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End-Term Report

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Institute Standing Committees

1) Institute Advisory Committee

- a. **Core Courses** – The course IDC 603 by Prof. B Dasgupta has been floated as a PG core course. The Institute shall also purchase grammar checking software.
- b. **P K Kelkar Library** – To tackle the issue of nearly 18,000 missing books from the library, steps such as RFID tagging of books, uncreased CCTV and manual security have been suggested.
- c. **Issue of dogs** – The IAC approved the discussions that took place in the open house on this issue. The following recommendations were finalized:
 - i. There will be some earmarked dog feeding zones in the campus and no one should feed them at other places in the campus, else they must take full ownership of the dog.
 - ii. The identified feeding zones are (i) Oxidation Tank area (ii) Old gas godown (near railway track)
 - iii. The caretaker(s) of all enclosed areas would be authorized to call security to remove any dog which they might feel poses a danger to people in the area.
 - iv. A separate line has been setup for this at animalcomplaints@iitk.ac.in
- d. **Road Traffic** – Steps were taken to divert the traffic coming from Nankari towards the road in front of Academic Area Gate 3. Commercial vehicles are no longer allowed to use that road, and personal vehicles that continue to do so require to get a pass. The new road through Gate 2 is being used as the diversion route.
- e. **Invigilation during exams** – Non-teaching staff are to be used for invigilation during exams if the instructor requests it. This is aimed at curbing the increased malpractices in the examinations, which has become difficult to track given the increased student-faculty ratio.
- f. **Institute Rankings** – A detailed analysis of the NIRF rankings was presented on 14th April 2017 to the IAC. The process of data collection for the Institute's rankings have been shifted to the DD's office in light of the poor response from various administrative units last year. Comprehensive statistics on placements and tracking of alumni will be emphasized from this year.
- g. **Waste Disposal** – The burning of garbage behind the campus has been stopped with the support of the DD. A private entity "MUSKAN" has offered to setup a recycling facility in the campus and specifications are being drawn for the same.
- h. **PG centres from IDPs** – In the meeting on 16th August 2017, 4 IDPs (EEM, MSP, PSEP & Design) were converted to "PG Centres" to enable them to hire their own faculty, be eligible for Govt. funding in research projects and enjoy independent status like a Department, operating mainly at the PG level. The proposal is yet to be finalized in the Senate.



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- i. **Exit policy for unsuccessful students** – It was proposed that a policy be setup for students who are unable to complete their program to avail a certification (like a Diploma/Credit Certificate). A subcommittee was formed to look into this proposal.
- j. **VH contract** – There has been no official update in the IAC on this. However, through informal means it has been found that around 12 workers have still not been accommodated anywhere by the institute. This needs to be taken up with the Director/IAC.
- k. **Security Issue** – It was decided that the guards shall be re-briefed on their mandate and manner of interaction. A committee was set up by the (Academic) Senate (with SS nominees) separately to review the SOP. The report of this committee is awaited, and should be taken up at priority.

2) Health Centre Users' Committee

The President's nominee - Ms. Manjeer Majumdar & Mr. Pranshu Garg deserve special appreciation for the work they have put in in this field.

- a. **Hall 10 dispensary** – Due to rising costs and insufficient utilization of the facility, the dispensary was closed this year. Hall 13 has space for a dispensary, and given that first years may probably be in that Hall, the dispensary is being considered to be moved there.
- b. **New Health Insurance Policy** – After the changes due to GFR, the new policy of insurance for all students was finalized. A tender was floated, all bids had been analyzed by a separate committee (comprising 4 students), and the process is expected to be completed this semester. The same has also been approved in principle by the IAC.
- c. **Weekly health camps** – Weekly camps were organized by the HC to cater to the diverse and growing medical check-up needs of the campus community. Over 800 students have participated in this from the community. More diverse check-ups like ECG, Blood Sugar, urine etc were introduced, and reports are made available in just 7 days.
- d. **Protocol for psychiatric condition students** – A protocol, highlighting a SOP in terms of the process and the relevant authorities to be kept in loop while dealing with cases of students with psychiatric conditions was discussed with the Counselling Service and certain city hospitals qualified for the same were identified.
- e. **First aid kit in all halls** – The HC has ensured that first aid kits are made available in all Halls, especially as students may incur minor injuries while playing or during other informal activities in the Hall. HECs have been advised to keep this in the security room at the Hall gate to ensure their 24x7 availability.
- f. **Ambulance services** – The tender for an ambulance with advanced life support on service for the campus has been floated (<https://www.iitk.ac.in/new/data/tender/file/E2017-201839.pdf>). GPS systems will also be installed in the ambulances.
- g. **Website** – The HC website has been updated to reflect the latest facilities and services available. (www.iitk.ac.in/hc). The details of services available and their schedules have been circulated to the students via mail also.
- h. **Others** – Apollo Pharmacy has been introduced as the outsourced pharmacy.

