



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



**Minutes: 9<sup>th</sup> (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

The 2014-15/9<sup>th</sup> (Special) Meeting of the Students' Senate (2014-15) was held on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 4:50 PM.

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2014-15/9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting ii. 2014-15/8 <sup>th</sup> (Special) Meeting
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The Minutes were not prepared on time and were deferred for confirmation in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements were admitted by the Acting Chairperson:

- The Acting President, Students' Gymkhana announced that the Inter IIT Student Council Meet is being organized at IIT Madras from 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 to 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. He informed the Senate that the main issues to be discussed include Entrepreneurship, Exchange Programs, Alumni Relations, Academic Curriculum and the Inter-IIT Gymkhana Constitution.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the Action Taken Report.
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Since the Chairperson, Students' Senate was not present in the meeting, the item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the issue pertaining to the selection process of Associate Deans.
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Since the proposer of the item was not present in the meeting, the item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider the issue pertaining to the scheduling of academic activities on weekends and gazetted holidays.
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Since the proposer of the item was not present in the meeting, the item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider the report of the committee formed to look into the mechanism of SSF.
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The Convener of the committee presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the report which consisted of guidelines for the Senator Seed Fund (SSF). The Senate felt that another guideline should be added to specify that no SSF form for any activity shall be approved by the Finance Convener after the activity has actually happened.

With the above changes, the Senate accepted the report. Since it required a constitutional amendment, the Senate decided to send these guidelines to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its opinion.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	To consider the constitutional amendment regarding restructuring the Standing Committees of the Students' Senate
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The Parliamentarian, Students' Senate presented the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee and the proposed constitutional amendments regarding the restructuring of Standing Committees of the Students' Senate as per the Committee.

The Students' Senate in its 2014-15/9<sup>th</sup> Meeting had accepted the proposal to restructure the Standing Committees. The Rules and Procedures Committee had submitted an alternative proposal (refer to the Minutes of the 2014-15/4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate) for the restructuring of the Standing Committees. The Senate discussed the proposal at length and accepted the new proposal, as presented by the Rules and Procedure Committee.

The Senate then unanimously accepted the constitutional amendment as proposed by the Rules and Procedures Committee.

Consequent to the above decision of the Senate, the following amendment to the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana was made:

The following Article 4.09:

**4.09 Steering Committee**

- a. The Steering Committee shall assist the Chairperson in steering the meetings of the Senate.**



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- b. It shall be responsible for preparing the agenda and publishing the minutes of the meetings.
- c. The Chairperson, Students' Senate shall be the *ex-officio* Convener of the Steering Committee.
- d. It shall otherwise consist of four members, who shall be elected by the Senate.
- e. Ordinarily, the members shall be two undergraduate Senators and two postgraduate Senators. However, if the Senate is unable to elect four such members, it may, by resolution, choose to elect any four members of the General Body to this position.

was amended as follows:

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The following article 4.10:

**4.10 Rules and Procedures Committee**

- a. The Rules and Procedures Committee shall be responsible for considering matters pertaining to the Constitution, or to the Rules and Procedures of the Senate or the Gymkhana.
- b. Amendments to the Constitution may not be made by the Senate without considering the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee.
- c. The Parliamentarian, Students' Senate shall be the *ex-officio* Convener of the Rules and Procedures Committee.
- d. It shall otherwise consist of four members, who shall be elected by the Senate.



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- d. It shall otherwise consist of three members, who shall be elected by the Senate.
- e. Ordinarily, the members shall consist of at least one undergraduate Senator and at least one postgraduate Senator. However, if the Senate is unable to elect three such members, it may, by resolution, choose to elect any three members of the General Body to this position.

The following Article 4.11:

#### 4.11 Nominations Committee

- a. The Nominations Committee shall recommend to the Senate the names of the person who shall be nominated by the Senate as students representatives to the various institute bodies.
- b. For the selection of any representatives, the Nominations Committee shall constitute a panel to interview the various candidates and select from them the names that shall be recommended to the Senate. The panel may not contain anybody who is contesting for the various posts, even if they are a member of the Nominations Committee.



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- c. The President, Students' Gymkhana shall be the *ex-officio* Convener of the Nominations Committee and the Chairperson, Students' Senate shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Nominations Committee.
- d. It shall otherwise consist of two members, one UG Senator and one PG Senator, elected by the Senate to this position.

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The following Article 4.12:

**4.12 Committee of Festival Affairs (COFA)**

- a. There shall be one Committee of Festival Affairs for each festival of the Gymkhana, viz. Antaragni, Techkriti and Udghosh, which shall respectively be referred to as COFA(A), COFA(T) and COFA(U), and shall oversee the day-to-day affairs of their corresponding festival. They shall be responsible to the Senate for the conduction of the festival.
- b. The COFA and the festivals shall be governed by the Festival Manual, which shall be an Appendix to the Constitution.



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- c. The General Secretary of the corresponding Council shall be the *ex-officio* Chairperson of the respective COFA.
- d. All three committees shall include, as *ex-officio* members, the Chairperson, the President and the Finance Convener.
- e. The member of the Finance Committee associated with the respective festival shall also be a member of the COFA.
- f. Two members of the COFA shall be from the Festival Core Team. If there are two Festival Coordinators, they shall both be members. If there is only one Festival Coordinator, he/she shall nominate one other member of the Core Team as the other member.
- g. The In-charge, Festival Affairs shall be elected nominated by the Nominations Committee, and shall be the *ex-officio* Convener, COFA and shall maintain the records of the COFA. He/she shall represent the COSHA in the meetings of the Senate, and the Senate in the meetings of the COFA.
- h. Joint meetings of the COFA shall be called by the Convener, COFA either on his own initiative or when so requisitioned by the President or Chairperson to discuss matters that affect all festivals. Such meetings shall be presided over by the President. The recommendations of the COFA in such a meeting shall be forwarded to the Senate for approval.

