

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI**



**MINUTES OF**  
**THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE**



Students' Gymkhana Council  
IIT Guwahati

**DATE & TIME: AUG 4<sup>TH</sup> 2017 AT 9:00 PM**  
**VENUE: CONFERENCE ROOM, NEW SAC**

The student senate meeting of the Gymkhana was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017. It was called to order on 9 pm by the chairman of the Students' Senate at the New SAC Conference Hall. The quorum was present throughout and the following members were present:

• Nikhil Nagaraj, VP, SGC 17-18	Chairman
• Ravi Chandra, GS, WB 17-18	Member
• Vineeth Pachava, GS, TB 17-18	Member
• Mohit Mishra, GS, HAB 17-18	Member
• Vishal Goyal, GS, SB 17-18	Member
• Bikash Sah, GS, SAB 17-18	Member
• Mitali Kumawat, Girls Senator	Member
• Simran Barnwal, Girls Senator	Member
• Debashis Kundu, PG Senator	Member
• Lopamudra Boruah, PG Senator	Member
• Nikhil Bhatia, PG Senator	Member
• Nitesh Kumar, PG Senator	Member
• Om Prakash Vats, PG Senator	Member
• Siddharth Kumar, PG Senator	Member
• Akhilesh Boppana, UG Senator	Member
• N. Sarath Chandra, UG Senator	Member
• Niharika Sishtla, UG Senator	Member
• Rohit Reddy Kaliki, UG Senator	Member
• Sai Krupal Reddy, UG Senator	Member
• S. Harshavardhan, UG Senator	Member

Absentees:

1. Durgesh Kumar, GS, SWC 17-18
2. Albert Tomy, UG Senator
3. Daksh Kumar, GS, CB 17-18
4. Divyata Jaiswal, Girls Senator

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#### Item No.1

**Change of nomenclature for the post of Vice-President to President is recommended based on status quo.**

Proposed by: Mohit Mishra

1/14/08/17 It is decided that the name of the post of *Vice-President Student Gymkhana* be changed to *President Student Gymkhana*. The organization of the student Gymkhana remains same and focus is on that the head of a student body should not be a faculty. The post and authority of the Vice-President remains same albeit with a change in name. There is no new post for the Vice-President subsequent to this change.

#### Item No.2

**Increasing the number of internal buses during the peak hours.**

Proposed by: Sai Krupal

During peak hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM , many students use the internal bus transport , but only four buses are provided (two at a time) at 8:40 AM & 8:45 AM and 1:40 PM & 1:45 PM , which is very less when compared to the number of buses required . By the time buses reach Brahmputra hostel, they are completely filled and don't even have place to stand. There is a need to introduce at least one more bus during the peak hours i.e., both 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

2/14/08/17 The senate felt that an increase of at least one bus during the peak hours was necessary. The possibility of buses at new timings (other than previously existing) were discussed. It was decided that an ad-hoc committee be in place to conduct some research on the same and present documented inferences. The members of the same are:

1. Sai Krupal, UG Senator
2. Akhilesh Boppana, UG Senator
3. Simran Barnwal. Girl Senator
4. Ravi Chandra, GS WB

Item No. 3

**Status of agenda raised in the last senate meeting.**

Proposed by: Nikhil Bhatia

It was proposed in the previous meeting regarding e-rickshaw facility to physically challenged students in the campus and as discussed with the gen sec welfare board, he was going to float a google doc among student community. So, I just want to know what the status of that agenda is.”

3/14/08/17 There are presently 5 e-rickshaws operating in the campus and there is an ongoing discussion with the welfare board to increase the number of rickshaws. The feasibility of allotting one rickshaw to the physically challenged was discussed and disbanded. Ravi Chandra GS, WB was asked to update Nikhil Bhatia on the ongoing discussion about the increase in vehicular assistance to the physically challenged.

Item No. 4

**Update RC-18 date to 8th March, 2018**

Proposed by: Bikash Sah

Based on the suggestions of the RC Team and understanding that the financial year ends in mid-March a proposal to shift the date of the event was proposed.

4/14/08/17 It is decided that the dates of Research Conclave 2018 be changed to March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 on the approval of the senate.

Item No. 5

**Pricing of food items in canteen and juice center**

Proposed by: Debashis Kundu

Recently irregularities were noticed in fruit items in various hostels. Therefore, the price list must be displayed in public and mailed to campus junta. That means, IIT will bear the burden of cooking gas which was not the case earlier. Therefore, price of items available at canteen need to be reduced.

5/14/08/17 Mohit Mishra GS HAB enunciated that within 10 days of the senate meeting the issues with the mess establishments would be settled. Subsequently the pricing of the juice centers and canteens would be checked upon. It was suggested that there be a central committee comprising the MMC, General Secretary of hostels and a few senate volunteers to be involved in the price checking process. The following senators volunteered for the same:

1. Debashis Kundu PG Senator
2. N. Sarath Chandra UG Senator
3. Mitali Kumawat UG Senator

#### Item No. 6

#### **Status of uniform pricing for canteen & juice center in hostels**

Proposed by: Nitesh Kumar

Discussion to get to know the status of pricing of items(food, fruit & juice) across hostel canteens and juice centers in campus and putting the common list in public domain for awareness of boarders to check for differential pricing maybe due to information asymmetry.

6/14/08/17 Discussion as per 5/14/08/17.

#### Item No. 7

#### **Quality-check for milk sold in mess.**

Proposed by: Nitesh Kumar

In order to ensure the quality of milk precisely from the proportion of water content point of view, lactometers be made available during breakfast hours every day at every mess which can be used by any boarder of hostels across campus.

