



# Students' Senate (2016-17)

## Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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### Minutes: 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate

The 2016-17/9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8 PM.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 2016-17/4th Meeting</li> <li>ii. 2016-17/5th Meeting</li> <li>iii. 2016-17/6th Meeting</li> <li>iv. 2016-17/7th Meeting</li> </ol>
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the minutes of the 5<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 announcements were admitted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate:

- The Chairperson, Students' Senate informed the Senate that an alumnus' company, HireInk, was preparing a hiring portal for the Gymkhana, which shall be helpful during the filing of nominations. The company shall also be creating a static website for the Gymkhana.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To note the results of General Elections '17
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The Senate noted the result of the Gymkhana elections and following members were elected:

Post	Name of the candidate	Roll No.
President, Students' Gymkhana	Rutuj Jugade	14572
General Secretary, Science and Technology	Anvesh Jadon	14121
General Secretary, Cultural	Swapnil Kumar	14740
General Secretary, Games and Sports	3rd Warning: Nomination Cancelled	
BT/BS Y14	Labhansh Agrawal	14348
	Sagar Chand	14579
	Tony John	14760
BT/BS Y15	Animesh Mishra	150098
	Pranav Sao	150504
	Pranshu Garg	150512
	Pratyush Rai	150522



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	Shivam Gupta	150674
BT/BS Y16	Aayushi Bansal	160007
	Abhay Kumar Mishra	160009
	Ayush Singh	160183
	Mukund Maheshwari	160423
	Richeek Awasthi	160566
	Yash Mahajan	160822
MTech Y16	Arjak Bhattacharjee	16106007
	Chalumuri Sivananda	16102010
	Kapil K. Dayma	16114010
	Mahendra Kumar	16114016
MSc/MSc-PhD Y15	Praharsh M. Patel	151060
MSc/MSc-PhD Y16	S. Vishaal	161109
MBA/ MDes Y16	Ankit Panwar	16125010
MSR	Alluru Srinivas	16105403
PhD Y14 +	Aditya Desai	14101264
	Chandra Sekar	14101275
PhD Y15	K. Kishore Kumar	15101267

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To note the decisions taken by the Senate over the mailing list
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The Senate noted the following decisions taken over the mailing list since the last meeting:

- Dr. Medha Atre was ratified as FAC-A Member
- Senate accepted the Constitution of GFAC
- Senate approved the change in Convocation Gown
- Senate accepted the Results of Students' Senate Nominees to Senate Undergraduate Committee(SUGC) Ms. Srishti Jain
- Senate accepted updated post conduction report of Takneek'16
- Senate accepted updated proposals for SUGC/DOAA
- Senate accepted the proposal for Inter IIT Tech Meet 2017
- Senate approved the budget of Inter IIT Tech Meet
- Senate approved certain sections of the Students' Research Convention (SRC) proposal circulated by the Overall Coordinator, ARC

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To report on the actions taken on the decisions of the Senate
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the Report on Actions Taken on the basis of the decisions taken by the Students' Senate. During the course of the presentation, the following decisions were made on the basis of previous actions and inactions:



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- The Senate noted that Item No. 5 of the ATR regarding the problems with pre-registration, a letter to director was pending, and a reply was awaited. It was also decided that a letter would also be written to DOAA.
- The Senate noted that Item No. 6 of the ATR regarding the financial situation of Antaragni'13, the President, Students' Gymkhana, will give an update. The core team has been graduated but the account hasn't been closed and the issue still persists.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.7 of the ATR regarding the issue of Entrepreneurship on campus, appropriate measures were taken by the Institute and the issue has been resolved. It was informed to the senate that an update form Legal cell on entrepreneurship cell in campus is pending. The President, Students' Gymkhana said that they should push it to itemize up in Academic Senate and he will take it up with the E-Cell Coordinators. [More details about this item: It talks about legalising entrepreneurship on campus. Some clarifications were sought by the Senate. The Senate is of opinion that we need more discussion for this issue in the committee. Many questions were entertained, the senate clarified that both of the documents mentioned in the meeting will go together.]
- The Senate noted that under Item No.8 of the ATR regarding proposed Festival Manual, the senate is still waiting for an approval from GFAC.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.9 of the ATR regarding student representation in the Institute Advisory Committee, the President, Students' Gymkhana was requested to make sure that a formal approval reaches the Senate.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.10 of the ATR regarding expansion of the usage of mailing lists for official purposes by the Institute, a subcommittee was formed for mailing list purposes. The Head CC gave an idea of a new server and it was discussed that having our own server would be a good idea as we will have servers with 128 GB ram and 4TB hard disk more than the 16Gb ram on our list. Further update pending.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.11 of the ATR regarding issues related to seminars, the senate will have an update from Head CC in this regard.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.12 of the ATR regarding a joint meeting of the Students' Senate and the Faculty Forum, the senate discussed that a joint meeting for student senate and faculty forum with 20 student and 20 faculty for faculty forum was considered. The senate recommends to consider the proposal for a common forum with 8 + 8 committee from student and faculty members respectively. The senate will request the Director, IIT Kanpur, to make up the agenda for this joint meeting.