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- i. **National Polio Eradication Programme** – The drive was supported and carried out for the entire campus community by the Health Centre.

3) Security Advisory and Executive Committee

- a. **Cameras** – CCTV cameras have been installed at the entrances of all Halls with 24X7 monitoring from the control room.
- b. **Issue of dogs** – The SIS staff has been trained to carry out the relocation of dogs upon a complaint. Some issues on the manner of their doing have been raised by members of the campus community though. A review of this process needs to be taken soon.
- c. **Lady Guards in Girls Hostels** – The Lady SIS Guard(s) have been relocated to sit only outside the hostel (at the gate). The Warden of Hall 6 had accepted the change, however the HEC was not consulted. A review of this change is necessary.
- d. **Personnel Change** – The previous Security Office of IITK, Mr. Sandeep Shivhare has been relieved of his duties. Mr. S K Gond is the (Acting) SO for the time being.
- e. **Hall issues** - The SAEC decided that Security guards will not interfere at all in any matter inside the Hall without the explicit written permission/request of the Warden. This poses problems in case of emergency issues and needs to be relooked. I request the Senate to deliberate and suggest a policy to avoid the SAEC & Warden clashes while ensuring effective management of emergency.

4) CEMMC

a. New establishments:

i. Food shops:

1. The tender for a sandwich shop in OAT to replace Crown Burgers is to be floated this week. The menu of the same may be found at <https://goo.gl/DCD88c>
2. Construction of Chowpatty is to be completed by mid-April. The proposed menu can be found at <https://goo.gl/vNJExx>

ii. Other service shops:

1. Tender for new shops for electronics items' repair & a travel centre for bookings have been floated by the Estate Office.
2. New shop for selling organic food and condiments has been approved and is soon to come up near the Old Shopping Centre.

b. Existing establishments:

i. Food shops:

1. The menu and prices of Urban Crave were updated. Several new weekend offers were also introduced in response to the campus community's feedback.
2. A price hike in CCD items was rejected by the committee.

- ii. **Barber shops** – The committee approved a revision in the rates of the shops. New tenders were awarded accordingly.

iii. Canteens:

1. In Hall 1, a new tender was floated and the canteen is again operational.

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2. Feedback on DoAA canteen is to be taken up soon with the CEMMC.

5) EAC

- a. A detailed analysis was carried out in coordination with Prof. Abhas Singh for determining a radiation-safe solution to the low mobile network issues of some telecom carriers in the campus. The detailed report is to be discussed in the EAC, and new towers for better signal strength have been proposed outside the campus.
- b. In a common meeting of the Green Cell and EAC, a mess waste recycling system was discussed. The system is being implemented in Hall 11 on a trial basis, and if successful shall be extended to the rest of the Halls too. It was also agreed that tree plantation and green cover preservation be pursued, initially by identifying pristine zones among the campus.

6) SPC

- a. KOAK Education Pvt. Ltd. has been finalized for conducting preparation activities on campus. The workshops have begun from this semester.
- b. The SPC was informed on the detailed placement statistics. IITK has the highest placement rate at 77% in phase-1 across all IITs. Post phase-2 the number is expected to cross 85%.
- c. Guidelines to improve the roles of DPCs were formulated – a system of recommendation by the OPCs will be introduced from the next year to evaluate the actual work achieved and accordingly allow credit.
- d. Given recent events, it was proposed that the companies be informed of disciplinary actions on students. The idea was rejected by the committee, though not unanimously. Given the new SSAC manual, further guidelines on how to accommodate student with disciplinary action need to be formed.

