



Students' Senate (2017-18)  
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur  
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**1st Meeting of the Students' Senate (2017-18): Attendance Record**

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

Total Strength of the Senate: 43  
Total number of Senators present: 32  
Total number of Senators absent: 11  
Absent without notification: 9  
Absent with permission: 2

The detailed attendance record is as follows:

S. No.	Name	Post	Status
1	Kunal Kapila	Chairperson, Students' Senate	Present
2	Rutuj Jugade	President, Students' Gymkhana	Present
3	Swapnil Kumar	General Secretary, Cultural	Present
4	Nikhil Srivastava	General Secretary, Games and Sports	Absent#
5	Anvesh Jadon	General Secretary, Science and Technology	Present
6	Shubham Das	Finance Convener, Students' Senate	Present
7	Siddhant Naik	Parliamentarian, Students' Senate	Present
8	Tathagat Gupta	Senator, BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y12	Present
9	Shubham Garg	Senator, BT/BS-MT/MS/MBA Y13	Present
10	Abhishek Rai	Senator, BT/BS Y13	Absent
11	Devendra Kumar Meena	Senator, BT/BS Y13	Absent
12	Kuchankar Yogita	Senator, BT/BS Y13	Present
13	Vineet Agrawal	Senator, BT/BS Y13	Present*
14	Ayushya Agarwal	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Present
15	Bhanu Garg	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Present
16	Mandeep Singh	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
17	Labhansh Agrawal	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent
18	Sagar Chand	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Absent



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19	Tony John	Senator, BT/BS Y14	Present
20	Animesh Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Absent
21	Pranav Sao	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
22	Pranshu Garg	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
23	Pratyush Rai	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
24	Shivam Gupta	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present
25	Mayank Chauhan	Senator, BT/BS Y15	Present*
26	Aayushi Bansal	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
27	Abhay Kumar Mishra	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
28	Ayush Singh	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
29	Mukund Maheshwari	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
30	Richeek Awasthi	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
31	Yash Mahajan	Senator, BT/BS Y16	Present
32	Arjak Bhattacharjee	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
33	Chalumuri Sivananda	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
34	Kapil K. Dayma	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
35	Mahendra Kumar	Senator, MTech Y16	Present
36	Praharsh M. Patel	Senator, MSc/MSc-PhD Y15	Absent
37	S. Vishaal	Senator, MSc/MSc-PhD Y16	Absent
38	Ankit Panwar	Senator, MBA/M.Des. Y16	Absent
39	Alluru Srinivas	Senator, MSR	Present*
40	Aditya Desai	Senator, PhD Y14+	Present
41	Chandra Sekar	Senator, PhD Y14+	Present
42	K. Kishore Kumar	Senator, PhD Y15	Present
43	Manjeer Majumdar	Girls' Representative. PG	Absent#

\* - Present with Nominee

# - Absent with Permission



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**1st Meeting of the Students' Senate (2017-18): Minutes**

**The 2017-18/1 st Meeting of the Students' Senate was held on Sunday, 2 nd April, 2017 in the Senate Hall, SAC. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 2:34 PM.**

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:  i. 2016-17/7th Meeting ii. 2016-17/5th (Special) Meeting iii. 2016-17/8th Meeting iv. 2016-17/9th Meeting v. 2016-17/6th (Special) Meeting vi. 2016-17/7th (Special) Meeting vii. 2016-17/10th Meeting viii. 2016-17/8th (Special Meeting) ix. Joint Senate 2017
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented the minutes of 2016-17/7th, 2016-17/5th (Special), 2016-17/8th, 2016-17/9th, and, 2016-17/6th (Special) meeting for confirmation. The minutes were confirmed with the changes proposed.

The Chairperson further informed the Senate that the minutes of 2016-17/7th (Special) and 2016-17/10th meeting have been drafted but are yet to be vetted upon by the Chairperson, Students' Senate (2016-17), and the minutes for the 2016-17/8th (Special) meeting and the Joint Senate 2017 have not been prepared yet.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	Announcements and Remarks, if any
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No Announcements and Remarks were made.