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- The Senate noted that under Item No.13 of the ATR regarding sponsorship for clubs, the senate will receive the final draft of the proposal of gymkhana sponsorship.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.14 of the ATR regarding Academics in General Championship, the senate was informed that no conclusion was reached by the committee. For this year the report could not be made, therefore the ARC has to come up with the same.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.16 of the ATR regarding a remedial programme for academically deficient students, the senate was informed that SUGC student nominees are in process of revising the proposal. It will send to academic senate in the next meeting. Some questions and recommendations were entertained.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.17 of the ATR regarding post-festival Finance Report of Udghosh'14, the senate was informed by the finance convener that a letter has been written to authorities, and shifting from an account to another is left.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.18 of the ATR regarding issue pertaining to the selection process of Associate Deans, the senate was informed that the this proposal has been agreed upon. The action has been marked complete.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.19 of the ATR regarding the proposal for an Intra-campus mini-bus service, the senate was informed that the issues are financial and that we are working on the alternatives for the same. The Senate asked the President to relook into the proposal and come up with update.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.20 of the ATR regarding the post conduction report of General Championship, the Senate decided to close the item.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.21 of the ATR regarding the proposal for a “Red Book” for the Senate, the Senate decided to drop the item.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.22 of the ATR regarding issue pertaining to the enforcement of anti-drug laws against the increasing use of Marijuana on campus. The President requested the senate to give some more time to him in order to resolve the issue.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.24 of the ATR regarding the issue pertaining to PE/CPA, the senate was informed that a letter was sent to relevant authorities to which no reply was received.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.25 of the ATR regarding proposal to install a UFO Digital Cinema System in the campus, the senate is still waiting for an update from General Secretary.



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- The Senate noted that under Item No.26 of the ATR regarding proposal for a revision in the salary of Taekwondo Coach, the Senate decided to drop the item.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.27 of the ATR regarding student representatives to the Women Cell of the Institute, the Senate decided to mark it as action completed.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.28 of the ATR regarding the proposal for Gymkhana Hall of Fame Board, the President assured that the action would be completed by the next ATR.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.32 of the ATR regarding the issue pertaining to selective entry of students to particular buildings in the campus, the Senate will rewrite the letter and get an update for same.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.33 of the ATR regarding the refund of caution money taken by the clubs, the Senate decided to mark it as action completed.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.37 of the ATR regarding the end-term report submitted by the Finance Convener, the Senate was informed that the issue is under process and was assured that the action would be completed by the next ATR.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.39 of the ATR regarding measures to improve the handling of the Finances of the Students' Gymkhana, the Senate was informed that the updated SG forms are with RPC for their opinion.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.43 of the ATR regarding a proposal to nominate DUGC/DPGC Student Representatives, the Senate accepted the proposal and decided to mark it as action completed.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.44 of the ATR regarding formation of a new standing council of the Senate: Council of Students for Departmental Affairs, the Senate decided to reconstitute the committee with the following members:
  - Garima Bawa
  - Kunal Kapila
  - Richeek Awasthi
- The Senate noted that under Item No.45 of the ATR regarding the post-conduction reports of Techkriti'16, the Senate was informed that the post conduction finance report has not been presented and it will be done in next meeting.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.46 of the ATR regarding the new 'Appendix IX: Cells, Clubs and Hobby Groups' to be incorporated into the Students' Gymkhana Constitution, the Senate decided to mark it as action pending.





