



**Rules and Procedures Committee**  
**Students' Senate (2016 - 17)**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  
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**2016-17/ 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee (2016-17), was held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August in the office of the Chairperson, New SAC. It was called to order by the Convener, Rules and Procedures Committee at 8:25 PM.**

The following agenda items were considered.

<b>Item No. 1</b>	To consider the inclusion of the hierarchy of the Senate ratified posts in Appendix F : Eligibility Criterion for the Gymkhana Posts
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The Students' Senate (2015 - 16) in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting passed a Constitutional Amendment re-structuring the Gymkhana. Changes were made to the names of the posts ratified by the Senate and their hierarchy was decided. The proposal to incorporate this hierarchy in Appendix F of the Constitution was considered by the committee and approved. It was also felt by the committee that the entire Appendix 'F' of the Constitution needed re-structuring to build consistency in the format of the appendices and the convener was directed to make the appropriate changes and present the re-written appendix as an agenda item in the next meeting.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	To consider the incorporation of the changes related to the structure, responsibilities and ratification procedure of the Election Council and to deliberate on the creation of a new appendix for the same
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The committee deliberated on the incorporation of the changes related to the structure and ratification procedure of the Election Council into the Constitution. It was felt that the working of the Election Council was within the framework assigned for the working of Cells and thus the Election Council should be classified as one. The committee decided to change the name of the 'Election Council' to 'Election Cell'. Constitutional Changes will be made in Chapter 2, Chapter 3 and Appendix D of the Constitution.

The committee also accepted as Constitutional the method of ratification proposed by the Chief Election Officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Students' Senate 2016-17. It was also felt by the committee that ratification for any post should only be done provided the names for the ratification have been submitted to the Senate before the start of the period for which the ratified person would be working on the post. The eligibility criterion will be



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applicable on the individuals applying for the posts at the time the initial call for nominations was sent to the general body.

The changes in the Constitution, according to the committee, will be as follows:

The phrase 'Election Council' will have to be changed to 'Election Cell' in articles 3.01, 3.02, 3.04, 3.07 and 3.14

The following article will have to be added after article 3.01

“All provision pertaining to the particular functioning of the Election Cell shall supersede the general provisions pertaining to the functioning of Cells”

The articles 2.21 and 2.22 of the Constitution will have to be changed to the following:

2.21

“The President and the Chairperson shall have the power to requisition a meeting of any Executive council or cell or any subcommittee, committee or council of the Senate except the Election Cell.”

2.22

“Notwithstanding any other Articles of the Constitution, the President may attend as a full-fledged member any meetings of any Executive council or cell, or any subcommittee, committee or council of the Senate or any other body appointed by the Senate except for the Rules and Procedures Committee, the Finance Committee, the Steering Committee and the Election Cell, and may overrule any decisions taken by them. In the event of the President doing so, he/she shall be obliged, if requested by the concerned body, to requisition a meeting of the Senate and place his/her decision before it.”

The name of the Election Cell will have to be added to the Appendix 'D' of the Constitution.

<b>Item No. 3</b>	To consider the incorporation of the changes in the structure of the COSHA into the Constitution
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The Students' Senate (2016 – 17) in the Joint Senate Meeting, 2017 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (2016-17) accepted proposals to change the structure of the COSHA. The Committee accepted as Constitutional the changes and deliberated upon the changes to be effected on



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the Constitution regarding the same. The Article 4.06 of the Constitution is proposed to be modified to include the exact relation between the Convener, COSHA and the President, Students' Gymkhana. The modified membership, attendance rule will be included in the Appendix 'C' of the Constitution along with the structure of the Central Mess Committee.

The article 4.06 of the Constitution will have to be modified to:

“Council of Students for Hostel Affairs (COSHA)

a. The COSHA shall supervise and coordinate matters of common interest to all Halls of Residence of the Institute.

b. It shall have its own constitution which shall be maintained as an Appendix to this Constitution.

c. The Chairperson, COSHA (as specified by the COSHA Constitution) shall preside over the meetings of the COSHA and shall be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the COSHA.

d. The Convener, COSHA shall be elected from among the non-executive members of the General Body, and shall maintain the records of the COSHA. He/she shall take up executive work on the explicit direction of the Chairperson, COSHA. He/she shall represent the COSHA in the meetings of the Senate.”

<b>Item No. 4</b>	To update the Constitution by checking and correcting the inconsistencies, if any.
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The following inconsistencies were pointed out and are to be corrected in the Constitution:

- The committee felt that the name of Chapter I of the Constitution in the index of the Constitution be changed from “General Programme, Membership and Advisory Body” to “Membership and Advisory Body”. The latter is the name written at the start of the chapter.
- The committee felt that the article 4.07 of the Constitution be removed in its entirety as it pertains to matters related to the Students' Academic Council, a body which is now defunct.

<b>Item No. 5</b>	Any other item with the permission of the Chair
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No other item was raised.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 pm by the Convener, Rules and Procedures Committee.**