



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



## **End-Term Report of the Students' Senate (2014-15)**

Presented by: Anurag Sahay  
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### **Major New Items**

- Entrepreneurship on campus
  - An item regarding this was proposed by Mr. Farid Ahsan, Senator, UG Y10 (4 Year). After discussion, the Senate decided to take legal advice from the Institute. After the legal advice was obtained, the Senate constituted an ad-hoc subcommittee chaired by Mr. Samarth Bansal, General Body Member for the same purpose. The report of the committee was itemised and shall be considered by the incoming Senate.
- Institute Teams
  - A proposal for including Institute Teams was proposed by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council. It was deliberated upon by the Senate and the Rules and Procedures Committee. A constitutional amendment to that effect was itemised and shall be taken up by the incoming Senate.
- Gymkhana fees increase and funding the General Championship
  - A proposal to fund the various pools in the General Championship was received from the COSHA. After discussion, the Students' Senate decided to increase the Gymkhana fees from Rs. 450 per year to Rs. 500 per year (including festival fees). From the increase in budget, Rs. 1,00,000 would be earmarked for the use of a given pool. This proposal was sent to the Patron, Students' Gymkhana for his consideration and was approved and implemented.
- Cap of outside participants in the Gymkhana Festivals
  - A proposal to increase the cap of outside participants in the Gymkhana Festivals (viz. Antaragni, Udghosh and Techkriti) was pending from last year's Senate. The Senate accepted the proposal, and forwarded it to the Patron, Students' Gymkhana for his consideration. The change was approved and implemented.
- Festival Manual
  - A new document called the Festival Manual was prepared and presented to formalize the rules of the festivals, and to update the appendix of the Constitution regarding festivals. The proposed Manual is currently under consideration by the GFAC (Gymkhana Festival Advisory Committee).
- Lost and Found in the Library
  - A proposal of the Senate for bag-tags in the Library was implemented on a trial basis by the Institute last year. The proposal was re-itemized for permanent



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implementation and is currently pending with the Institute.

- Automation in the Students' Gymkhana
  - A proposal to automate various processes in the Students' Gymkhana was considered by the Senate. A committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh, General Body Member to look into the same. The committee had submitted an interim report. The final report shall be considered by the incoming Senate.
- Document on Eligibility Criteria
  - A new document was prepared and presented to formalize the general eligibility criteria for all the posts under the Students' Gymkhana. It was passed by the Senate to be added as an appendix of the Constitution.
- Document on Gymkhana Awards
  - A new document was prepared and presented to formalize the guidelines for the various Gymkhana Awards. It was passed by the Senate to be added as an appendix of the Constitution.
- Sponsorship for activities conducted by the Students' Gymkhana
  - A proposal for allowing the various councils under the Students' Gymkhana to gather funds and resources from external sources was proposed by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council. The Senate accepted the proposal and it was sent to the Patron, Students' Gymkhana for his consideration.
- New Guidelines for Senator Seed Fund (SSF)
  - A proposal to formulate new guidelines for Senator Seed Fund was pending from the last years' Senate. The Senate constituted an ad-hoc subcommittee, chaired by Mr. Siddharth Vishwanath for the same purpose. The report of the committee was itemised in the last Senate Meeting.
- Restructuring Standing Committees of the Students' Senate
  - A proposal to restructure the Standing Committees of the Students' Senate was proposed by Mr. Shubham Atreja and Mr. Gautam Pratap. The proposal was deliberated upon by the Senate and the Rules and Procedures Committee. The final proposal, along with the opinion of the Rules and Procedures Committee was itemised in the last Senate Meeting.
- Remedial Programme for Academically deficient students
  - A proposal regarding a Remedial Programme was pending from the last year's Senate. After deliberations at various levels, the proposal was itemised in the last Senate Meeting.



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- Early Registration for Dual Degree Students.
  - A proposal regarding early registration for Dual degree students during the summers, so that they complete their pending thesis work was proposed by Mr. Avish Rana (Senator, UG Y10). The proposal was itemised in the last Senate meeting.

### Councils and Committee

The following were the conveners of the various Councils:

- COSHA : Pushapjeet Singh Sodhi
- UGSAC : Anuj Kukreja
- PGSAC : Amarjit Kene

The President, Students' Gymkhana is the Chairman, COSHA and the Chairperson, Students' Senate is the Chairman, UGSAC and Chairman, PGSAC.

The following were the conveners of the various Committees:

- Finance Committee : Vibhu M. Bajpai
- Rules and Procedures Committee : Sabyasachi Verma (Parliamentarian)

The following ad-hoc subcommittees were constituted but could not submit their report in time:

- Constitution subcommittee (under the chairmanship of Mr. Avish Rana): To propose and update the appendices of the Constitution.
- Entrepreneurship subcommittee (under the convenership of Mr. Samarth Bansal): To consider the issue of entrepreneurship on campus, and to come up with methods to promote it.
- Golden Jubilee subcommittee (under the chairmanship of Mr. Sarthak Chandra): To audit and monitor the items purchased through the Golden Jubilee fund.
- Contingency funding subcommittee (under the chairmanship of Mr. Arun Karthik): To consider the status of contingency funding for PG students.
- Fact-finding committee for Techkriti'14 and Fact-finding committee for Antaragni'13 (under the chairmanship of Mr. Karthik Balasundaram).
- Students' Lounge subcommittee (under the chairmanship of the President): To assist the President with regard to the Users' Committee of the Students' Lounge.
- Automation subcommittee (under the chairmanship of Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh):



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To consider the processes of the Students' Gymkhana and suggest ways of automating them.

- Academics in GC committee (under the chairmanship of Mr. Abhimanyu Arora): To assist the President, Students' Gymkhana in formulating the guidelines for including Academics in General Championship (2014-15).

### **Recommendations**

1. It is important to ensure that the remaining appendices of the Constitution are prepared as soon as possible.
2. The archives of the previous year records of the Students' Senate need to be properly maintained on the website of the Students' Senate.
3. Hard copies of the all records of the Students' Senate should be kept in the Office of the Students' Senate.
4. A Student Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) should be formed for any event under the General Championship which should address all the complaints before the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC).