



**Students' Senate (2015-16)**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  
**Vedant Goenka | Chairperson**



**Minutes: 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

**The 2016-17/2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 4:00 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. Joint Meeting 2016</li><li>ii. 2016-17/1st Meeting</li><li>iii. 2016-17/1st Special Meeting</li><li>iv. 2016-17/2nd Special Meeting</li></ol>
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This item was deferred for consideration in 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 President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the Gymkhana week will be conducted from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the 49<sup>th</sup> convocation was conducted on June 27<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the construction of Hall 12 and 13 could not be completed due to some unforeseen circumstances.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that an Institute Committee had been formed for sponsorship in Gymkhana and it shall be meeting next week.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the Hall Executive Committee shall now have some say in the warden selection of their respective halls.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the student representatives to the Women's Cell shall now be nominated by the Students' Senate.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the Institute has agreed in principle to the idea of considering student opinion in the selection of Associate Deans.
- The President, Students' Gymkhana informed that the Internal Complaints Committee shall have student representatives, mainly from the Women's Cell. A request for a male student member has also been sent by him.
- The Chairperson, Students' Senate announced the cyclic sequence of hall visits during the Gymkhana Week, with the first day being:
  - Hall-2 will be visited by the General Affairs council.
  - Hall 3 will be visited by the Cultural Council.
  - Hall 5 will be visited by Science and Technology Council.
  - Hall 6 will be visited by Films and Media Council.
  - Hall 10 will be visited by Games and Sports Council.



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- The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council announced that the S&T summer camp was successfully completed.
- The General Secretary, Films and Media Council announces that the FMC workshop was organised successfully.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To note the decisions taken by the Students' Senate over the mailing list since the last meeting
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The Senate noted the following decisions taken over the mailing list since the last meeting:

- Dates of Antaragni were ratified. Dates were finalised from 20th -23rd Oct.
- It was decided that the degree certificate will mention the minors done in the academic programme.
- Pre-term report was discussed.
- Call for nominations were invited for Academic and Research cell.
- Regarding the fee hike, a resolution was discussed with the director. Some changes were made in the fifth point.
- The issue with the existing system for loans was raised by Vijeta and discussed over the mailing list.
- Review of modified award criteria was done. Some apprehensions were raised by Rutuj and were addressed accordingly.
- Membership of FAC(A) was ratified over mailing list.
- About defiance of Techkriti 16, The President Students' Gymkhana suggested that the same should be discussed in a CoFA meeting.
- Regarding the F grade rule, the senate decided to go ahead with the presented proposal.
- The Techkriti core team, 2017 was ratified.
- The President Students' Gymkhana talked with the Director regarding the complaints received against Ishan Sharma.
- Regarding the SSAC rule in the SSPC manual, it was decided that this issue will be taken up when the SSAC manual is presented in the senate.
- For the Gopaldas Bhandari Award, Prof. Sumit Ganguly was recommended for the same. Due to change in procedure and the delay that followed, it was decided that the award will be given on teacher's day.
- Hall 12 and GH-2 were not ready, further the intake was increased due to a different procedure. The Hall allocation was implemented after some changes.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To report the actions taken on the decisions of the Senate
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This item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the General Affairs Council
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the names, which were ratified by the Senate as presented. The name of Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal was added as the President's Nominee to Institute Gas Users' Committee.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider for ratification, changes in names for the Core Team of Games and Sports Council
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The names were ratified by the Senate as presented.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Community Welfare Cell
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The names were ratified by the Senate as presented.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider for ratification, changes in names for the Core Team of Entrepreneurship Cell
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It was notified to the Senate that Ms. Apoorva Khandelwal had submitted her resignation from the post of Head, Events in Entrepreneurship Cell. Additionally, the name of Ms. Krutika Kalkal was ratified for the post of Head, Media and Publicity of the cell.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Academics and Research Cell
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The names were ratified by the Senate as presented.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for Antaragni '16
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The names were ratified by the Senate as presented.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the report of the Fact-Finding Committee constituted to look into the Vivekananda Samiti Issues
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Mr. Vedant Goenka presented the report as a member of the committee on behalf of its Convener. Some concerns were raised by the members present regarding certain facts outlined in the report.

It was pointed out that the religious leader who was invited did not give a talk on religion but on Vivekananda. It was also pointed out that the then President had given a factually wrong statement to the Campus Media house, Vox Populi. Questions were also raised regarding the communication gap. It was accepted that singling out a point and sending it to the mailing list made no sense.



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Following the report, questions were raised on future possibility of mis-management by the Vivekananda Samiti. The concerns raised were suitably addressed by the Chairperson and President.

