



Students' Senate (2015-16)

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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Introduction:

In-charge PG-SAC is responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the PGSAC and also represent the PGSAC in the meetings of the Senate.

PGSAC Committee:

The PGSAC Committee has the PGSAC, Students' Senate as its Convener. In addition to the PGSAC, the Committee consists of two other members (1 PG this year). The composition of the Committee is:

1. Jitendra K Katiyar, PGSAC (ex-officio Convener)
2. Amarjit Kene, Senator PhD
3. Shubham Atreja, Chairperson, Students' Senate (ex-officio)

The committee also invited several other relevant individuals for their suggestions and benefitted from their opinions at different points of time. The Committee thanks V. Srinivasan, Shashwat Chandra and Vijay Pal in this regard.

Meetings:

The PGSAC Committee met 2 times in this term. The meetings took place on the following dates:

1. 10th May 2015
2. 13th May 2015

The following items were discussed in the Committee (a total of 4). The text pertaining to each discussion behind them is recorded in the minutes of the respective meetings.

1st PGSAC Meeting (10th May 2015)

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Issue is related to the Summer Registration Fees.
2. Issue is of the Leave Rules in summer.

In this meeting, PGSAC committee decided to send 3 letters to SPGC, DOAA and Director. Brief description is given below



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1. Resolution from PGSAC pertaining to mandatory Summer-Term Registration (DOAA)

The Post Graduate Students' Academic Council (PGSAC), standing subcommittee of Students' Senate, met on 10th May 2015 and expressed dissent, voiced by more than 200 Post Graduate (PG) students, regarding the issue of **mandatory** summer registration.

Not Accepted

2. Exception with respect to Late Registration for the Summer Terms (SPGC)

It has been earmarked by the PGSAC that, though many students did not notice the information communicated by the Chairperson, SPGC regarding the new rules related to compulsory summer term registration which was a part of "Modified PG Manual", we kindly request the Chairman, Senate to permit those PG (M Tech/M. Des & PhD) students who will not be able to do the summer registration on the prescribed dates (18th and 19th May 2015) and are on approved leaves, to register for their thesis units by 15th June 2015 as per the clause 4.1.2 and clause 5.6.

This was accepted by SPGC Chairman

3. Appeal from PGSAC regarding Summer Registration fee structure

In light of this, the PGSAC would like to recommend a maximum tuition fee of Rs. 500.00 (excluding Registration fee) for all PG students (M.Tech and Ph.D.) registering only for thesis units and actuals if registering for course-work only or course-work coupled with thesis units.

Not Accepted

Open House (13th May 2015)

In this open house more than 400 PG students came. One of the major concern was related to mandatory Summer-Term Registration which includes the following queries:

- * Why Summer Registration has been made a mandate and what was the intention of the APRC in suggesting summer registration,
- * How Summer Registration benefits the students etc.
- * What the process of summer registration will entail, and
- * Efforts taken by the Institute related to leave rules and fees.



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The DoSA and DoAA have kindly consented to address the PG student community, in an open house addressing the above issues. I would like to thank Prof Harish (DoSA) and Prof. Mishra (DoAA), who was given his prestigious time to address those issues.

Apart from these meetings one survey was floated in PG communities for central facilities:

This survey was floated on 9th July 2015. I would like to thank Mr. Srinivasan and Mr. Shashwat Chandra who help in preparing a set of survey questionnaires. We would also like to thank Prof. Anandh Subramaniam, MSE for his valuable inputs and Mr. Arvind Misra, PHY for hosting it on the web. The survey was very useful and after that reduces the slot charges of central facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Apart from above meeting never achieved quorum. All the problem of PG students were solved by DPGC nominees and SPGC nominees. Make more responsible DPGC and SPGC nominees.

I would like to end the report by thanking Srinivasan, Shubham, Shashwat and Amarjit for their continued participation in the activities of the PGSAC Committee.

Signing off,

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