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- The Senate noted that under Item No.53 of the ATR regarding the new "Appendix D: Cells, Clubs and Hobby Groups" to be incorporated into the Students' Gymkhana Constitution, the Senate decided to club the proposal with Item 46.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.54 of the ATR regarding an update on the post-conduction report of Udghosh '14 from the Finance Committee, the Senate decided to club the proposal with Item 46.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.55 of the ATR regarding the post conduction report of Udghosh'15, the Senate decided to ask for updates form Udghosh core team.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.56 of the ATR regarding the post-conduction reports of Antaragni '15, the Senate awaits for the final report.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.58 of the ATR regarding the End-Term Report Presentation of the General Secretary, Science and Technology (2015-16), the Senate was informed that the second part is completed and the first part is awaited.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.62 of the ATR regarding the recommendation of the various panels for the Gymkhana Awards, the Senate was informed that the subcommittee has not met. The Senate decided that after this item was passed by the senate, they will be meeting.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.66 of the ATR regarding consider a proposal to create an ARC implementation review committee, the Senate was informed that issue had been itemised for the same senate meeting held on that day itself.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.70 of the ATR regarding the post-conduction finance report of Antaragni '15, the Senate was informed that an update was needed to be presented.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.73 of the ATR regarding the updated proposal regarding installing UFO system in the OAT, the Senate decided to club it with the previous proposal regarding UFO systems
- The Senate noted that under Item No.74 of the ATR regarding a Gymkhana Award for Faculty, the Senate was informed that the issue has been with the same committee and needs to be discussed accordingly.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.76 of the ATR regarding the report of the Committee constituted to recommend solutions for the financial deficit in Antaragni '15, the Senate was informed that the same report has been pending.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.77, 78, 79, 80, 81 of the ATR the action would be completed with the joint senate meeting.



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- The Senate noted that under Item No.82 of the ATR regarding the issue pertaining to increase in fees as proposed by the IIT Council, the Senate was informed that the action was pending and the Chairperson was directed to get in touch with the Director, IIT Kanpur and give updates.
- The Senate noted that under Item No.88 of the ATR regarding the proposal for changes in the HSS Lottery System, the Senate was informed the item was circulated on the mailing list.

The Senate marked the items pertaining to following actions as completed, following relevant discussion: 15, 18, 23, 27, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 57, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 75, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 91, 99.

The remaining items shall remain as pending actions in the ATR.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider for de-ratification, the list of names of students who did not fulfil the eligibility criteria
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<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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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	To consider the Mid-Term report of Chairperson, Students' Senate
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	To consider a proposal for a new Gymkhana Award for event conduction
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

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

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the report of the committee constituted to review the implementation of New ARC
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	To consider the post-conduction report of General Elections '17
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The Chief Election Officer, Students' Gymkhana presented the Post-conduction Report of the General Elections'17. There were some worries by the senators regarding the fact that low voter turnout was observed in the Executive elections, on which the reason cited by the Chief Election Officer was lack of nominations lead to a low voter turnout. The President, Students' Gymkhana recommended to continue the use of newsletters by the Election Commission, which would increase the publicity of the candidates. The Senate believes it is high time we need to inform students about the functioning of the Senate and the role of the Senators. A senator recommended the public address by the candidates in hall quads.

The first recommendation about the year-long publicity of the Students' Gymkhana, Senate and Elections was accepted. The Senate agreed upon the second recommendation with a change proposed by the Chairperson, Students Senate, according to which the nomination fees shall be removed from the procedure and the caution money shall be nominal, provided the Students' Gymkhana increases the allotted budget to the Election Commission. The Finance Convener supported the possibility of budget increase. No solution was sought for the problem of voting systems and lack of computers but the Senate took the cognizance of the issue. The recommendation to disclose the clause for the reason of fine imposed during the Elections, by the Chief Election Officer was accepted.

The Senate noted that it needs a tie-breaker mechanism for the Executive Elections and the current system of three preferences for Senator Elections need an amendment. It was also pointed out that the elections should be held for all the candidates, irrespective of the fact that whether they filed nominations or re-nominations. These matters were forwarded to the RPC.

The President, Students' Gymkhana showed his displeasure with the publicity of the NOTA and asked the Election Commission to avoid it in the future elections. The Senate agreed upon the fact that there is no need for the CPI eligibility criteria for the Proposer and Seconders of a candidate. The post-conduction report was accepted with the recommended changes.

<b>Item No. 13</b>	To consider a proposal for a review of the Students' Gymkhana
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Mr. Vipul Garg, Senator BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12, presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. He proposed five names to the Senate for the constitution of a Gymkhana Review Committee (GRC) to review of various aspects of the Students' Gymkhana. Some members present raised concerns in making one of the Executives a member of the committee, as was being proposed. Subsequently, a discussion ensued over the possible membership of the GRC. Towards the end however, the proposer opted to withdraw the item citing inability to work in a short time-frame with the additional members being proposed. The item was accordingly dropped and would be taken up on the mailing list if felt necessary.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	To re-consider the proposal to scrap Mélange from General Championship 2016-17
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal for the re-consideration of the Senate after taking the opinion of Overall Coordinators of cells and Pool Captains. He expressed their common view that it will not be possible to accommodate Melange in the current session's calendar and hence it should be scrapped from General Championship 2016-17. Keeping the view of all stakeholders, the Senate accepted the proposal and removed Melange from the General Championship. The points for the other GC events will be extrapolated equally to compensate for the removal.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	To consider the update on the Electricity issue and the actions to be taken thereof
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the issue for the consideration of the Senate. He informed that a sub-committee of COSHA had sent certain recommendations to the DOSA and DOIP. The President asked the Senate to take note of the inefficiency of the specific functionary, i.e. DOIP. It was also pointed out that the electricity surcharge in the bill may pertain to electricity consumption outside the hostel premises. The Senate decided to present a revision of the bill to the Director, on which a deadline of one month shall be given to complete the follow-up. The Senate also agreed on writing a strong letter to the Director stating its discontentment with the proceedings in this regard.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	To consider the proposed names for Student-Faculty forum and the action to be taken thereof
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The item was taken up and discussed with Item no. 5.

