



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



2015-16/6th Meeting of the Students' Senate

The 2015-16/6th Meeting of the Students' Senate (2015-16) was held on Sunday, 27th September, 2015 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 4:42 PM.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. 2015-16/3rd Meetingii. 2015-16/4th Meetingiii. 2015-16/2nd Special Meetingiv. 2015-16/5th Meeting
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The minutes were presented for the consideration of the Senate and were deliberated upon. The changes made, due to comments, on the mailing lists were noted. The Chairperson Student's Senate remarked on the need for the Senate to go through the entire minutes thoroughly and to remark on any discrepancy that they feel exists.

The attendance record for Mr. Sagar Rastogi, Senator , UG Y13 , for the 2nd special meeting 2015/16 of the Student's Senate was changed to absent with notification from absent without notification.

The following comment was received under Item No-13 of the 2015-16/2nd Special Meeting from the Chief Counsellor, Student's Gymkhana:

"I am aware of the decision taken by the Students' Senate in the matter of Vivekananda Samiti. Vivekananda Samiti has been an integral part of the Students' Gymkhana for a very long period. Many stake holders are feeling hurt because of the decision of the Students' Senate. I request you to deliberate on this decision and consider continuing Vivekananda Samiti as a club in the Presidential Council in the larger interest of the Institute"

The comment was noted and deliberated upon. The Senate decided to relook into the decision and stated that Vivekananda Samiti would stay under the purview of the Gymkhana until the Mid-Term report of the Presidential Council, according to the original decision.

With the above changes the minutes were ratified by the Senate

Item No. 2	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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The following announcements were admitted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate:

1. The President, Student's Gymkhana informed the Senate that the annual function of Prayas is being held in the Lecture Hall Complex.
2. The President, Students' Gymkhana informed the Senate that Udghosh'15 is going to be organized from 1st October to 4th October, 2015. Around 1500 students are expected to take part in the inter-collegiate sports festival. The Senate then wished the Festival Coordinators of Udghosh'15 good luck for a successful conduction of the same.
3. The Academic Calendar for the year 2016, as approved by the Academic Senate has been released by the office of the Dean, Academic Affairs. The Senate noted that the calendar further states that extra classes should not be scheduled on Gazetted holidays.

Item No. 3	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 Chairperson, Students' Senate issued the show cause notice on 25th September, 2015. One of the Senators was not present in campus due to an emergency and had submitted his resignation citing his inability to attend meetings in the near future. The Senate accepted his resignation.

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 accepted the reply of the Senator with the caveat that if the Senator missed another meeting, he/she shall cease to be a Senator.

Item No. 4	To note the decisions taken by the Students' Senate over the mailing list since the last meeting.
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The following decisions were noted by the Students' Senate:

- The Senate ratified the following names for the post of Head, Web, Udghosh'15:

Kush Singh	13371
Swapnil Kumar Nandwana	13734



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Item No. 5	To consider the Action Taken Report.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 6	To consider the elections for the post of Incharge, PG Academics.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 7	To consider the proposal regarding the refund of caution money taken by the clubs.
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The issue was presented by the proposer, Senator, UG Y14, Mr. Shubham Kumar Pandey for the consideration of the Senate. The Senator highlighted the various problems that are faced by students in getting refund for the caution money collected by the clubs for various projects etc. The Senate deliberated upon the issue and noted it. The Senate further noted that it should be mandatory for all clubs/councils to issue receipts of some sort whenever any money is collected from the students and directed the Executives to ensure the same. This shall enable the students to back the claim for their refunds with an official document. Further, the Senate pointed out that in case the caution money is not refunded due to some reason, it should be submitted to the DOSA office along with the receipts and then expenditures shall be made out of the money collected. Hence, the Senate once again directed the Executives to ensure that the procedure is duly followed and no money collected from the students is spent directly without getting accounted into the income. Any such incidence in the future shall be treated as a case of financial mismanagement and be dealt with accordingly. Further, in order to ensure a smooth refund process, the Senate directed the Executives to issue guidelines pertaining to the refund process whenever any caution money is collected from the students. In particular, the guidelines should have details about the reasons for collecting the money, conditions under which the refund may be seized, tentative deadline for taking back the refund etc.

