



Students' Senate (2023- 2024) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur



Proposal to discuss to form a new review board on the floor of the senate to discuss the contentions on the article 'A Review of the 55th Inter-IIT Sports Meet'

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Proposal

This proposal aims to initiate a discussion on the Senate floor regarding the recommendations and minutes provided by the review board concerning our article titled "**A Review of the 55th Inter IIT Sports Meet.**" Vox asserts that both the composition and procedures of the review board were marred by **procedural deficiencies and unfair biases** (please refer to our detailed exposition below). Therefore, we insist on the establishment of a new review board to conduct a thorough reinvestigation into the allegations leveled against us.

Motivation

In summary, We believe that the way the proceedings of the Review Board have taken place is a direct attack on the idea of a free and independent journalism body. We believe that this sets a very bad precedent. This process of reviewing our articles and the relevant contentions without having proper grounds for the same enables any person in power to misuse this opportunity and propose the formation of the review board on baseless allegations. It is also important to note that following such a procedure will make putting forward issues related to Gymkhana or position holders very difficult, as position holders can highly influence the review board, defeating the very purpose of a journalism body. For this reason, We believe taking a strong stance against such a happening is necessary to preserve our journalistic integrity. Based on our arguments listed in our response document, **Vox does not agree with the recommendations made by the review committee.** Vox asks for a **fresh review committee** that will take all points and arguments into consideration before making the final decision

Our Response

In response to the recommendations and minutes by the Review Committee, Vox drafted an official response which was sent to the senate mailing list. Please Find attached the same document linked below.

[Our Response to the Minutes and Recommendations](#)