7) Anti- Ragging Committee

- a. The committee took note of the recent incident of ragging reported on campus.
- b. In light of the recent incident(s) reported on campus, the committee has recommended that a separate hostel be allocated to 1st year UG students from the next year onwards. The Students' Gymkhana and CS have been asked to come up with mechanisms to maintain interaction.

8) HAAC

- a. It was agreed that all UG freshers will be accommodated in a single hostel for one year.
- b. The arrangement will be relooked after a period of a year.
- c. CoSHA has been asked to come up with the exact policy for the same.

9) MWMC

- a. The Committee had taken up the issue of the VH workers. The Chairman was directed to discuss the matter with the DD and ensure that:
 - i. As far as possible, the large-scale layoff of workers must be avoided to allow normal functioning of the VH
 - ii. Existing employees must be given fair chance to prove their competence, and the new contractor must be sensitized to the same.



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10) Computer Centre Coordination Committee (CCCC)

- a. The Annual budget of the CCCC was discussed. Certain software purchases, as approved by the IAC will be taken up by the CCCC.
- b. The CC was kept open round the clock during examinations. NCL timings were also extended during this period.

Institute Ad-hoc Committees

1) Deans' Selection processes

- a. **DoSA** – Prof. P Shunmugaraj was appointed as the new Dean, Students' Affairs from 1st July 2017.
- b. **DoIP** - Prof. Y N Singh was appointed as the new Dean, Infrastructure and Planning from 1st October 2017.

2) Institute of Eminence

- a. The original committee was reconstituted by the (Academic) Senate with the President as a member.
- b. The final proposal has been submitted to the Senate for discussion on the upcoming meeting.
- c. The evaluation committee has been constituted and the process is expected to be completed by April.

Students' Activity Centre

1) Infrastructure

- a. **Book club extension** – Space and funds have been allocated for an extension of the Book Club, to provide a mini-library of reference material. The construction work was delayed and hence the budget is unused as yet.
- b. **Additional storage space** – An additional room for storage of clubs' old items for reuse, to reduce non-consumable item expenses has been created in the SAC. The same may be used by festivals also to store their stock items more durably.
- c. **Maintenance** – The floor of the Dance club has been repaired through the Sustenance Fund (SSF).
- d. **Technical** –
 - a. Additional routers have been placed in the food court, 1st floor etc. of the New SAC.
 - b. Budget has been allocated for renovation of the Senate Hall
 - c. Extra storage space created for SAC office items.

2) Processes



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- a. **Guidelines** – The guidelines for the users and workers at the New SAC have been developed and implemented.
- b. **Stock entry** – The process of maintaining an online inventory is ongoing. The software is ready, and clubs are currently updating their items. The stock will be taken at the end of this semester and that will be carried forward.
 - i. **Issuing and purchase guidelines** have been formulated. Any new purchase by a Gymkhana body shall have to be registered with this stock as part of the bill clearing process. Items will be issues against the club coordinators in case of clubs (and similar authority for others). Students may individually issue the same against their own name also.
 - ii. Dues clearing shall also be moved online (not the case for SAC yet).

Campus Infrastructure and Services

1) Halls

- a. 2 blocks of Hall 13 are ready and being used at present for accommodation of students. Hall 13 is expected to be completed by mid-May and function independently (currently it is under Hall 12) from the next year.
- b. Construction of GH2 is almost complete, and it is partially in use. Both gates of the hostel are to be opened soon with additional funds' approval for the SAEC.
- c. Halogen lights in all Halls are to be replaced in a stage-wise replacement process. The process has begun in 2 Halls, but is moving very slowly. The work is way behind the targets as had been discussed in the meeting with DD on 8th March 2017. The IWD has agreed to estimate for 2 Halls, the cost of individual meter installation (rewiring, equipment – the whole cost).