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<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee, regarding the reallocation of the Gymkhana Budget.
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The Finance Convener presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the report at length. The Senators raised concerns over the reallocation of funds to the Vivekanand Samiti and the Dramatics Club as proposed by the Finance Committee. The Senate pointed out that such large scale reallocations shall not happen ordinarily. After due deliberations, the Senate decided to accept the recommendations keeping in mind the unforeseeable circumstances that led to the additional spending. However the Senate also directed the concerned General Secretary and the President, Students' Gymkhana to issue a warning to the respective clubs so that such situations shall not arise in the future.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider, for approval and acceptance, the following pre-conduction reports of Techkriti'15: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Festival conduction report</li><li>b. Marketing report</li><li>c. Proposed budget</li><li>d. Security report</li><li>e. Special Task Force</li></ul>
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Festival Coordinator, Techkriti'15 presented the reports for the consideration of the Senate. The Senators pointed out that the report did not contain the details of the Special Task Force. After discussion, the Senate accepted the report as presented and directed the Festival



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Coordinator to submit the details of the Special Task Force as soon as possible and the same shall be ratified over the senate mailing list.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider the update on the proposal for a remedial programme for academically deficient students.
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Mr. Praveen Honhar, on behalf of Chairman, UGSAC presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the proposal and accepted it as presented.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee regarding the rules as given in the Constitution in case of a tie in a panel.
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The Parliamentarian, Students' Senate and Convener, Rules and Procedure Committee presented this item for the consideration of the Senate.

The Students' Senate in its 2014-15/9<sup>th</sup> Meeting in regards to the recommendation submitted by the panel for Head, Public Relations (refer to Item no. 9 of the 2014-15/9<sup>th</sup> Meeting) had felt that the clause of the Constitution relevant to the situation when there is a tie in the panel is ambiguous and had desired that the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee be sought. The Parliamentarian, Students' Senate presented the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee. After deliberation, the Senate noted the opinion as presented and decided that the same shall be followed by all the panels while submitting their recommendations.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	To consider the proposed names for the core team of Antaragni'15.
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The following names were ratified by the Senate for the core team of Antaragni'15.

Head, Security	Saurabh Aggarwal	12636
	Anuj Tiwari	12141
Head, Public Relations	Sahars Kumar	12601

<b>Item No. 13</b>	To consider the post-festival Finance Report of Udghosh'14.
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The Head, Finance, Udghosh'14 presented this report on behalf of the Festival Coordinator for the consideration of the Senate. He pointed out all that all the bills were not cleared yet due to various issues.





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The Senate accepted the report as presented and directed him to update the Senate when all the bills are cleared.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	To consider the post conduction report of Spectrum'14.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	To consider the post conduction report of Josh'15
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The Overall Coordinator, Josh'15 presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. One Senator pointed out that the report did not contain any details of the finances. The Senate then directed the Overall Coordinator to resubmit the report along with the details of the finances.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	To elect a member of the following Standing Committees: i) Finance Committee ii) UGSAC iii) PGSAC
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The Acting Chairperson, Students' Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Chairperson notified the Senate that this will be the last meeting of the Students' Senate (2014-15). The standing committees will be reconstituted in the 2015-16/1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Students' Senate. Since there are only a few days left, the Senate felt that there is no need to conduct fresh elections for the members and decided to drop this agenda item and allowed the committees to continue their functioning with the current composition.

<b>Item No. 17</b>	To consider the constitutional amendment regarding "Institute Teams".
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 18</b>	To consider the report of the committee regarding Entrepreneurship.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 19</b>	To consider the proposal for an Intra-campus mini-bus service.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 20</b>	To consider the proposal for provisions for early registration for Dual
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	Degree students in the summer.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 21</b>	To consider the proposal for follow up of Manifestoes.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 22</b>	To consider the proposal for a “Red Book” for the Senate.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 23</b>	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 Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 24</b>	To consider the issue related to mails from Vivekanand Samiti.
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 25</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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No question or remarks were raised.

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

**The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 9:05 PM.**



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**Attendance Record**

The attendance record is:

- Total Strength of the Senate : 41
- Total number of Senators present : 28
- Total number of Senators absent : 13
- Absent without notification : 11
- Absent with permission : 2

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No.	Senators	Name of the Post	Attendance
1	Gautam Pratap Singh	Acting President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
2	Ashish Aggarwal	Acting General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
3	Shivendu Bhushan	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	Shubham Atreja	Acting Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
7	Ashwani Kumar Munnangi	Senator, PhD	Present
8	Ankita Singh	Senator, PhD	Present
9	Arun Karthik B	Senator, PhD	Absent#
10	Amarjit Kene	Senator, PhD	Present
11	Gyanesh Kumar Singh	Senator, MTech Y13	Absent#
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	Absent#
18	Vibhu Mohan Bajpai	Senator, UG Y11	Present
19	Rishikesh Mishra	Senator, UG Y11	Present
20	Arjun Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Absent#



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21	Balendu Shekhar	Senator, UG Y12	Absent#
22	Chahat Bajpai	Senator, UG Y12	Present
23	Pushapjeet Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Present
24	Sabyasachi Verma	Senator, UG Y12	Present
25	Saurabh Aggarwal	Senator, UG Y12	Absent#
26	Vishal Goyal	Senator, UG Y12	Absent#
27	Arpan Agarwal	Senator, UG Y13	Present
28	Ashutosh Ranka	Senator, UG Y13	Present
29	Manikanta Reddy D	Senator, UG Y13	Absent#
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)