



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



**2015-16/5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate**

The 2015-16/5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate (2015-16) was held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:15 PM.

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2015-16/3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting ii. 2015-16/4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting iii. 2015-16/2 <sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting
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The minutes were not circulated in time and hence shall be confirmed in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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There were no announcements and remarks by the executives and the Chairperson.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the reply of the Senators, to the show cause notice issued to them for not complying the following attendance rule: i. Missing 2 meetings without notification
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The Senator present in the meeting informed the Senate, against the show cause notice, his reasons for missing various meeting of the Senate. After due consideration, the Senate then accepted the reply of the Senator with the caveat that if the Senator missed another meeting, he/she shall cease to be a Senator.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To consider the Action Taken Report.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider the post conduction report of Techkriti'15.
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The Festival Coordinator, Techkriti'15 presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate noted that as per the report, the total number of participants in the festival was in violation of the pre-decided cap. The Senate further noted that none of the student representatives at that time were informed about the same and the registration was allowed to continue which is a grave misconduct. The Senate then raised serious doubts concerning the registration process overall. Further, the Festival Coordinator, Techkriti'15 accepted on the floor of the Senate that the open-fest participants had stayed on the campus for more than one day even though they might have registered for only one day. Various



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Senators also raised concerns regarding the refund of the caution money taken from the open-fest participants. The Senate then felt that there were serious flaws in the way the open-fest model was implemented as various provisions of the original proposal were not followed at all.

The Senate further commented on the absence of recommendations in the post conduction report and noted that the details about the conduction of TOSC were still missing in the report. Keeping all this in mind, the Senate felt that there is a need to look into the issues that have been raised so far and decided to constitute a Fact Finding Committee with the following composition:

- Chirag Jha, General Secretary, SnT Council (Convener)
- Sabyasachi Verma, Finance Convener
- Ashutosh Ranka, Senator, UGY13
- Ishant Rao, Senator M.Tech Y15
- Vimal Kumar, Senator PhD

The mandate of the committee shall be:

- To look into registration process and point out all the discrepancies.
- To look into the issue of refund of caution money and the implementation of the open-fest model.
- To review the Finance report and point out discrepancies, if any.

Further, the Senate rejected the post conduction report and asked the Festival Coordinator, Techkriti'15 to prepare a new report with the details about the open-fest model, registration process and the conduction of TOSC. This report as well as the Finance Report shall then be presented along with the report of the above constituted Fact Finding Committee.

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider the post Conduction Finance Report of Techkriti'15.
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The presentation of the Finance report of Techkriti'15 was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 7</b>	To re-consider the post-conduction Finance report of Udghosh'14
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The Head, Finance, Udghosh'14 presented the report on behalf of the Festival Coordinator, Udghosh'14.



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There was much discussion in the Senate regarding the changes made in the Finance report from the previous version. Questions were raised on the changes made in the expenditures from the previous report, some of them being pointed out six months after the closing of the Festival. The Head, Finance further informed the Senate that one of the receipt books issued for the sale of T-shirts had been lost but no action was taken thereafter. The Senate expressed its concern over the lack of responsibility shown on the part of Head, Finance and directed the Chairman, COFA (U) to write a letter to the Dean, Students' Affairs regarding the same. Further, keeping in mind the concerns regarding some of the billing amounts, the Senate directed the Finance Committee to cross-check the report against the bills submitted and re-present the report along with the discrepancies, if any.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider the elections for the post of In charge, PG Academics.
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The item was deferred as the proposer was not present in the meeting.

<b>Item No. 9</b>	To consider the issue pertaining to the MoUs signed by Techkriti'15 team after the deadline.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting to be considered along with the Finance report of Techkriti'15.

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider the proposal regarding the refund of caution money taken by the clubs.
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The item was deferred as the proposer was not present in the meeting.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the proposal of a stationary shop near the Lecture Hall Complex.
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Mr. Sparsh Grover, Senator, UG Y13 presented the issue for the consideration of the Senate. The President Student's Gymkhana clarified that a stationary shop was already in the plan for the student's lounge coming up under the LHC. Therefore, the proposer decided to withdraw his item.

<b>Item No. 12</b>	To consider the post-conduction report of Fresher's Inferno'15.
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The post-conduction report of Fresher's Inferno'15 was presented on the floor of the Senate by the General Secretary, Games and Sports Council. After due deliberation, the report was accepted as presented.



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<b>Item No. 13</b>	To consider the post conduction report of Freshers'15.
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The post-conduction report of Freshers'15 was presented on the floor of the Senate by the General Secretary, Cultural Council. After due deliberation, the report was accepted as presented.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	To consider the proposal of an open fest model during Antaragni'15.
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The Festival Coordinators, Antaragni'15 presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senators raised various concerns regarding the security measures for the open fest model. The Senate noted that most of these concerns have been addressed in the proposal and decided to accept the proposal. The Senate, however directed the Festival Coordinators to ensure that all these provisions are duly taken care of during the Festival and if there are any discrepancies they should be immediately pointed out to the representatives from COFA (A).

<b>Item No. 15</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of a new hobby group named Anime Society.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of a new gaming hobby group.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 17</b>	To consider the proposal for an Online booking system for VH and Allied facilities.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 18</b>	To consider the proposal for the formation of a new hobby group for cycling activities under the Games and Sports Council.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 19</b>	To consider the proposal regarding the structure of Gate in front of TA 202 Laboratory.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.



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<b>Item No. 20</b>	To consider the report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted to look into the issue of a major breach of code of conduct during By-Elections (2015-16).
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 21</b>	To consider the post conduction report of By-Elections (2015-16).
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 22</b>	To consider the proposed names for the position of Head, Web, Udghosh'15.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 23</b>	To consider the minutes of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Finance Committee.
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The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee were presented on the floor of the Senate by the Convener, Finance Committee. After due deliberation they were accepted by the Senate.