Issues were also raised about the inclusion of VS but the Samiti was reinstated into the Gymkhana. Some money also has to be allocated to the Vivekananda Samiti. It was also noted that there would not be a budget overshoot issue.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	To consider the post conduction report of General Championship 2015-16
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. Multiple concerns were raised regarding the scrapping of a majority of events of Melange 2015-16 and of Academics from the Inter-Pool General Championship 2015-16. The President, Students' Gymkhana clarified his actions citing the Committee formed the previous year to review the mechanism to conduct scoring for Academics. It was noted by the Senate however that there was no mention of any eventuality should the committee come up with nothing regarding Academics in the GC. Further, as no official minutes of the committee were found, an official communication was requested from the former President, Students' Gymkhana, Mr. Gautam Pratap Singh.

The issue could not be resolved despite extensive discussion and the item was deferred due to the absence of relevant documents. The President, Students' Gymkhana was asked to present the report again after sorting out the issues that arose.

<b>Item No. 13</b>	To consider the updated Gymkhana Calendar
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the calendar for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate made changes in the month of February due to over-crowding in the calendar. The dates of two meetings were also changed.

The Gymkhana Calendar was accepted with the above changes.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	To consider the proposal for changes in the HSS Lottery System
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The SUGC Student Nominee, Mr. Kunal Kapila presented the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate extensively discussed each recommendation separately .

Rec 1: "Many students felt that the HSS lottery should be conducted in such a manner that during their complete academic program, each student should get their first or second preference at least twice." Several issues were raised on the implementation part. Most of the issues were duly addressed. It was decided that if an implementation is made such that it does not affect anyone then it will be accepted.



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Rec 2: "The algorithm should be in such a manner that it first allocates available seats as per the 1st preference of all candidates alone, then moves on to the second preference, and so on." This recommendation was accepted as presented.

Rec 3: "Students enrolled in double major programmes have frequent clashes as they are following the templates of two departments, and should be given priority while HSS allocation." It was decided that students pursuing minors should also be included along with double major. It was also decided that direct preference should not be given to double major students, instead some preference should be given for slots.

Rec 4: "Many students feel that the content of an HSS course is not easy to comprehend from its name and syllabus. Instructors should make a video before offering the course (510 mins) explaining in layman's language so that students understand what it is about." It was decided that a two-page document be also included stating the course content and all the relevant details.

Rec 5: "Economics should be removed as an HSS and should instead be offered just as an Open Elective because this subjects highly distorts the preferences of students and many students also felt that this is more of science/mathematics based course than an HSS course." It was decided that this recommendation will be taken up when Economics is made a separate department. This recommendation was removed for now.

Rec 6: "Many students opined that seats should be increased in course which are in high demand. To ensure more flexibility, the exact strength of the course should be decided after the students have filled their choices to accommodate as many students as possible. Also, flipped classrooms (blended MOOC) can be tried for HSS to cater to the choices of more students." This recommendation was accepted as presented.

Rec 7: "Some students felt that the allocation of HSS II courses should take into account the grades scored in the corresponding HSS I courses. Although quite a few others opposed this idea on grounds that this would be unfair on the part of students who did not get their first few choices in the start and they also felt that it difficult to ascertain interest in a stream by just a couple of courses and it is only when one has taken a diverse set that he/she realises where their true interest lies." This recommendation was accepted as presented.

The proposal was accepted with the above caveats.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	To consider the comments and remarks received on Pre-term report of the Students' Gymkhana
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the comments received on the reports through e-mail. The comments were appreciative in general and the Senate noted the fact that the initiative of pre-Term Reports was appreciated by the General Body.



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Further, the Senate decided that an informal calendar shall be made with the help of the General Secretaries including all the events which are not ratified.

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

<b>Item No. 17</b>	To consider a proposal for expansion in the ARC
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The proposal was accepted by the Senate.

<b>Item No. 18</b>	To consider the formation of a new team AUV under the SnT Council
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The team leaders were ratified. The team leaders will now be called as Team Captains from now on. The proposal was accepted as presented.

<b>Item No. 19</b>	To consider resignation of Arshil Abbas Naqvi from the post of Senator BT/BS Y14
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Due to the said person's absence, this item was deferred for consideration in the next Senate meeting. A show cause notice was issued to the said person.

<b>Item No. 20</b>	To consider ratification of the festival coordinators FAC.
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This item was accepted as presented.

<b>Item No. 21</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any
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Some questions were raised about the Redbook. Issues were duly addressed.

Library committee questions raised. Chair addressed the query.

The President Students' Gymkhana announced that there will be only two captains for AUV.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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**The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.**