2) Academic Area

- a. **Students' Lounge** – The Students' Lounge has been inaugurated and is in use. Guidelines were developed for the same, and a survey has been floated for feedback and review on the services at the Lounge. The report of the Senate sub-committee along with the Senate's recommendations needs to be taken up with the DoAA.

3) Cycle Pool

- a. After a successful trial of Ola Pedal, a formal process has been made for such applications in future with the DoIP. <https://goo.gl/SHw1ak>
- b. 3 more companies – ZoomCar, Greenolution, Let'sCycle have approached us with interest in conducting a trial run. A competitive model is planned in the campus for securing the best service for the residents.
- c. Rates and service quality standards have been kept strict. Periodic reviews through the Gymkhana will take place to decide extensions.

Hall Affairs



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1) Hall Allocation Policy

- 1 block of GH2 being ready, the part of NRA-T under Hall 6 was shifted there. The entire GH2 is expected to be ready in the coming semester. Hall 13 was used partially.

2) Pool Allocation

- Pool Allocation for General Championship 2017-18 involved changes in the pool Veeras, to which Hall 4 and Hall 10 (boys halls) were also added.
- Due to several unfortunate incidents in Hall 2 this year, they opted out of their pool – Rajputs.

3) Electricity Issue

- The Institute's contribution to the Hall's bill has been escalated to 15% (i.e. 15% of the total Hall's bill is to be paid by the Institute).
- Systematic shift towards LEDs and low power consuming electrical appliances in all Halls' common areas is being implemented by the IWD (albeit very slowly).

4) Water Potability Test

- The President's Office was able to arrange for testing of water quality of samples in coordination with ITC Labs, Gurgaon. The entire process was carried out keeping the HECs in loop. Yet, here there were several delays and a poor response overall from the HECs in this.

5) COSHA

- Warden Selection** – A committee comprising representation from Gymkhana, Students' Senate and the HECs was constituted to recommend names for the positions of Wardens when the tenure of one ends. The committee shall send a list of names to the Director. Also, the committee should be constituted atleast 2 months prior to the end of any Warden's tenure.
- Restructure** – The CMC has been dissolved due to its virtual dormancy. Mess and Maintenance Secretaries have instead been made special invitees to the COSHA itself to facilitate a better discussion.
- ATR** – The Action Taken Report was presented in the COSHA; actions since the COSHA/2016-17 1st Meeting have been noted.
- Solar power** – The proposal for installation of Solar Power facilities in the campus (with TATA, like in IIT Roorkee) was discussed with the DD and IWD in a meeting. While the Institute's administration has agreed with this in principle, whether or not this benefit will be transferred to the Halls is uncertain.
- Mosquito issue** – The Convener, COSHA has presented a proposal whereby Halls may at a nominal expense acquire the hand spraying machines instead of relying solely on the campus fogging, which has been critiqued by most Halls with bringing the pests inside while keeping the roads clean. The same shall be carried out for the SAC also.
- Dog Issue** – A list of volunteers was created (with some gaps in UG Halls) for facilitating the sterilization of these dogs together with an NGO in Lucknow. Feeding zones and a temporary set of guidelines was established in consultation with the COSHA. There have been several updates since however, and the COSHA needs to rethink its position on the issue.



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Festivals

- The Gymkhana budget to the festivals was distributed in the ration 4:3:2 to Udghosh, Antaragni and Techkriti respectively.
- No festival went through with the Open Fest model, due to several issues faced in the past. It is recommended that the same be continued in the coming years also.
- The Antaragni team this year conducted a pre-fest technical workshop that clashed with one of Techkriti. It was agreed in the COFA (Joint) by both festivals that such a clash should never happen in future. This agreement is binding on all future teams, unless deemed otherwise by the Senate. Further, all festivals are advised to stick to their domains in terms of workshops, events and competitions. The Professional Shows are not included in this.

NOTE: The document between Antaragni and Techkriti (as in minutes of the 1st COFA (Joint)) has not yet been signed. In light of this, I request the Senate to consider this report as the document for the agreement instead (terms as in the point above and minutes of the COFA (Joint) at <http://students.iitk.ac.in/ss/home/wp-content/uploads/Minutes-1st-COFAJoint.pdf>).