7/14/08/17 It was discussed that tetra pack milk is recommended to be used by all mess vendors. How so ever the use of a lactometer to test the competency and adulteration of a milk will not be taken up as a central measure. It is up to the hostel MMC's discretion to implement the same within the individual hostel.

#### Item No. 8

#### **Creation of two positions to aid Vice President, SGC**

Proposed by: Nikhil Nagaraj

There is an urgent need to create two positions to aid the Vice President-SGC as he/she has his/her own academics to contend with along with the duties that come with the post. These positions shall be filled by a process of interviews by a 2-member panel consisting of the Vice President-SGC and a representative as chosen by the Students' Senate. The appointees cannot represent the VP-SGC and/or be appointed as acting VP-SGC unless approved by the senate (if required). Their mandate will include fulfilling any duties the Vice President-SGC may assign to them as and when needed. They must have at least completed 2 semesters of study on campus and must at least have 2 more semesters left to complete at the time of their appointment.

8/14/08/17 The senate agreed with the proposition put forward but the requirement of having 4 more semesters left to complete at the time of appointment has been changed to 2 semesters. The interview panel was also changed to a 3 member panel comprising:

1. VP SGC
2. Vineeth Pachava
3. Siddharth Kumar

It was also acknowledged that there would be no re-interview process for the candidate selected by the process prior to this discussion.

#### Item No. 9

#### **Inclusion of Steering Committee Convener as Member Secretary in all Senate Sub Committees**

Proposed by: Nikhil Nagaraj

There is a need for proper documentation of meetings conducted by the sub committees of the Students' Senate. Inclusion of the steering committee convener as member secretary ensures that all committees' meetings are well documented and maintained well. It might also encourage the committees to meet and discuss their work more regularly.

9/14/08/17 Approved by the senate. All subcommittees asked to add the steering committee convener as a member to the individual social media groups as well.

#### Item No. 10

#### **Formation of a committee to identify problems in Lohit Hostel**

Proposed by: Nikhil Nagaraj

Lohit Hostel is a newly constructed hostel with innumerable problems (both solvable and unsolvable). A committee consisting of students both from the Students' Senate and from the HMC of Lohit Hostel should be formed to verify the quality of fittings, the problems caused by the design of the hostel and other problems that might exist in the plan of the hostel. This has to be done to ensure that a similar issue doesn't pop up in the new hostel. A detailed report has to be submitted by this committee.”

10/14/08/17The need was understood and the task of meting out a detailed report for the same was assigned to the following ad hoc committee comprising of members within and outside of the senate.

1. GS Lohit Hostel
2. Jatin Bhatnagar
3. Nikhil Bhatia, PG Senator
4. Durgesh Kumar, GS SWC
5. Ravi Shankar, Joint Secretary HAB
6. Shamsundar Jha PG Senator
7. Lopamudra Boruah PG Senator

#### Item No. 11

#### **Senator Incharge for each hostel**

Proposed by: Mohit Mishra

Information to be shared with Junta so as to enable maximum people to give valuable suggestions and inputs to the Senate.

11/14/08/17 The following senate members have been assigned to each hostel:

1. Kapili – Rohit Reddy UG Senator
2. Lohit – Siddharth Kumar UG Senator
3. Dhansiri - Niharika Sishtla UG Senator
4. Brahmaputra – Shyamusundar Jha UG Senator
5. Dibang – Bikash Sah GS SAB
6. Umiam - Harsha Vardhan UG Senator
7. Kameng – Vineeth Pachava GS TB
8. Manas – Daksh Kumar GS CB
9. Barak- Akhilesh Bopanna UG Senator
10. Subansiri - Simran Barnwal Girl Senator
11. Married Scholars’ Hostel - Durgesh Kumar GS SWC
12. Siang – Albert Tomy UG Senator

**Items approved by the Chairman of the Student Senate**

Item No. 12

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Students' Senate**

12/14/08/17

S.No	Resolution No.	Resolution	Action Taken/Status
1.	1/13/04/17	Ratification of the newly elected PG senators and their introduction.	Approved and refer 13/14/08/17
2.	2/13/04/17	Discussion on the annual events calendar	Calendar submitted by Nikhil Bhatia. Modification can be found at 4/14/08/17
3.	3/13/04/17	Discussion on the documentation of the Finance Committee	Work partially completed. Finance Committee convener asked to submit revised documentation to VP/Steering Committee.
4.	4/13/04/17	Free conveyance facility for traffic back and forth from the hostels for the differently abled students of the campus	Incomplete, Refer 3/14/08/17
5.	5/13/04/17	Internet facility on campus	In Process
6.	6/13/04/17	Item No. 6 PG Students' Organized Sports League	Approved
7.	7/13/04/17	Restructuring Advaya	Concluded
8.	8/13/04/17	Fresher's Registration and Orientation	Concluded
9.	9/13/04/17	Discussion on the Final Report by Chief Election Officer 2017	Concluded

Item No. 13

**Indirect Election of vacant posts within Student's Senate**

Proposed by: Mohit Mishra

13/14/08/17 As a further resolve to 1/13/04/17 it is decided that in case of vacancy of posts during regular elections, the posts would be filled by an indirect election within the existing senate in accordance with prerequisite nomination call.



Item No. 14

**Identifying areas of discussion for student committee for academic purposes in the academic complex.**

Proposed by: Simran Barnwal

14/14/08/17 The need for a discussion area in the academic complex has been realized. It was noted by Simran Barnwal that the class rooms on the ground floor of Core 1 and Core 4 are under security guard surveillance throughout the day. These classrooms can be used for discussions during the non-working hours of the day. Further discussion on this to occur after research on the same.