<b>Item No. 17</b>	To consider the proposal of Outreach Cell in Students' Gymkhana
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 18</b>	To consider a proposal regarding assignment of X grades in Research Thesis Units for Ph.D. Scholars
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The proposer raised her concern on a serious issue faced by many PhD scholars, where the guide has granted 'X' grades to their students because of their involvement in the protest against the Health Centre. The Chairperson, Students' Senate suggested all to approach Ombudsperson during such conflicts, on which a general body member expressed his worries that the matter may at last come back to the PhD supervisor and the plaintiff might face more problems. It was also decided that many students are unaware of the Ombudsperson and its duties therefore information has to be sent to all the students stating the same. The Chairperson, Students' Senate also informed all the members present about the Doctoral Advisory Committee and its duties. Senate recognized that the committee is not functioning as it should and agreed upon the fact that this issue should be raised on higher level.

Senate suggested that PhD students should give a proposal themselves as other program students may not be aware with the exact problem. The Senate decided to constitute a sub-



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committee with a mandate to come up with solutions to issues between the supervisor and the PhD scholars. Following members were appointed to the committee by the Senate:

- Garima Bawa (Convener)
- Aditya S. Desai
- Manjeer Majumdar
- President, Students' Gymkhana
- Richeek Awasthi
- Sumantran Ray

<b>Item No. 19</b>	To consider a proposal regarding availability of guest rooms for students on a priority basis
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 20</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for Overall Managers in Galaxy '17
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The Senate ratified the names presented by the General Secretary, Cultural.

<b>Item No. 21</b>	To consider the pre-conduction report of Galaxy '17
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The General Secretary, Cultural presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. Multiple inconsistencies were pointed out and changes to the report were accepted. Hall-4 will be kept open and Hall-2's points would be extrapolated for Galaxy. In lieu of the finances involved, an upper cap for the size of parade structures was accepted. The point structure was accordingly changed to exclude points for the budget section.

The Senate accepted the report with the above caveats. The final report shall be confirmed over the mailing list.

<b>Item No. 22</b>	To consider a proposal for complete waiver of lecture hall booking charges for Gymkhana Activities
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 23</b>	To consider a proposal to increase cap of external participants in Techkriti '17
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 24</b>	To consider the post-conduction festival report of Antaragni '16
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.



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<b>Item No. 25</b>	To consider the post-conduction report of Inferno '17
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 26</b>	To consider the interviews for the post of Festival Coordinator, Antaragni '17
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 27</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any
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The following two questions were raised during the meeting:

- The Chairperson, Students' Senate asked the opinion of the Senate on the requirement of By-Elections, as there were two Executive posts that were vacant after the General Elections and it would be difficult for the next Senate to manage the duties and functions pertaining to those posts. The Senate agreed for the By-Elections and suggested a period of 13<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February to conduct it and asked the Chief Election Officer, Students' Gymkhana to present the Pre-conduction Report in the next Senate meeting.
- Vipul Garg, Senator BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12 raised some apprehensions on the eligibility criteria for the Acting office-bearers. After some discussion, the Rules and Procedures Committee was directed to outline the criteria for the same.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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<b>Item No. 28</b>	To consider the complete proposal for the Students' Research Convention
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The Overall Coordinator, Academics and Research Cell presented the proposal for Students' Research Convention for the consideration of the Senate. It was informed to the Senate that such a students' research convention was being organised by IIT Kanpur for the first time and the Director was supportive of the idea in principle.

Some questions were raised regarding the acquirement of the proposed budget of INR 8 lakhs. The Chairperson, Students' Senate suggested the use of additional Gymkhana Budget and the Students' Activity Fund. He further asked the Senate for permission to explore more such sources as this was an important cause and allow the ARC to proceed with the proposal. Few questions related to PhD and their involvement were addressed. Department bodies which already do this sort of convention may be used to help out. The Senate accepted the proposal with the above comments.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 AM (next day).**