<b>Item No. 24</b>	To consider the proposal to introduce a new entity under the Students' Gymkhana, apart from the Clubs and Hobby Groups.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting due to paucity of time.

<b>Item No. 25</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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The following questions were raised:

- 1) Mr. Ashutosh Ranka remarked that the meeting should not have been conducted as the Gymkhana Blackout was going on.
- 2) Mr. Ashish Aggarwal asked the Chairperson to write a letter to the Dean of Student Affairs about the issue pertaining to selective entry of students to particular buildings in the campus.
- 3) The President, Student's Gymkhana gave a clarification regarding the bodies that are authorized to design and sell "IIT-K" goodies. He clarified that only the bodies which are associated with the institute in any capacity can sell goodies with "IIT-K" logos on them. No third party or any individual student is authorized to do the same.
- 4) Clarification was asked from the Chairperson, Students' Senate regarding the status of Ms. Richa Agarwal (UG Girl's Representative) as a member of the Senate. The Chairperson pointed out that while a UG girl was elected as a Senator in the By-



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Elections, the Constitution in itself is ambiguous on this matter and asked the Parliamentarian for his interpretation. The Parliamentarian in his interpretation of the Constitution told the Senate that as a UG girl had become a member of the Senate through the by-elections the need for the UG Girl's Representative had ended and Ms. Richa Agarwal should be relieved of her responsibilities. The Senate then expressed its gratitude and appreciation for her contribution towards the working of the Senate.

- 5) Mr. Samarth Bansal, General Body Member, put forward two questions to the Senate regarding Agenda Item No. 13 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting of the Student's Senate (2015-2016). The first question asked was that why was a fact finding committee not constituted to investigate the charges of financial mismanagement by the Vivekananda Samiti. The Chairperson, Student's Senate replied that a General Body Member had requested for a fact finding committee to be constituted but the Senate did not see a need to constitute the fact finding committee as the Vivekananda Samiti had been found in violation of certain clauses of the Constitution in handling its finances.

The second question asked was that it was highly likely that Senators didn't have a background about this issue and was it the case that no one asked to defer the case to next meeting so that they could understand things better. The Chairperson, Student's Senate replied that had a request for deferral of the item been received the item could have been deferred, however no such request was made by the members present in the Senate.

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

**The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 1:00 AM**



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**Attendance Record**

- Total Strength of the Senate : 46
- Total number of Senators present : 39
- Total number of Senators absent : 7
- Absent without notification : 4
- Absent with permission : 3

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No	Name	Name of the post	Attendance
1.	Shubham Atreja	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2.	Gautam Pratap Singh	President Students' Gymkhana	Present
3.	Ashish Aggarwal	General Secretary, Cultural Council	Present
4.	Chirag Jha	General Secretary, Science and Technology Council	Present
5.	M. Surya Prakash	General Secretary, Games and Sports Council	Present
6.	Prateek Mishra	General Secretary, Films and Media Council	Present
7.	Anand Prakash Dwivedi	Senator, PhD	Present
8.	Amarjit P. Kene	Senator, PhD	Present
9.	Jitendra K. Katiyar	Senator, PhD	Present
10.	Leeladhar Nagdeve	Senator, PhD	Present
11.	Vikram Kumar	Senator, PhD	Absent*
12.	Ashabari Mazumdar	Senator, PhD	Present
13.	Sana Afrin	Senator, PhD	Present
14.	Vimal Kumar	Senator, PhD	Present
15.	Neelakshi	Senator, PhD	Present



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16.	Shivanuj Shukla	Senator, MTech Y14	Present
17.	Ishant Rao	Senator, MTech Y15	Present
18.	Ropesh Goyal	Senator, MTech Y15	Present
19.	Supreme Jain	Senator, MTech Y15	Present
20.	Praharsh Patel	Senator, MSc (2 Year) Y15	Absent
21.	Kshitij Sareen	Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Eq. Programmes Y14	Present
22.	Himanshu Negi	Senator, MBA, MDes and Other Eq. Programmes Y15	Present
23.	Abhishek Singh	Senator, UG Y11 (5 Year)	Absent
24.	Rishikesh Mishra	Senator, UG Y11 (5 Year)	Absent*
25.	Harsh Toshniwal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
26.	Navdeep Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Present
27.	Rishabh Bansal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
28.	Sabyasachi Verma	Senator, UG Y12	Present
29.	Abhimanyu Yadav	Senator, UG Y13	Absent*
30.	Ashutosh Ranka	Senator, UG Y13	Present
31.	Sagar Rastogi	Senator, UG Y13	Present
32.	Samyak Jain	Senator, UG Y13	Present
33.	Sparsh	Senator, UG Y13	Present
34.	Vedant Goenka	Senator, UG Y13	Present
35.	Ayushya Agarwal	Senator, UG Y14	Present
36.	Gaurav Seth	Senator, UG Y14	Present
37.	Kunal Kapila	Senator, UG Y14	Present





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38.	Nikhil Bansal	Senator, UG Y14	Present
39.	Shubham Kumar Pandey	Senator, UG Y14	Absent
40.	Simrat Singh	Senator, UG Y14	Present
41.	Akarsh Gajbhiye	Senator, UG Y15	Present
42.	Kshitij Jaiswal	Senator, UG Y15	Absent
43.	Mugdha Arora	Senator, UG Y15	Present
44.	Shivam Gupta	Senator, UG Y15	Present
45.	Siddhant Suhas Naik	Senator, UG Y15	Present
46.	Swastid Sharma	Senator, UG Y15	Present

\* – Absent with permission

# – Absent without notification

^ – Present (Nominee)