aggarwal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
26	Vishal Goyal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
27	Arpan Agarwal	Senator, UG Y13	Absent*
28	Ashutosh Ranka	Senator, UG Y13	Present
29	Manikanta Reddy D	Senator, UG Y13	Present
30	Harpreet Singh	Senator, UG Y13	Absent#
31	Kush Gupta	Senator, UG Y13	Present
32	Rishabh Jain	Senator, UG Y13	Absent#
33	Ritika Mulagalapalli	Senator, UG Y13	Present
34	Samyak Jain	Senator, UG Y13	Present
35	Ashutosh Kumar	Senator, UG Y14	Absent#
36	Dhruv Bhanot	Senator, UG Y14	Absent#
37	Gaurav Seth	Senator, UG Y14	Present
38	Hari Shankar	Senator, UG Y14	Absent#
39	Mayank Varshney	Senator, UG Y14	Present
40	Nikhil Bansal	Senator, UG Y14	Present
41	Pooja Yadav	Senator, UG Y14	Present

* – Absent with permission

– Absent without notification

^ – Present (Nominee)