- Reforms towards STF appointments in festivals were discussed in the 6th Meeting of the Senate (minutes not confirmed, so they have been left out).

- 1) **Udghosh** was conducted from 12th to 15th October 2017.
- 2) **Antaragni** was organized between 26th and 29th October 2017.
 - a. The festival saw a record marketing budget of Rs. 1 Cr, a huge increase from last year.
 - b. After sometime, the festival this year is in a surplus by a significant amount.
- 3) **Techkriti** was organized between 15 and 18th March 2018.
 - a. There were major issues of security and management on the 2nd day at the OAT. The matter has been discussed in the Senate and the subsequent steps decided to avoid such an event ever again must be taken seriously.

Institute Events

- 1) **Yearbook**
 - a. The Yearbook saw a huge participation of around 750 Y13 students booking copies.
- 2) **Nostalgia**
 - a. *Bon Voyage* was organized in 2 parts this year – the **Batch T-shirt** & the **Cultural evening**.
 - b. For the 1st time ever in IITK, a **Prom Night** was organized with an open dance floor, indoor DJ and photography for the graduating batch students.
 - c. The **Batch T-shirt** saw a very enthusiastic response, with over 400 requests from the graduating batch alone. It was subsequently made available for the rest of the campus also.

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- d. **Giving Back** – The Classroom Gift program this year allowed graduating students to make direct contributions to Gymkhana bodies. Also this year, the donation form was revamped and floated through the DoRA office. Both however, saw a less than enthusiastic response.

3) Convocation

- a. The 50th Convocation was successfully organized on 15th and 16th June 2017, with students dressed in the *pecially designed Indian attire*.
- b. The (Acting) President with a team student volunteers were instrumental in arranging the hospitality of the guests and an interaction session with the students.

4) Independence Day

- a. The Independence Day saw brilliant performances by the Dramatics Club and the Music Club.

5) Foundation Day

- a. The Institute celebrated the Foundation Day on 2nd November 2017. The cycle pool facility was launched on a trial basis with Ola Pedal on this day. Distinguished Alumni Award(s) were presented on this day in a grand ceremony.

6) Intl Yoga Day

- a. International Yoga day celebration was held on June 21st 2017. A common yoga protocol in the main stadium followed by Relaxation Meditation workshop in L1. The event saw huge participation from the campus community.

7) Young India event of MHRD

- a. The Media and Culture Council organized “Yeh India ka time hai”, wherein a *Manthan* on the topic of Indian youth, and a Hindi Rock show was conducted in the OAT.

Awards

1) Distinguished Teacher Award

- a. The award was conferred upon Prof. Surender Baswana, Prof. Anish Upadhyaya in the Teacher's Day Function.

2) S.K. Dubey Memorial Award

- a. The award was conferred upon Mr. Vikas Kumar, an IITK alumnus for his service to the community as an IPS officer in Rajasthan, during the Institute Foundation Day function.

Gymkhana Initiatives

1) President's Office

- a. The General Affairs Council was restructured into the President's Office.



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- b. An additional Junior Executive Team (JET) was added. The JET was instrumental in the conduction of several Institute events like the Convocation, Prom Night, Prepleaf workshops etc.
- 2) **ARC restructuring**
 - a. The Academics and Research Cell was restructured to better organize its functions and distribute responsibility through the interim report of the GRC.
 - 3) **New Cells, Hobby Groups**
 - a. The Election Commission and Vox Populi were each made into a new Cell to allow for them to function and grow independently through the interim report of the GRC.
 - 4) **Marketing guidelines for Sponsorship**
 - a. A guideline of policies and the implementation mechanism for acquiring Gymkhana sponsorship was presented in and accepted by the Senate.

New Initiatives on campus

1) Placement Preparation Training

The President's Office, with Prepleaf, organized 2 *resume making workshops* (1 for internship students during the summer vacations, 1 for placement students), and a *9 day series of technical workshops* (during mid-sem recess) providing a basic level of preparation in areas that are often left unexplored in our curriculum like finance, group discussions, etc. Few more workshops and sessions are planned in the coming semester.

