



Students' Senate (2018-19)
Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
Students' Gymkhana



Proposal to establish Departmental Mentorship Societies

Philosophy behind DMS

Time and again the student community has felt that with the passage of time the strong link amongst the student community and the connection between the student community and professors has degraded to a great extent especially in recent years.

The formation of departmental societies is proposed with an aim to build bridges between the UG and PG community, increase interactions amongst faculty and students and inculcate an academic environment in which students get all the support that they need at different points of time during their stay here. There is a need for a structure through which students can get mentorship from Professors and other experienced members of their departments. DMS will fill the vacuum being felt in this space.

Structure of the Departmental Societies





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Members nominating themselves for the post of Departmental Mentor should satisfy the following criteria:

For UG	For PG
CPI \geq 6.5	CPI \geq 7.5
Preferably in 3rd year.	Preferably in 3rd year.

Role of Departmental Mentors

The Departmental Mentors will be the main point of contact for students requiring help in all department related matters. The DMs will address issues such as

- Course selection during pre-registration
- Offering of particular courses during the summers
- Department specific problems during the internship and placement seasons
- Talent management for projects going on in the Department.

Further, they will be coordinating with the Faculty Mentors to organize interactions sessions between the FM and the student mentees assigned to him/her.

Selection procedure for Departmental Mentors

The procedure for the selection of Departmental Mentor will be through interview through an interview panel, consisting of:

- Professor Mentors
- Student Senate Nominee(s), Departmental Undergraduate Committee
- Coordinator, UG Academics, Academic and Research Cell

The names of the Professor Mentors shall be decided by Department.

The Desired team structure would be: 1 Professor Mentor -> 3 Departmental Mentor -> 30 Students



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Role of Departmental Mentors in the Gymkhana

The Departmental Mentors shall be added to as separate wing to the Academics and Research Cell. This will allow for a common forum to ideate and exchange successful methodologies across departments. The wing shall be headed by a corresponding Coordinator.