The Senate then deliberated on alternative mechanisms for collecting caution money via cheques/online banking and directed the Finance Committee to present its opinion on the implementation aspect for the same.

Item No. 8	To consider the proposal for the formation of a new hobby group named Anime Society.
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The Chairperson pointed out a mistake in this agenda item, as the item was submitted by Mr.



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Labhansh Agrawal through the General Secretary, Films and Media Council. The Chairperson pointed out that the proposal for the formation of a new hobby group has to come through one of the Executives, on the request of a general body member.

Mr. Labhansh Agrawal, then presented the details of the proposal for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate after due deliberation accepted the proposal.

Thus, a new hobby group named Anime Society was incorporated under the Films and Media Council and Mr. Labhansh Agrawal was appointed as the Leader of the hobby group.

Item No. 9	To consider the proposal for the formation of a new gaming hobby group.
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The Chairperson, Student's Senate and the President Student's Gymkhana pointed out that they have not received the SG Form for the formation of this hobby group and hence the agenda item cannot be considered by the Senate.

Item No. 10	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.

Item No. 11	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.

Item No. 12	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.

Item No. 13	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 Students' Senate in its 2015-16/4th Meeting had constituted a Fact Finding Committee to look into the issue of a major breach of code of conduct during the By-Elections (2015-16). The Convener of the committee, Mr. Abhishek Tyagi presented the report of the committee for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed and accepted the report



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The Senate further noted that the recommendations involved imposing monetary fines on some students and hence directed the Chief Election Officer to go ahead with the implementation of the accepted recommendations.

Item No. 14	To consider the post conduction report of By-Elections (2015-16).
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The Chief Election Officer presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. One of the recommendations of the report, namely "*Provision of laptops by gymkhana for polling purpose*" was not accepted and the Senate instead directed the President, Student's Gymkhana to help the Election Commission in procuring desktops from either the hall computer centers or the main computer center. The Senate then accepted the report with this change.

Item No. 15	To consider the proposal to introduce a new entity under the Students' Gymkhana, apart from the Clubs and Hobby Groups and thereby restructure the Presidential Council.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana and the Chairperson, Students' Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. They pointed out that there are some entities under the Students' Gymkhana which serve a diversified cause pertaining to a wider set of interests. Such a cause may need a bigger space to develop, to be able to affect the student community and thus these entities should exist as independent bodies under the Students' Gymkhana. They should not come under the direct purview of any Council and should be directly answerable to the Senate. As per the proposal, these entities may be called as Cells. During the course of discussion, it was further stated that there shall not be any hierarchy between the clubs and the Cells as there is a significant difference in the nature of activities that come under their respective purviews. Further it was also noted that as per the proposal, the cells may have different wings working towards individual causes. However, the structure of the wings shall be informal and remain internal to the Cell. The Senate also deliberated upon the need of Faculty Counsellors for the Cells. While it was realised that some Cells may need faculty members as advisors, the Senate decided that the Cells may approach Faculty members for advices but this shall be carried out informally and remain internal to the working of individual Cells.

As per the proposal, Overall Coordinators and Heads may be appointed to oversee the working of the Cells. However, the students shall be appointed to these post on the recommendation of panel(s) constituted by the Nominations Committee. The Cells shall receive their own funding in the Gymkhana Budget and the funds shall remain under the



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supervision of the Overall Coordinators. However, the President, being the Chief Executive of Students' Gymkhana shall remain the signing authority on behalf of the Cells on all SG Forms. The Senate after discussing the proposal at length accepted the proposal and directed the Rules and Procedures Committee to deliberate the Constitutional amendments pertaining to the proposal and present it in the next meeting.

