



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



2015-16/2nd Special Meeting of the Students' Senate

The 2nd Special Meeting of the Students' Senate (2015-16), was held on Thursday, 27th August, 2015 in the Senate Hall, New SAC. It was called to order by the Chairperson, Students' Senate at 8:20 PM.

Item No. 1	To confirm the Minutes of the following meetings: i. 2015-16/3 rd Meeting ii. 2015-16/4 th Meeting
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The Minutes could not be circulated due to technical problems and will be presented for ratification in the next meeting.

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 announced that the Institute is organizing a ceremony on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September. As a part of the ceremony, tributes will be made to the recipients of the Distinguished Teacher Award and that various clubs under the Students' Gymkhana will be performing on this occasion.
- 2) The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council informed the Senate that the SnT Code, the first event under Takneek'15 will be organized on Saturday 29th August, 2015.
- 3) The President, Student's Gymkhana informed the Senate that the E-Summit will be organized from 28th-30th August, 2015. Around 100 participants will be coming to attend the event with prime talks by Kunal Shah, Rahul Yadav etc.

Item No. 3	To consider the reply of General Secretary, Games and Sports Council, to the show cause notice issued to him for missing the 2015-16/4 th Meeting of the Students' Senate.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate issued a show cause notice on 25th August, 2015 against the General Secretary, Games & Sports Council. The General Secretary, Games & Sports Council stated that he was not on the campus as he had gone out for the Inter-IIT Board Meet and had therefore asked his nominee to attend the meeting. However due to some



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miscommunication, the nominee came only to present the pre-conduction report of Inferno'15 and did not attend the whole meeting. The Senate then accepted his reply.

Item No. 4	To consider the reply of the Senators, to the show cause notice issued to them for not complying the following attendance rule: i. Missing more than 3 meetings without notification ii. Missing more than 2 meetings without notification
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate had issued the show cause notice on 25th August, 2015.

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 decided not to accept the reply of the Senator. The Senator then ceased to be a member of the Senate.

The Senate further decided that the other Senators who had missed more than 3 meetings and were not present in the meeting to reply to their show cause notice, shall cease to be Senators.

Item No. 5	To note the results of the By-Election (2015-16)
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The results of the By-Elections (2015-16) were presented by the Chief Election Officer and noted by the Senate.

Item No. 6	To note the results of the elections for the student members to the DUGC/DPGC of various departments.
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The results of the elections for the student members to the DUGC/DPGC of various departments for the year 2015-16 were presented by the Chief Election Officer and noted by the Senate. The Chairperson pointed out that some of the posts were still vacant and informed the Senate that various Head of Departments will now be requested to nominate students for the post. The new list of students will then be presented by the Chairperson for the information of the Senate.

Item No. 7	To consider for ratification, the list of Students' Senate nominees to the Standing Committees of the Academic Senate.
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The Nominations Committee has recommended the following names as the Students' Senate nominees to the Standing Committees of the Academic Senate:



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Senate Education Policy Committee	Gautam Pratap Singh	12271
	Srinivasan V.	11103167
Senate Library Committee	Jitendra K. Katiyar	12105168
	Richa Agarwal	13566
Senate Postgraduate Committee	Rajesh Agarwal	10204071
	Aditya Desai	14101264
	Dinesh	14101024
	Gaurav Kumar	14111011
Senate Students' Affairs Committee	Shashank Bhandari	12660
	Anand Prakash Dwivedi	12105163
	Shubham Atreja	12689
	Srinivasan V.	11103167
Senate Scholarships & Prizes Committee	Anand Prakash Dwivedi	12105163
	Samyak Jain	13610
	Mohammad Ashraf	14389
Senate Undergraduate Committee	Abhimanyu Arora	11013
	Praveen Honhar	12508
	Palak Agarwal	13453
	Kunal Kapila	14343

The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented these names on behalf of the Nominations Committee for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate ratified the names of the aforementioned students to be nominated to the corresponding posts.

Item No. 8	To consider for ratification, the list of names for the Cultural Council.
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The General Secretary, Cultural Council submitted the following names for the Cultural Council for the consideration of the Senate:

Abhishek Rai	13035	Finance Executive
Jayendra Kumar	14283	Webmaster

The Senate ratified the appointment of the students to the corresponding posts.

Item No. 9	To consider the proposed name for the Faculty Counsellor, Cultural Council for the year 2015-16.
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The General Secretary, Cultural Council proposed the name of Prof. Satyaki Roy (Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences) as the Faculty Counsellor, Cultural Council for the year 2015-16 and the Senate accepted the name as proposed.



