



**Students' Senate**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  

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**Ankit Bhutani | Convener**



**Minutes: 5<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Students' Senate, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Students' Senate (2012 – 2013) was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2013 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Acting Convener, Students' Senate at 8:30 PM.**

The attendance record of the senators is:

- Total: 52
- Present: 35
- Absent: 17
- Absent with permission: 16

The Agenda items were taken up for consideration.

<b>Item No. 1</b>	Announcement and Remarks, if any.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana made several announcements:

- He announced that the issue of compulsory attendance had been discussed by the Institute Advisory Committee (IAC) and that it had been decided that infrastructure such as biometric scanning systems shall be purchased by the Institute to simplify attendance procedures.
- He announced that the tender for the food stalls in the New SAC Food Court would be opened soon.
- He announced that the New SAC paintings, done under the ambit of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations were complete.
- He announced that the photocopy machine had been tendered and would subsequently be bought.
- He announced that a financial approval for Rs. 80,00,000 had been obtained, in principle for a permanent sound system at the OAT, New SAC.
- He announced that the furniture of the Senate Hall, New SAC had also been approved.
- He announced that servers and hard disks had been bought for the archiving of Gymkhana data.
- He announced that a meeting of the HCUC had been held, to discuss the concerns of students pertaining to the functioning of the Health Centre. However, he announced that due to the lack of funding it shall not be possible to revamp the HC as students would wish it.



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- He announced that one block of Hall 11 and around 80 rooms of GH Tower will likely be available by July.
- He announced that the work for the construction of the mini-library had been majorly finished in Hall 2, and that purchasing of books and other such activities would now commence.

The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council made several announcements:

- He announced that a marathon was being organized the day after the Meeting.
- He announced that floodlights had been inaugurated in the Hockey ground, and that they would be operational until 9 PM every day.
- He announced that a contingent was being sent to Sportech, the IIT Delhi sports festival.
- He announced that the Card and Board Games Hobby Group was organizing a tournament.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	To consider the proposal for Website Management and Archiving team under Presidential Council.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal for the creation of a Website Management and Archiving team under the Presidential Council which would create, design and maintain the website of the Students' Gymkhana. The proposal was considered by the Senate, and accepted.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the proposal for Gymkhana Calendar.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal for creating a bigger Gymkhana calendar which could be edited by the Executives and could be uploaded on the Gymkhana Website which could also include smaller term activities like club activities as and when they are planned. The Senate believed that the proposal was essentially of an executive nature, and accepted the proposal, directing the Executives to look into the implementation aspect of it.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the proposal for Gymkhana Corpus.
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The item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider the proposal regarding guidelines for various procedures related to Gymkhana activities.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal for constituting a committee to decide what procedures of Gymkhana activities need to be formalized and then decide the guidelines pertaining to these procedures. The Senate accepted the proposal; however it desired that the constitution of the committee be deferred to the regular Senate Meeting.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider the proposal for addition of the following Hobby Groups: a) Rakhtarpan blood donation (under Presidential Council) b) SPIC Macay (under Cultural Council) c) Shooting Hobby Group (under Games and Sports Council)
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The proposals for the various Hobby Groups were presented by the President, Students' Gymkhana, and were accepted by the Senate.

It was noted by the Senate that the relevant Gymkhana forms had not yet been submitted to the Convener, and hence, the Hobby Groups were only provisionally approved, subject to submission of the relevant forms to the Convener.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider the proposal for an Inter-IIT Entrepreneurship Meet.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. After due deliberations, the Senate accepted the proposal.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider the proposal for a change in the funding pattern of the Taekwondo Club.
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This item was considered in the 2012-13/11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate. At the request of some Senators, the item was reconsidered by the Senate. The General Secretary, Games and Sports Council informed the Senate about the current situation of the funding pattern of the instructor for the Taekwondo Club. He informed the Senate about the amount of money that is paid by Gymkhana to him monthly. The General Secretary placed on record his belief that such expenditure was too large for the finances of the Gymkhana to bear, considering the participation the Taekwondo Club attracts.

A discussion was held on possible alternate funding models. As an interim measure, the following was decided as:

- The budget allotted to the Taekwondo Club for the services of the instructor will remain the same.