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<b>Item No. 3</b>	To note the decisions taken by the Senate over the mailing list
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This item was deferred to the next meeting since the document were not compiled yet.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To report the actions taken on the decisions on the Students' Senate 2016-17
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This item was deferred to the next meeting since the report hadn't been submitted by the Chairperson, Students' Senate (2016-17). The Senate further decided that the Chairperson, Students' Senate (2016-17) be asked to present the ATR in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	To consider the elections of the members of the following standing committees and councils of the Students' Senate. i. Finance Committee ii. Steering Committee iii. Rules and Procedures Committee iv. Nominations Committee v. Council of Students for Hostel Affairs (COSHA)
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The elections of the members to various standing committees and councils was held and the following members were elected to the same:

1. Finance Committee:
  - a. Mahendra Kumar (Senator M.Tech. Y16)
  - b. Pranav Sao (Senator BT/BS Y15)
  - c. Pratyush Rai (Senator BT/BS Y15)
2. Steering Committee:
  - a. Richeek Awasthi (Senator BT/BS Y16)
  - b. Chandra Sekar (Senator PhD Y14+)
3. Rules and Procedures Committee:
  - a. Mukund Maheshwari (Senator BT/BS Y16)
  - b. Richeek Awasthi (Senator BT/BS Y16)

Since no nominations for the post were received by the PG Senators, the Senate decided to form the committee and defer the elections to the 4th member of the Rules and Procedures Committee to the next meeting.



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#### 4. Nominations Committee:

Since no nominations for the post were received by the PG Senators, the Senate decided to form the committee and defer the elections to the 3rd member of the Nominations Committee to the next meeting.

#### 5. Council of Students for Hostel Affairs (COSHA):

- a. Aayushi Bansal (Senator BT/BS Y16)
- b. Abhay Mishra (Senator BT/BS Y16)

<b>Item No. 6</b>	To consider for voting, the constitutional amendments discussed in previous meetings
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The Senate considered the amendments to the constitution for voting. Two versions of the constitution were presented in the Senate, one of them containing the following clause, and the other without this clause.

35.08 (a) “The Media and Cultural Council shall exist upto a review by the Students’ Senate (2017-18) and Students’ Senate (2018-19) as mandated by the Students’ Senate (2016-17)”.

The Senate voted in favour of having this clause. The amendments to the constitution were accepted with the required majority.

Voting on the amendments to the Appendices was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No.7</b>	To consider the Gymkhana Calendar for the year 2017-18
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The President, Students’ Gymkhana presented the Calendar for the year 2017-18 for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate deliberated and agreed upon the following:

1. The Gymkhana week should be restructured in such a way that the Gymkhana visits the hostels which have PG freshers, keeping the dates the same.
2. Dates for common HEC elections should be added to the Gymkhana Calendar. Elections for Hall 1, 6, and 9 shall take place from 5th August to 19th August 2017. The dates for the rest of the HEC elections shall be incorporated in the calendar once they have been considered in the COSHA.
3. Senate meetings should be shifted to weekends if possible.
4. By-elections 2017 should be extended to 28th August (Monday) so that polling can happen on Sunday.
5. Tentative dates for Antaragni, Udghosh and Techkriti should be added to the calendar.



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6. General elections 2018 should be extended to 22nd January (Monday) so that polling can happen on Sunday.
7. Josh should be conducted from 4th January to 7th January 2018.
8. Inferno should be conducted from 15th March to 18th March 2018.
9. Montage Film Festival should be conducted from 12th April to 15th April 2018.

It was also remarked that the constitution needs to be amended before the proposed date for the Joint Senate meeting can be ratified. The Senate decided to provisionally accept the date, and direct the Rules and Procedures Committee to look into the same and do the needful.

The Senate accepted the calendar with the above proposed changes.

<b>Item No. 8</b>	To consider the report of the sub-committee formed to look into the Gymkhana Blues and other awards
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The Convener of the sub-committee formed to look into Gymkhana blues and other awards presented the report of the sub-committee for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate unanimously accepted that the Gymkhana Blues award should not be awarded just after the major tenure of the person in consideration. The Senate was not able to reach a consensus on how many years after the major tenure should the candidates be considered for the award. The Senate voted on four options for the same, which were:

- Exactly 1 year after the said major tenure
- Exactly 2 years after the said major tenure
- At least 1 year and at most 2 years after the said major tenure
- At least 1 year and at most 3 years after the said major tenure

The vote was in favour of option where the candidates being considered should be at least 1 year and at most 2 years after the said major tenure. The Senate further decided that this change should not be applicable for the awards being given this year as the committee will not have enough time to vet upon.



