



Students' Senate (2016-17) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur



To consider the proposal of Common HEC Elections

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Aim:

To ensure uniformity in HEC elections across the campus and to ensure democratic & timely elections in all the hostels

Proposal:

- The HEC elections shall be held annually. The elections would be conducted on fixed dates during one of the following periods: a. August-September b. February-March
- By-elections for any vacant post shall ordinarily be conducted in the slot (as above) that has not been used for the general HEC elections in that calendar year
- It has been decided that the Election Commission of the Students' Gymkhana should be involved in an overseeing role to, without interfering in the executionary process of the election, prevent and curb any malpractices during the HEC elections. The proposed structure of the Election Commission for these elections shall be as follows: The Halls shall, as per their Constitutions, appoint an Election Commission for their Hall to conduct the elections. It shall generally comprise of:
 - 1) The Chief Election Officer (CEO)
 - 2) Election Volunteers: The numbers shall also be decided by the Halls independently. The Election Volunteers shall be of 2 types: (i) Appointed independently by the Halls (ii) Appointed by the CEO, Students' Gymkhana. The number of volunteers appointed by the CEO, Students' Gymkhana shall be 20% of the volunteers (rounded to nearest integer) appointed by the Halls independently, with the constraint that there be atleast 1 such member in the Hall's EC.
- The revised structure shall be (in decreasing order of authority):
 - 1) Chairman, COW
 - 2) Warden
 - 3) CEO, Election Council
 - 4) Election Volunteers
- The HEC elections shall take place in many halls simultaneously and matters may arise where any one Warden does not have the authority to take action. To deal with such cases, we propose that the Chairman, COW be involved as the supreme authority during elections. He shall not interfere in the general execution of the elections, but (especially) in matters of interhall disputes, he shall be the final authority. The CEO, Gymkhana shall only act as an overseeing authority, not interfering in the day to day matters of the election. In extreme cases, if the CEO, Hall does not act on the matter, the CEO, Gymkhana may take up the same with the



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Warden, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur. If the issue still remains unaddressed, the CEO, Gymkhana may then approach Chairman, COW, again keeping both Warden and CEO, Hall in the loop.

- It is proposed that this year, the first slot be fixed as August 7-14, with voting taking place on August 14th.