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- The amount of money collected from members of the Taekwondo Club would be increased so that over all semesters and holidays combined, the fees of the instructor would be paid, in effect, by the students participating rather than the Gymkhana as a whole.
- The students who are part of the Taekwondo Club shall be charged the following amounts towards their Gymkhana dues for the services of the instructor.
  - Rs. 200 for the Winter Holidays (assuming participation of 25)
  - Rs. 700 per semester (assuming participation of 30 per semester)
  - Rs. 400 for the Summer Holidays (assuming participation of 30 per semester)
  - Rs. 100 for Workshops (assuming participation of 10)
- Furthermore, it was decided that if the amount collected from the Taekwondo Club by the end of either the 2013-14/1st Semester or 2013-14/2nd Semester falls short of the projected amount by a considerable amount, then, in the subsequent semester, this arrangement will not be followed, and the fees for the instructor will not be paid by the Gymkhana.
- Furthermore, it was decided that if the amount collected from the Taekwondo Club by the end of either the 2013-14/1st Semester or 2013-14/2nd Semester exceeds the respective projected amounts, the excess amount will be used as a buffer for the subsequent semester, or may be used to decrease the charges for the subsequent semester, as deemed fit by the Senate, on the recommendation of the Finance Convener and the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council.

It was decided that this system shall be reviewed by the Senate to discuss its long-term sustainability, as and when deemed fit by the Finance Convener or the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider the proposal for waiver in several charges incurred by Students' Gymkhana in using institute facilities.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal to seek a waiver from the administration for several charges incurred by the Students' Gymkhana when using institute facilities. In particular, he proposed that the charges for VH, VH extension, Outreach Auditorium and Community Centre (I and II) be charged as per category A rather than B, as was status quo. Further, he proposed that electricity charges for the Outreach Auditorium and the Main Auditorium be waived off.

The Senate accepted the proposal and directed the President to take the matter up with the relevant authorities by writing a letter to the appropriate authority.



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<b>Item No. 10</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Meeting.

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

**The meeting was adjourned by the Acting Convener, Students' Senate at 11:45 PM**

**Attendance Record**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Senators</b>	<b>Name of the Post</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	Abhay Jain	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
2	Sonal Kumari	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
3	Subhojit Ghosh	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Present
4	Yuvraj Dhillon	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Present
5	Yashovardhan Bhagat	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Present
6	Ankit Bhutani	Convener, Students' Senate	Present
7	Karthik Balasundaram	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
8	Kumar Gaurav	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
9	Payel Pal	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
10	Rekha Raja	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
11	Pavan Kumar Nagar	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
12	Rajat Dhingra	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
13	V Srinivasan	Senator, Ph.D.	Present
14	Khushal Singh Chauhan	Senator, M.Tech Y12	Absent*



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15	Gaurangi Gupta	Senator, M.Tech Y12	Present
16	Harshvardhan	Senator, M.Tech Y12	Absent*
17	Tushar Deshmukh	Senator, M.Tech Y12	Present
18	Arjun Ravichandran	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
19	Adwait Parulekar	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Present
20	Abhimanyu M A	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent*
21	Srinivas Chitturi	Senator, M.Tech Y11	Absent*
22	Nishant Maheshwari	Senator, MBA +M.Des. + Other equivalent Masters Programmes Y11	Present
23	Sumit Bhagwani	Senator, UG Y8	Present
24	Akella Ravi Nagarjun	Senator, UG Y8	Absent*
25	Jyoti Gupta	Senator, UG Y9	Present
26	Pratik Moona	Senator, UG Y9	Absent*
27	Aman Haji	Senator, UG Y9	Absent*
28	Digraj Singh Chahal	Senator, UG Y9	Absent
29	Anurag Dash	Senator, UG Y9	Present
30	Himanshu Pandey	Senator, UG Y10	Present
31	Abhiroop Bhatnagar	Senator, UG Y10	Present
32	Rahul Arora	Senator, UG Y10	Present
33	Saurabh Mishra	Senator, UG Y10	Absent*
34	Amritanshu Mishra	Senator, UG Y10	Present
35	Saurabh Dixit	Senator, UG Y10	Absent*
36	Sanchit Khattar	Senator, UG Y10	Present
37	Shivam Trivedi	Senator, UG Y10	Present
38	Ankur Atul Agarwal	Senator, UG Y11	Absent*
39	Amrit Rijhwani	Senator, UG Y11	Present
40	Samarth Bansal	Senator, UG Y11	Absent*



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41	Srijan R Shetty	Senator, UG Y11	Absent*
42	Shouvik Sachdeva	Senator, UG Y11	Absent*
43	Ashish Dabas	Senator, UG Y11	Present
44	Pranjal Gupta	Senator, UG Y11	Present
45	Diksha Gupta	Senator, UG Y11	Absent*
46	Akshay Mahajan	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*
47	Balendu Shekhar	Senator, UG Y12	Absent*
48	Prakhar Jain	Senator, UG Y12	Present
49	Chirag Gupta	Senator, UG Y12	Present
50	Praveen Honhar	Senator, UG Y12	Present
51	Shubham Yadav	Senator, UG Y12	Present
52	Adhiraj Arora	Senator, UG Y12	Present

Absent\* - Absent with permission