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<b>Item No. 9</b>	To constitute the panels for various Gymkhana Awards
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The panels for various Gymkhana Awards was presented by the Convener, Award Panels (President, Student Gymkhana 2016-17) for the consideration of the Senate. After due deliberation, the following panels were approved by the Senate:

1. Outstanding Freshman
  - a. Ashutosh Ranka President, Students' Gymkhana(Convener)
  - b. Vedant Goenka Chairperson, Students' Senate
  - c. Vijeta Anand General Secretary, Cultural
  - d. Mayank Jain General Secretary, Films and Media
  - e. Robinson Guria General Secretary, Games and Sports
  - f. Ayush Shakya General Secretary, Science and Technology
  
2. Gymkhana Leadership Award
  - a. Ashutosh Ranka President, Students' Gymkhana (Convener)
  - b. Vedant Goenka Chairperson, Students' Senate
  - c. Karndeeep Sharma General Body Member
  - d. M. Surya Prakash General Body Member
  - e. G. Bala Murugan General Body Member
  
3. Gymkhana Community Service Award
  - a. Ashutosh Ranka President, Students' Gymkhana (Convener)
  - b. Vedant Goenka Chairperson, Students' Senate
  - c. Aditya S. Desai Senator
  - d. Sachin Umrao General Body Member
  - e. Shaurya Aarav General Body Member
  
4. Cultural Excellence Award
  - a. Ashutosh Ranka President, Students' Gymkhana (Convener)
  - b. Vijeta Anand General Secretary, Cultural
  - c. Kumar Kshitij Patel Senator
  - d. Shanu Vashishtha General Body Member
  - e. Devesh Kumar General Body Member





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#### 5. Films and Media Excellence Award

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| a. Ashutosh Ranka   | President, Students' Gymkhana (Convener) |
| b. Mayank Jain      | General Secretary, Films and Media       |
| c. Karandeep Sharma | Senator                                  |
| d. Nandha Kumar     | General Body Member                      |
| e. Kalpesh Saubhri  | General Body Member                      |

#### 6. Science and Technology Excellence Award

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| a. Ashutosh Ranka    | President, Students' Gymkhana (Convener)  |
| b. Ayush Shakya      | General Secretary, Science and Technology |
| c. Karthik SS Korada | Senator                                   |
| d. Sansit Patnaik    | General Body Member                       |
| e. Rachit Agarwal    | General Body Member                       |

#### 7. Gymkhana Blues Award:

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| a. Amit Ranjan      | Convener            |
| b. Aayushya Agarwal | UG Senator          |
| c. Mainak Majumdar  | PG Senator          |
| d. Pratyush Rai     | General Body Member |
| e. M.Surya Prakash  | General Body Member |
| f. Kunal Kapila     | General Body Member |
| g. Manjeer Majumdar | General Body Member |

<b>Item No. 10</b>	To consider the interim report(s) of the Gymkhana Review Committee
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The Convener, Gymkhana Review Committee presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The section under the heading of "Hierarchy of posts in Gymkhana" was accepted by the Senate, with the last clause in that being changed from "Once the respective ratification item is taken up in the Senate, any person who has not been ratified as per this list shall not be ratified for the same position in the given Gymkhana year. The responsibility to ensure this shall lie with the Chairperson" to "In case a person is being considered for a post more than once, then the appointing authority shall explicitly state that to the interview panel, and mention the same in the interview schedule and the ratification list".





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Under the “Section of General Procedures”, the clause “Gymkhana Executives should not be given No Dues, until a general audit is completed” was added.

The section on “Games and Sports Council” was not discussed due to the absence of General Secretary, Games and Sports.

<b>Item No. 11</b>	To consider the report of the committee constituted to review the implementation of New ARC
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 12.</b>	To consider a proposal regarding Minors
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No.13.</b>	To take cognisance of the financial status of Antaragni '16 and to consider the action to be taken thereof
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 14</b>	To consider the post-conduction report of Gymkhana By-Elections ‘17
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 15</b>	To consider a proposal to repeal the decision of the Senate to cease Gymkhana funding to pools for GC Events
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 16</b>	To consider the post-conduction festival report of Antaragni ‘16
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.



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<b>Item No. 17</b>	To consider the end-term report of the Academics and Research Cell
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 18</b>	To consider the end-term report of the Community Welfare Cell
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 19</b>	To consider the end-term report of the Entrepreneurship Cell
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 20</b>	To consider the action to be taken in regard to the recent misconduct inside the Senate Hall
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 21</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the post of Secretary, Students' Senate
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The interviews for the post of Secretary, Students' Senate were not yet conducted hence the item was deferred until the conduction of the interviews.

<b>Item No. 22</b>	To consider for ratification, the list of names of students for the Science and Technology Council
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate on behalf of General Secretary, Science and Technology presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. The names were ratified as presented.



