

REPORT OF THE GYMKHANA REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Gymkhana Review Committee met yesterday to discuss the matters relating to the conduction of extended orientation of the UG Y13 batch. The meeting was also attended by the President, Students Gymkhana and three other General Secretaries.

There was consensus among the GRC members and the Executives present on the following points:

- 1) The extended orientation should be conducted by the Students Gymkhana.
- 2) It was discussed that each year a committee of 4-5 members be made for the conduction of the extended orientation with the President, Students Gymkhana being an ex-officio member of this committee. However for this year due to the shortage of time the GRC should be empowered to make all decisions relating to the conduction of the extended orientation.
- 3) The members agreed that the underlying principles on which the extended orientation is being conducted is to increase the awareness of the freshers about the role and extent of the Gymkhana (both Councils and the Students Senate), more information about their departments, more interaction with professors and to remove any wrong impression that they have regarding the role of academics and extra-curricular activities in their future.

After due consideration these are the schedule of activities/events proposed by the GRC for achieving our goals for the extended orientation this year:

5-8th August and 12th August: Quad sessions with seniors of different councils with each council covering one UG hall each day. The General Secretaries shall be responsible for their own councils and the only they reserve the right to select responsible seniors from their councils.

13th August: Meeting with department seniors (fourth and fifth years only) and the student nominees in the DUGC in the LHC. This year the GRC with the help of the Academic Affairs Cell shall be responsible for choosing these seniors and other logistics. From the next year it can be managed by the above mentioned committee.

14th August: This would be a day for interaction of freshers with the faculty members in the quads. It was recommended that the names of these faculty members be taken from the DoSA sir and DoFA sir. Also the responsibility of this event lies with the President, Students Gymkhana and the GRC.

23rd August: Interaction with experienced Senators, President and Chairman to visit the wings and educate the students about the Students' Senate, role of Senators, of President and Chairman, and that of Students' Senate nominees. The responsibility of appointing the senators for this lies with the Chairman, Students Senate.

26th August: A session (of maximum 2 hours) would be conducted centrally on "What not to do in IITK". Basically it would educate the freshers and also remove any misconceptions/myths that they might have regarding the role of academics and extra-curricular activities and what actually will be of utmost importance for a good college life and future. This session will have members from the ex-core team, SPO and a few students preparing for graduate schools and some students who are

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involved in startups so that students are exposed to a variety of ideas in a correct way. The responsibility for the selection of these students and the conduction of this event lies with the GRC with the help of the President, Students Gymkhana.

Strictly no activities/sessions (other than those mentioned above) under the banner of the Students' Gymkhana shall be permitted on these dates. Additionally since we have a few dates left we may have a session with Director sir and a session with some alumni. For this the President, Students Gymkhana is requested to co-ordinate with Director sir and the ACP to see if these sessions are possible.