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## Minutes: 2013-14/3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee of the Students' Senate (2013-14) was held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014. It was called to order by the Parliamentarian, Students' Senate at 7:15 PM.

### Attendance

The attendance record of the members was as follows:

Anurag Sahay (Parliamentarian; Convener <i>ex-officio</i> )	Present
Praveen Honhar (UG Senator; Member)	Absent*
Vivek B. (PG Senator; Member)	Present
V. Srinivasan (Chairman, Students' Senate; Member <i>ex-officio</i> )	Present

\* - Absent with Permission

The following Senators attended the Meeting:

Himanshu Pandey	President, Students' Gymkhana
Sohil Bansal	General Secretary, Films and Media Council

The following General Body Members attended the Meeting as Special Invitees:

Karthik Balasundaram	Ankit Bhutani
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The following agenda items were taken up for consideration:

### 1. To consider the constitutional amendments sent to the Rules and Procedures Committee for its opinion.

The Parliamentarian presented the various constitutional amendments to the Committee. He noted that the following amendments had been sent to him by the Chairman, Students' Senate:

- Proposals made by the Gymkhana Review Committee.
- Proposals made by the Rules and Procedures Committee pertaining to the minimum requirements for holding various posts in the Students' Gymkhana.
- Proposal made by the General Secretary, Films and Media Council regarding a Unified Design Team.



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The Committee discussed the first two in detail and agreed that the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana at present could not be amended to include these changes at present. The Committee decided that when the final report of the Gymkhana Review Committee is submitted, the Constitution be revamped to include both of these. The Committee thus deferred the discussion on these amendments to the next Meeting.

The Committee discussed the third proposal in detail and agreed that the item did not require a constitutional amendment and could be decided merely by a decision of the Senate to amend the Appendix of the Constitution pertaining to Festival affairs. The Committee further directed the Chair to forward this to the Senate for its consideration.

### **2. To consider the inquiry of the President, Students' Gymkhana regarding the voting norms in the selection panels of Festival core teams.**

The Parliamentarian informed the Committee that the President, Students' Gymkhana had sent him an inquiry regarding the voting norms in the selection panels of Festival core teams. In particular, he had inquired regarding whether each member of the panel has equal voting rights.

The Committee considered the matter in detail, and consulted Ankit Bhutani and Karthik Balasundaram for their experience in such selection panels. The Committee noted that Article 8.13 (c) of Appendix III to the Constitution of the Students' Gymkhana states the following:

#### **c. The Students' Senate will set up an interview panel which composes of the following people:**

- i. Previous Festival Coordinator**
- ii. Respective Core Team Member (Head, Marketing/Finance/Events/Security)**
- iii. General Secretary of the respective council (if applicable)**
- iv. President, Students' Gymkhana**
- v. Chairperson, Students' Senate**

**Other than the above, Senate may invite incoming/outgoing President, Chairperson and/or respective General Secretary as the special invitees for their comments.**

The Committee decided that each member of this panel should have one vote. The Committee further noted that it does not make logical sense for each Head/Festival Coordinator/General Secretary to have one vote since one may at a future date have much more than one Head/Festival Coordinator/General Secretary in the panel. The Committee thus agreed that all Festival Coordinators shall have one vote combined, all



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Heads shall have one vote combined and all General Secretaries shall have one vote combined. The Committee directed the Chair to forward this position to the Senate for its consideration.

### **3. Any other item, with the permission of the Chair.**

No other item was introduced.

The Meeting was adjourned by the Parliamentarian at 8:30 PM.

**Anurag Sahay**  
**Parliamentarian, Students' Senate**