These functions from the next year (given the tender initiated by the SPO) are to be taken up by the CDC, together with the SPO and Gymkhana.

2) Tips from the Top

Tips from the Top was revived this year with the presence of 4 of our recent alumni working in fields of Banking, Consulting and Electronics R&D by the Outreach Cell. The session saw a great participation from the younger students in the campus. Additionally, an interactive session with the alumni of the **Batch of 68** was organized by the Outreach Cell.

It is recommended that such sessions would be more productive for those sitting in placements and internships at the start of the odd semester (week long sessions with Career Awareness talks, Resume-making workshops and Preparation Guidance sessions). This should be separate from the preparation activities being organized by the SPO.

3) Student Research Convention

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2 years after its ideation, the Students' Gymkhana has finally successfully executed the idea of a research convention through the ARC's active efforts. The convention saw participation from both IITK and outside, and was very well received by the faculty community at large. Interactions between related domain researchers, UG-PG students and students and faculty are the strongest achievements of the SRC and the Senate must look to it as a bridge to cross the river of skepticism that has grown between students and faculty.

PAN-IIT Initiatives

1) IIT SPAN

1st Meeting:

IIT Kanpur this year hosted the 2017-18/1st Meeting of the IIT SPAN – a body comprising the major student representatives of all IITs. Among the major agendas were:

- a. **2nd Inter IIT Cultural Meet** – The rules, events and logistics of the Meet were discussed.
- b. **Student Research Convention (SRC)** – The proposal of the SRC being planned this year with the activities planned and dignitaries confirmed were presented to the body. Several IITs have confirmed their active participation in the event.
- c. **Collaborative initiatives across IITs** – Several collaboration areas – from the social to techno-entrepreneurial, were discussed.

2nd Meeting:

IIT Roorkee hosted the 2017-18/2nd Meeting of the IIT SPAN. Representatives from IITK proposed the following major agendas:

- a. **Overall Inter IIT General Championship** – The proposal is to have a combined GC taking the points of all 3 Inter IITs – Sports, Tech and Cult into account. This was aimed also at securing more focus on the Tech and Cult activities in IITs and establish their standards as has happened with the Sports Meet. The same shall be taken up with the IIT Council.
- b. **Structure of the IIT SPAN** – Several changes to the structure of the sub-committees of the SPAN and their functioning were proposed. The IIT-SPAN is to be renamed the Inter IIT Students' Council, on the lines of the IIT Council (which has all the Directors).
- c. **Students' Rights document for all IITs** – A document enlisting the basic rights of all students and their duties as students of institutes of national importance was proposed.

2) 2nd Inter IIT Cultural Meet

IIT Kanpur hosted the 2nd Inter IIT Cultural Meet from 28th-30th December 2017.

3) IIT SPAN Resolution

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In light of recent violence in the IIT(BHU) campus, IITK proposed a resolution that was unanimously adopted by the IIT SPAN condemning such acts and requesting the MHRD to speedily form an unbiased committee to ensure the safety and harmony of our peers from sister IITs.