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<b>Item No. 23</b>	To consider for ratification, the names for the Core Team Members of Antaragni'17
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate on behalf of Convener, Interview Panel (Chairperson, Students' Senate 2016-17) presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. The names were ratified as presented.

<b>Item No. 24</b>	To consider for ratification, the names for the Core Team Members of Udghosh'17
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate on behalf of Convener, Interview Panel (Chairperson, Students' Senate 2016-17) presented the list for the consideration of the Senate. The names were ratified as presented.

<b>Item No. 25</b>	To consider the proposal to discontinue the pre-term reports for Gymkhana Executives
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented the proposal to discontinue pre-term reports for Gymkhana Executives for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate directed the Rules and Procedures Committee to deliberate upon the issue of holding an Executive accountable for his/her manifesto and deferred the item until then.

<b>Item No. 26</b>	To discuss the issues with the working of the Student Placement Office
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The Senate discussed various issues regarding the working of Student Placement Office. The Senate formed an ad-hoc sub-committee to look into the workings of the placement office of other IITs and suggest changes in our current placement structure.

The composition of the committee is as follows:

- Tony John (Senator BT/BS Y14) (Convener)
- Pranshu Garg (Senator BT/BS Y15)
- Richeek Awasthi (Senator BT/BS Y16)
- K. Kishore Kumar (Senator PhD Y15)
- Chalumuri Sivananda (Senator MTech Y16)



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The Senate directed the committee to present its report in the first meeting after the summer vacations.

The Senate also directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to take necessary action on the following points:

- To find out the how the Rs. 1000 which are collected during the registration for placements used
- To look for ways to increase the accountability of OPCs and DPCs
- To consider the possibility of having a professional team along with the Student team of SPO to assist the Student team in calling

<b>Item No. 27</b>	To take opinions on the orientation session for freshers organised by the Counselling Service
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The Senate considered the item to take opinions on the orientation session for freshers organised by the Counselling Service. The following issues were pointed out by the Senate:

- There was a lack of emphasis on Academic Orientation during the Orientation programme. Sessions explaining the academics of IIT Kanpur should be organised, along with the present of Students' Senate nominees to the SUGC/SPGC and members of the Academics and Research Cell.
- Some senators were of the opinion that sessions with professors taking their courses for the 1st semester shall also be organised.
- Departmental orientation sessions for all departments should be organised to increase the awareness of freshers with respect to their department.
- More time should be allotted to the Students' Gymkhana sessions.
- The session on cognisance did not fulfill its purpose, and backfired instead. The session should be organised by the Women Cell, and students shall be sensitized on matters related to both the genders.

The Senate directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to take these issues up with the Counselling Service.



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<b>Item No. 28</b>	Questions and Remarks, if any
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- The President, Students' Gymkhana (2016-17) remarked that the a few comments sent by him regarding previously circulated minutes were not incorporated in the confirmed minutes, to which the Chairperson, Students' Senate responded that the President, Students' Gymkhana (2016-17) was late in sending out the comments, and by that time, the minutes had already been confirmed by the Senate. The Chairperson also remarked that once the minutes have been confirmed, they cannot be changed.
- A Senator raised the issue related to the smoke in the campus from burning of garbage just outside the campus boundary adjacent to Hall-11. The President, Students' Gymkhana took note of this issue and decided take this issue up at the necessary forums.
- A Senator asked the (Caretaker) General Secretary, Films and Media and the General Secretary, Cultural about the status of the pending results of Spectrum 2016 and Galaxy 2017 respectively.

The (Caretaker) General Secretary, Films and Media replied to the above question by stating that due to unavailability of the Judges for two events, the results of spectrum were not declared.

The General Secretary, Cultural responded by saying that grievances filed by various pools for Galaxy'17 have not been resolved and were pending with the GRC.

<b>Item No. 29</b>	To note guidelines related to usage of the New SAC for: i. Workers ii. Users
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The senate noted the guidelines presented by the President, Students' Gymkhana.

<b>Item No. 30</b>	To consider the proposal of Pledge form for the graduating students:
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The President, Students' Gymkhana (2016-17) presented the proposal of Pledge form under which all Graduating batch people will pledge 1% of their annual income to donate towards the gymkhana for a certain period of their job for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate accepted the proposal in principle and directed Ashutosh Ranka (President Students' Gymkhana 2016-17) to take necessary actions.



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<b>Item No. 31</b>	To consider a proposal to dissolve the General Affairs Council and reform the President's Office
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Due to paucity of time, the item was deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM, 2nd April 2017 with a vote of thanks to all the members.