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Item No. 10	To consider the issue of ratification of a post from the Gymkhana year 2014-15.
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The General Secretary, Cultural Council presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. He pointed out that Mr. Shubham Gautam had worked as the Coordinator, Dance Club during the Gymkhana year 2014-15 but his name was not ratified due to some confusion. He further stated that he has verified the work done by the student and hence requested that the name be ratified now so that the work gets recognized. The Senate noted that while it is the prime responsibility of the General Secretary to get all the names ratified by the Senate, the concerned individuals also have the duty to ensure that their positions are ratified by the Students' Senate and they cannot be absolved from this duty on the grounds of negligence. The student then pointed out that he had inquired about the same from the previous General Secretary and he was informed that it has already been submitted as an agenda item. The Senate noted that the individual had worked for the post and keeping in mind that the previous General Secretary has already graduated, the student alone cannot be held responsible. Some Senators raised concerns over the appointment process, in particular, whether the eligibility criteria was satisfied at the time of appointment. After much deliberation, the Senate decided to ratify the post, directing the General Secretary to ensure that the due process of appointment was carried out. The Senate further noted that such cases shall not be considered in the future, as the individual cannot debar himself from the responsibility and this may strictly be taken as a onetime exception so that the individual may get the recognition for his work. The Senate further noted that as individual students one should always ensure that their position is ratified by the Students' Senate, as authorities the Executives and the Festival Coordinators should always ensure that their entire team is ratified and there are no discrepancies at any point of time. Finally, the Senate directed the Chairperson and the President, Students' Gymkhana to take some steps to ensure that such issues may not arise in the future.

Item No. 11	To consider the issue of a major breach of code of conduct during By-elections (2015-16).
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The Chief Election Officer submitted this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Election Council had come across a major breach of the code of conduct during the By-elections (2015-16). He informed the Senate that an informal gathering was held at GH-Tower on the day of polling, one hour before the polling started. He further informed the



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Senate about the actions that were taken by the Election Council and recommended that a fact finding committee be constituted.

After much deliberation on the matter, the Senate decided to form a fact finding committee to look into the matter and present its report to the Senate. The fact finding committee shall have the following composition:

- 1) Abhishek Tyagi (Chief Election Officer) , Convener
- 2) Sabyasachi Verma (Senator, UG Y12)
- 3) Sanjana Gopalakrishnan (General Body Member).

Item No. 12	To consider the pre-conduction report of Takneek'15.
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The General Secretary, Science and Technology Council presented the report for the consideration of the Senate. The report was accepted by the Senate as presented.

Item No. 13	To consider the proposal to dissolve Vivekanand Samiti as a club under the Students' Gymkhana.
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The President, Students' Gymkhana presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. During the course of discussion, the following points were laid down:

1. The President Students' Gymkhana pointed out that at multiple instance, the representatives from Vivekananda Samiti have bypassed the various authorities, there by not following due procedures. He stated that he came across an instance wherein he had doubts about a particular activity being carried out by the Vivekananda Samiti. When he pointed it out to the Coordinators of Vivekananda Samiti, he was informed that various faculty members involved with the club have already accorded approval for the particular session and hence, he may also provide approval for the same.
2. He then pointed out an instance, where-in he had requested the Coordinators of Vivekananda Samiti, to not organise a particular activity as the whole Presidential Council was supposed to present itself during the Orientation programme for 2015-16 and that the Coordinators were supposed to be present for the same. However, the activity was still organised with no representative from the Vivekananda Samiti attending the presentation.
3. The Senate further noted that an agenda item was raised by a general body member regarding the nature and the number of mails that were received from the



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Vivekananda Samiti. The individual had submitted requests directly as well as through the President, Students' Gymkhana to the Vivekananda Samiti regarding this issue. However, the issue has never been addressed.

4. Apart from this, the President, Students' Gymkhana brought it to the notice of the Senate the Vivekananda Samiti was incorporated into the Presidential Council, 5 years ago. At least in the last 3 years, when he has been actively involved with the Presidential Council, the Vivekananda Samiti has not managed its funds properly which had led to several informal warnings being issued.
5. Further, the Students' Senate noted that for the last two years, the Vivekananda Samiti had overshoot its allocated budget by more than 200% percent, which points to serious mismanagement in terms of handling overall expenditures. The Students' Senate had expressed its concern over the matter and once again, directed the President, Students' Gymkhana to look into the issue and ensure that such issues may not happen again.
6. Further, with reference to the End-Term report for the Finances of the Students' Gymkhana for the year 2014-15, there has been no mention of any income collected by the Vivekananda Samiti. The President, Students' Gymkhana then pointed out that they had continuously received funds from various sources and had spent the same, without informing the President or the Finance Convener.
7. Apart from these ad-hoc sources, the Vivekananda Samiti was further involved in distributions of Mugs and other goodies for which money was directly collected from the general body. Once again, no approval was taken by either the Finance Committee or the President. Not only this, the Coordinator at that time had further refused involvement in distribution of any such goodies to the general body.
8. The Vivekananda Samiti had further issued funds from the Gymkhana Corpus consecutively for the last two years, without informing the Students' Senate about the same. The Senate noted that the funds under the Gymkhana Corpus are only meant for extreme situations and no club shall be allowed to use Gymkhana Corpus for its ordinary activities.

