



Rules and Procedures Committee
Students' Senate (2015-16)
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
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Minutes of the 7th Meeting held on 06.03.2016

The 2015-16/7th Meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee was held on Sunday, 6th March, 2016 in the Reading Room, Hall 1. The meeting was called to order by the Convener, Rules and Procedures Committee at 3:30 PM.

The following agenda items were taken up for consideration.

Item No. 1	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 Committee decide that the new hobby group shall be included in clause 4 of the new Appendix IX under hobby groups and should be listed alphabetically. This shall be referred to as 2015-16/Constitutional Amendment XX. Further, on lines of the names of the various cells, clubs and hobby groups of the Gymkhana, it was decided that the name be kept simply as Bicycling Hobby Group.

The amended clause shall look like:

4. The Games and Sports Council shall comprise of the following clubs and hobby groups:

a. Clubs:

- i. Adventure Club**
- ii. Chess Club**
- iii. Shooting Club**
- iv. Skating Club**
- v. Taekwondo Club**
- vi. Yoga Club**

b. Hobby Groups:

- i. Boxing Hobby Group**
- ii. Bicycling Hobby Group**
- iii. Card and Board Games**

Item No. 2	To consider a proposal to dissolve the Students' Academic Council i.e. the UGSAC and PGSAC.
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The Committee felt that the proposed amendment should be incorporated into the Constitution, as 2015-16/Constitutional Amendment XXI. The Committee further identified the places in the Constitution where amendments would have to be made. The



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Appendix III of the Constitution which was the 'Constitution of the SAC' shall be dropped. Further, amendments shall be made to the following articles of the Constitution:

2.04 The Senate shall elect from amongst the non-executive members of the General Body:

- a. **The Chairperson, Students' Senate;**
- b. **The Parliamentarian, Students' Senate;**
- c. **The Finance Convener, Students' Senate;**
- d. **The In-charge, Hostel Affairs;**

3.12 The elections of the Parliamentarian, the Finance Convener and the In-charge Hostel Affairs shall also be conducted as per Article 3.11. In this case, the tie-breaking vote shall be that of the Chairperson and not the President.

4.01 The Senate shall discharge its responsibilities through itself, its Standing Councils and its Standing Committees.

4.02 The Standing Councils of the Senate shall discuss matters pertaining to their purpose on their own initiative, and may make policy and other decisions on these matters without referring it to the Senate. However, the Councils shall be subordinate to the Senate in all their decision making powers.

4.03 The Standing Council(s) of the Senate shall be:

- a. **The Council of Students for Hostel Affairs (COSHA)**

The **Article 4.07** detailing the SAC was removed from the Constitution and the articles following it in the chapter were accordingly renumbered.

4.07 Students' Academic Council (SAC)

- a. The SAC shall supervise and coordinate student matters and opinion pertaining to academics of all Departments of the Institute.
- b. It shall have its own constitution which shall be maintained as an Appendix to this Constitution.
- c. It shall consist of two wings, namely:
 - i. Undergraduate Students' Academic Council (UGSAC)
 - ii. Postgraduate Students' Academic Council (PGSAC)
- d. The Chairperson, UGSAC (as specified in the SAC Constitution) shall preside over the meetings of the UGSAC and shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the UGSAC.



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- e. The Chairperson, PGSAC as specified in the SAC Constitution, shall preside over the meetings of the PGSAC and shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the PGSAC.
- f. The In-charge, Undergraduate Academics shall be elected from among the non-executive undergraduate members of the General Body, and shall be the *ex-officio* Convener, UGSAC and shall maintain the records of the UGSAC. He/she shall represent the UGSAC in the meetings of the Senate.
- g. The In-charge, Postgraduate Academics shall be elected from among the non-executive postgraduate members of the General Body, and shall be the *ex-officio* Convener, PGSAC and shall maintain the records of the PGSAC. He/she shall represent the PGSAC in the meetings of the Senate.

Item No. 3	To consider the updated proposal regarding teams in the SnT Council
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The Committee deliberated on the proposal as put forth by the Senate and converged on a set of parameters that need to be put in place in order to ensure that the new entity best serves its intended purpose. The 2015-16/Constitutional Amendment XXII is thus proposed with changes and additions in the following clauses:

- 2.25 Every year, there shall be a handing over session which shall be jointly attended by members of both the incoming as well as outgoing Senate as full-fledged members. The outgoing Office-bearers of the Gymkhana and of the Senate shall handover charge to the respective incoming Office-bearers in writing, under the supervision of the Chairperson of the incoming Senate. The annual report of the Gymkhana, consisting of the reports of all Office bearers along with the reports of councils, cells, teams and festivals, shall be presented before the House for comments.**
- 5.22 The Gymkhana may also have associations of students, identified as Teams, which participate in an external competition.**
- 5.23 Teams shall be approved by the Senate on the recommendation of an Executive only if they have a validated source of funds. They shall not be allowed to use any funds from the Gymkhana.**
- 5.24 Teams shall not be a part of any other entity under the Gymkhana and shall be headed by one or more Captains appointed by the Senate.**



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Item No. 4	To update the Constitution by checking and correcting the inconsistencies, if any.
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Following inconsistencies were pointed out in the meeting:

1. The numbering of Appendices should be changed from roman numerals to alphabets so as to differentiate from the numbering of the chapters. The Appendices shall then be from A to H. Further it was decided that the proposed new Appendix 'Cells, Clubs and hobby Groups' should be made Appendix D of the Constitution.

2. A small change is proposed in the Article 3.05 of the constitution by adding the word 'ordinarily' so that it better fits in with the other clauses in the chapter. The said clause now reads as:

3.05 By-elections shall ordinarily be conducted along with the Mid-term Elections for any post mentioned in Article 3.02 which is vacant at that point of time.

3. A change is proposed in the Article 4.11 d. of the constitution of the word 'shall' to 'may'. This better reflects the current and intended functioning of the Nominations Committee. The clause now reads as:

4.11 d. For each selection pertaining to any representation/position, the Nominations Committee may constitute a panel to interview the various candidates and select from them the names that shall be recommended to the Senate. The panel may not contain anybody who is contesting for the various posts, even if they are a member of the Nominations Committee.

4. The Constitution uses the term 'will' in a lot of places. The term is proposed to be changed to 'shall' at all such places.

	Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.
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The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.