Miscellaneous

- 1) A feedback of Oreintation'16 was taken through the Senators of the Y16 batch. The same were summarized in a letter to the Head, CS for implementation this year. A session of the Students' Gymkhana was added in the PG Orientation.
- 2) A new and revised placement policy was discussed informally with the Chairman, SPO. Changes in the working of the SPO (internally) as well as a self-sustaining model for placement training from the next year has been discussed in detail.
- 3) A survey was carried out regarding courses being offered in the summers. Based on the responses received, a request for offering seven specific courses was sent to the Dean, Academic Affairs; 4 out of these courses were finally offered to the students.
- 4) A campaign under the name #ThatsIITK was run on social media for the JEE aspirants with large participation from the campus students. The future students' website was updated, articles for various departments were uploaded on the website to aid the aspirants. Additionally this year, **Career Awareness Sessions** were also organized across the country in Delhi, Kota and Hyderabad with the help of our alumni, to help students in making a more informed choice during the JEE seat allocation process.
- 5) Several meetings for the purchase of furniture and kitchen equipment for the new hostels were held. The tender was awarded based on the finances and the quality. However, due to recent changes (in GST, and the Institute's GFR), purchases from now on must be made from Govt. authorised e-vendors only, hence in some cases the processes need to be repeated.
- 6) Centralized Cycle auctioning was performed in 2 phases in the Hall 1 parking lot. Over 700 cycles were sold in the auctioning and an income of about ₹2.14 lacs has been generated for the Students' Gymkhana.
- 7) The Gymkhana Week was organized this year in all the UG Halls, and it received an enthusiastic response from the students.
- 8) Stalls for students sitting for interviews and requiring suits were set up in the New SAC in 2 phases. 2 vendors had set up stall in New SAC during the month of September and early October. Later, in coordination with the Hall 1 HEC, a stall was also set up inside the hostel.
- 9) Through several discussions and a letter to the Dean, Academic Affairs, a list of students affected by the clash between the end semester examination and the Common AdminssionTest'17 was identified and provisions for make-up examination for them was worked out.
- 10) An orientation session on **Drug awareness and General Safety** was organized for the 1st year UG students in coordination with the SAEC and the local district police authorities. The gathering was addressed by the SP, UP (West) on the dangers, both physical and legal, in consuming or aiding



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the usage of illicit drugs. Further, the students were briefed on the general safety measures, given the huge number of recent laptop theft cases.

Recommendations

- 1) There is an urgent need to bring hostels and the Gymkhana closer together structurally. There are several small ways to do so, and the Senate must be proactive in securing a fair level of jurisdiction to the residents of Halls in matters of their own hostel. Some initiatives have already been started (Constitution, Warden Selection), and the Senate and COSHA must keep pushing in this regard.
- 2) The General Championship is crucial for both the students as well as the Councils of the Gymkhana. It has been a historic competition that has kept tradition and culture alive within all those who come and pass this institute. And it remains even today a thread that ties us with our alumni with alma mater. Given recent events, maintaining this culture is going to be the greatest test of the incoming Senate.
- 3) This institute at almost every step, functions on trust. Every activity is based on the trust that all parties are in the end willing to contribute towards the same goal. All our systems have been built as such. Off late however, this has especially not been the case in matters of student issues policy – and sometimes we have been at fault too. Realizing this, and bridging this gap through increased communication, both formally and informally is crucial to the appositeness of the Students' Gymkhana (atleast today, in the end we're still subordinate to the Academic Senate and the BOG).
- 4) The strength of the student community is its numbers. United we'll stand and divided we will fall. That connect however, needs to extend beyond the boundaries of this space and time of this campus. Outreach to the world outside – the media, the industry, peer institutions and especially our own alumni is going to be critical in deciding the future that the Students' Gymkhana will have – both inside the campus and for the world outside.
- 5) **Recommendations to Senators:**
 - a. The most pressing difficulty you'll face is the lack of information; lack of information as to what the general procedure is, why is there an issue, what exactly went wrong, why is an idea being pushed than another. In any such issue, no I request that Senators be bold enough to admit this, and ask for clarification. Else, the Senate will never really be able to make any valuable contribution, and will end up becoming "*just another body awarding approvals*" rather than the platform for discussion of student opinion that it started out with (and is needed to be today).
 - b. Knowing the electorate in whose name a Senator sits in the meeting is important. But doing something for them after this is more important. A Senator is a legislative



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position, but that does not mean anyone stops a Senator from participating in executive work. I urge all Senators to bear in mind that their role does not end with coming to Senate meetings and expressing their opinion only. Be a part of the groups that actually execute the policies discussed in the Senate, else there is only so much that you can do in your 1 year.

- c. Finally, the Senate remains till date the most revered student body in IITK. It is up to the incoming Senate to keep it thus. And sometimes that will involve taking harsh decisions, reprimanding misdeeds or censuring blunders. Often Office-bearers face a very precarious conflict in being able to make this decision. In such times, it is the Senate that must take the lead, and ensure that the right decision is taken. It is often assumed that the Office-Bearers run the Senate. But the support of the Senate in allowing them do so is just as much a factor.