Keeping in mind the above stated points, the Senate felt that the functioning of the Vivekananda Samiti doesn't align with the vision of the Students' Gymkhana and the way it



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functions. The Chairperson, Students' Senate further pointed out that the Vivekananda Samiti had not adhered to some particular clauses that are mentioned in the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana, related to the handling of its finances and hence, the Vivekananda Samiti cannot continue to be a part of the Students' Gymkhana. The Senate then unanimously accepted the dissolution of the status of the Vivekananda Samiti as a club under the Students' Gymkhana.

The President, Students' Gymkhana then requested that the Vivekananda Samiti shall continue to be a part of the Students' Gymkhana until the mid-term review of the Presidential Council. Further, after the mid-term review the Vivekananda Samiti, may be re-incorporated into the Students' Gymkhana as a hobby-group to cater to those activities of Vivekananda Samiti that are directly related to community welfare.

Item No. 14	To consider the proposal regarding the restructuring of the Students' Gymkhana.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate and the President, Students' Gymkhana presented the item for the consideration of the Senate. During the course of discussion, following changes were made to the proposal:

- The Election Council shall have Senior Election Officers and Junior Election Officers working under the Chief Election Officer.
- Since the different wings of the Festivals differ in their nature of work, they may choose to have either of the following hierarchy under the Head:
 - Senior Executives - Junior Executives
 - Managers - Secretaries

After much deliberation and discussion the Senate accepted the proposal and directed the Rules and Procedures Committee to opine on the proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Item No. 15	To consider the proposal to make it mandatory for the Students' Senate Nominees to the Institute Committees to submit Bi-annual report regarding the work of their committee.
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The Chairperson, Students' Senate presented this item for the consideration of the Senate. The Senate noted that the main purpose of the report shall be to ensure that the information regarding the work of each committee is made available to the entire student body. It shall further act as a check to ensure that the Senate nominees are sincerely taking their work. The



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Chairperson further pointed out that the report may not be discussed by the Senate but it should at least be uploaded on the website. He further pointed out that given the nature of the issues involved, the Senate Nominees to the S-SAC will not submit any report.

The Chairperson also proposed that since the charge hand-over takes place in October, the reports be submitted once in February and then in September.

Keeping all this in mind, the Senate then accepted the proposal.

Item No. 16	To consider the post conduction report of Techkriti'15.
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The Item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 17	To consider the post Conduction Finance Report of Techkriti'15.
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The Item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 18	To re-consider the post-conduction Finance report of Udghosh'15.
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The Item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 19	To consider the elections for the post of Incharge, PG Academics.
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The Item was deferred for consideration in the next meeting.

Item No. 20	To consider the allocation of funds among the pools for the General Championship (2015-16).
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The Finance Convener presented this item for consideration of the Senate. The Senate discussed the scheme for the allocation of funds among pools for the General Championship and accepted it.

Item No. 21	Questions and Remarks, if any.
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No questions or remarks were made.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair
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One item was raised by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council

Item No. 22	To consider the ratification of the overall coordinator of Takneek'15
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The names submitted by the General Secretary, Science and Technology Council were ratified by the Senate.

Hemant Singh	12296
Utkarsh Srivastava	12772
Sambit Das	12608

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 am by the Chairperson, Student's Senate.



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Attendance Record

- Total Strength of the Senate : 46
- Total number of Senators present : 37
- Total number of Senators absent : 9
- Absent without notification : 6
- 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	Absent*
8.	Amarjit P. Kene	Senator, PhD	Present
9.	Jitendra K. Katiyar	Senator, PhD	Absent*
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	Absent



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16.	Shivanuj Shukla	Senator, MTech Y14	Absent
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	Present
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)	Present
25.	Harsh Toshniwal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
26.	Navdeep Singh	Senator, UG Y12	Absent
27.	Rishabh Bansal	Senator, UG Y12	Present
28.	Sabyasachi Verma	Senator, UG Y12	Present
29.	Abhimanyu Yadav	Senator, UG Y13	Present
30.	Ashutosh Ranka	Senator, UG Y13	Present
31.	Sagar Rastogi	Senator, UG Y13	Absent#
32.	Samyak Jain	Senator, UG Y13	Present
33.	Sparsh	Senator, UG Y13	Present
34.	Vedant Goenka	Senator, UG Y13	Absent*
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	Present
40.	Simrat Singh	Senator, UG Y14	Present
41.	Akarsh Gajbhiye	Senator, UG Y15	Present
42.	Kshitij Jaiswal	Senator, UG Y15	present
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)