The President then pointed out that most of the clubs/hobby-groups under the Presidential Council differ significantly in terms of the nature of their activities and various clubs/hobby groups may be combined to form Cells. This restructuring shall further ensure that new Cells are established. As a result, the Senate directed the President to look into the working of all the clubs/hobby groups in the Presidential Council and propose the restructuring of the Council as well the new Cells that can be created as part of his mid-term report and thus the Cells may come into existence right after the mid-term report.

Item No. 16	To consider the proposal regarding the end-term report submitted by the Finance Convener.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 17	To consider the proposal to change the date of charge-handover of the Students' Senate.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 18	To consider the elections for the Students' Senate nominee to the COSHA.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 19	To consider the proposed names for the Faculty Counsellors for the year 2015-16.
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The following names of the Faculty Counsellors for the Councils of Students' Gymkhana were presented by the respective Executives:

The General Secretary, Films and Media Council proposed the name of Prof. Deepu Philip for the post of the Faculty Counselor, Films and Media Council.

The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council proposed the name of Prof. Abhishek for the post of the Faculty Counselor, Science and Technology Council.

The President, Student's Gymkhana informed the Senate that he had not yet received



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confirmation from the faculty he had approached and he would be getting the name ratified on the mailing list.

Item No. 20	To consider for ratification, the proposed names for the Leaders of Raktarpan Hobby Group.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana submitted the following names for the post:

Amarjit Kene	12105162
Charu Bansal	14194

The same were ratified by the Senate.

Item No. 21	To consider the pre-conduction report of Green Opus (2015-16).
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented this report for the consideration of the Senate. The proposal was accepted with some changes. The dates for judging of Green Opus were changed to 6th October to 15th October followed by 3rd November to 12th November due to the interceding mid-semester break and Antaragni'15.

It was also suggested that the data collected during conduction of Green Opus be made public so that it can be used productively.

Item No. 22	To consider the pre-conduction report of Spectrum'15.
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The General Secretary, Films and Media Council presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The General Secretary, Films and Media Council pointed out that the report did not have complete information about certain events and thus was directed by the Senate to provide the remaining details over the mailing list. With that caveat, the Senate accepted the report.

Item No. 23	To consider the proposal for having an AC in the Aeromodelling Club Room.
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The item was deferred to the next meeting.

Item No. 24	To consider, for approval and acceptance, the list of names for the team and the following pre-conduction reports of Udghosh'15: a. Festival conduction report b. Marketing report c. Proposed budget d. Security report
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	e. Special Task Force
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The Festival Coordinators, Udghosh'15 presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the report as presented. Further, the Senate accepted the request of Festival Coordinators to ratify the composition of the Special Task Force over the mailing list.

Item No. 25	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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No questions and remarks were made by Senators, Executives and General Body Members

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair
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One additional agenda item was raised with the permission of the Chair:

Item No. 26	To re-consider the status of Vivekananda Samiti as a club under the Students' Gymkhana.
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The Students' Senate under Item No-13 of the 2015-16/2nd Special Meeting had decided to remove Vivekananda Samiti as a club under the Students' Gymkhana. However, based on the comments received from the Chief Counsellor, Students' Gymkhana, the Chairperson proposed that the Senate shall look into its earlier decision and deliberate upon it. During the course of discussion, the Senate felt that sufficient time was not given for everyone to form their opinions as most of the facts pointed out in that meeting were not available beforehand. The President, Students' Gymkhana then proposed that a Fact Finding Committee be constituted to look into working of the Vivekananda Samiti as well as ascertain the facts that presented in the meeting. The Senate then based on the findings of the Fact Finding Committee may further deliberate whether Vivekananda Samiti shall continue to exist under Students' Gymkhana or not.

The Senate accepted the proposal and constituted a Fact Finding Committee with the said mandate and the following composition :

- 1) Rishikesh Mishra , Senator Dual Y11 (Convener)
- 2) Pratik Mishra , General Secretary Films and Media Council
- 3) Vedant Goenka , Senator UG Y13
- 4) Vimal , Senator, PhD



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No other agenda item was raised.

The Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 10:15 PM