

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE STUDENTS' SENATE HELD ON 14TH AUGUST 2015 AND 19TH AUGUST 2015

The 2nd Meeting of the Students' Senate (2015-16) was held on Friday, 14/08/2015 and 19/08/2015 (for adjourned agenda) in the New SAC Conference Room. It was called to order by the Chairman, Students' Senate at 6:45 P.M. The following members were present:

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| • Bhavin Mandalaywala | Vice President, SGC |
| • Paawan Talwar | General Secretary, Technical Board |
| • Chaitanya Sangani | General Secretary, Cultural Board |
| • Mohammed Zilani | General Secretary, Welfare Board |
| • A Sai Sushanth | General Secretary, Sports Board |
| • Pragya Chansoriya | Girls Senator |
| • Himakshi Barsiwal | Girls Senator |
| • Bhavana Lakhinena | Girls Senator |
| • Arunabha Banerjee | PG Senator |
| • B. Kiran Naik | PG Senator |
| • D.S. Rishi | PG Senator |
| • Siddharth Khadiya | UG Senator |
| • JMS Rohith | UG Senator |
| • Pooja Kumari | UG Senator |
| • Nikhila Rayalachevuru | UG Senator |
| • Akepogu Prince | UG Senator |

The attendance record of the senate members is:

- Total: 22
- Present: 16
- Absent: 6
- Absent with permission:

Saumya Prasad, Nilesh Raj, Dacharaju Sai Dinesh, Sunil Chowdhury, Rintu Borah, Bhabesh Mahanta

- Absent without permission:

The agenda for the day was taken up as given below:

Item No. 1: Follow up action of the decisions of the 1st meeting of the Students' Senate, IIT Guwahati held on 14/04/2015

The following points were noted with regard to the decisions of the 1st senate meeting held on 14/04/2015.

1. It was noted that conveners were not elected for the committees that were formed in the 1st senate meeting. The following people were nominated for the same:
 - Akepogu Prince New SAC Committee
 - Siddharth Khadiya Steering Committee
 - B. Kiran Naik Maintenance Committee
 - Himakshi Barsiwal Gymkhana Election Committee
2. Nikhila Rayalachevuru did not submit the report regarding book-student ratio in the library.
3. For the agenda item regarding the changing of designation of General Secretaries of various boards, the senate decided that the work will be dealt with in the report of Gymkhana Election Committee.

The senate **RESOLVED** that the actions taken on the decisions of the 1st meeting of the Students' Senate held on 14/04/2015, other than the ones mentioned above, be **NOTED** as reported.

Item No. 2: Agenda related to Group Medical Insurance Scheme (GMIS)

B. Kiran Naik and Mohammed Zilani have presented this issue for consideration of the Senate. They informed the Senate that GMIS policy has been revised from this year onwards and the premium has been doubled and the coverage has been raised to Rs.1, 00,000 per year. As 80% of the GMIS policy users are the students, they have put forward a list of several questions in front of Students' Senate. Students' Senate considered the request and has taken the following resolutions:

- Senate **DIRECTED** Vice President, SGC and General Secretary, SWB to submit a request to concerned authorities for disclosure of the below mentioned items:
 - i. Statistics of the claim amount and usage of corporate buffer for students related cases for the period 2014-15.
 - ii. Contract document with insurance company for the period 2014-15 and 2015-16
 - iii. Compiled data of the feedback taken from the students by CMO to be shared with Vice President, SGC
 - iv. Premium and Coverage for faculty.
- It has been brought to Senate's notice that hospitals are charging more in case of Insurance patients. Senate **DIRECTED** VP, SGC and Mohammed Zilani to submit a request to the

- committee that has been made responsible for GMIS asking whether a survey of the rates, at least in city hospitals, has been taken or not.
- Senate further **DIRECTED** Vice President, SGC to submit a request for the inclusion of student members in the committee dealing with GMIS.

Item No. 3: Agenda related to the proposal of formation of Consulting and Analytics hobby group

The Students' Senate **APPROVED** the formation of the hobby club – “Consulting and Analytics” under the Technical Board. If the activities seem to be the same as that of either the Coding Club or the Finance and Economics Club, the new hobby group shall be merged with the respective club.

Item No. 4: Agenda related to GMIS policy

B. Kiran Naik raised the point that with the present Group Medical Insurance Scheme policy Rs. 1500 is being deducted at the beginning of the odd semester itself. He proposed that it would be better if the money was deducted in two installments of Rs. 750 each at the beginning of the two semesters. For some postgraduate students who leave the campus before the even semester begins this means that they can save Rs. 750.

The General Secretary, SWB clarified that the premium is deducted once annually by any Insurance provider. The General Secretary, SWB also mentioned that the GMIS scheme can be used in any hospital that is affiliated with the Insurance Company.

Item No. 5: Agenda related to Students' Gymkhana website

Vice President, SGC confirmed that the Web Operations Team of SGC will launch the website by 31/08/2015.

Item No. 6: Agenda related to the donation of Bicycles and subsequent use

The Students' Senate discussed the point and decided that a thorough survey needs to be conducted to find out the number of bicycles that are in rusted condition in the hostels. The Maintenance and Infrastructure committee along with Mohammed Zilani and Social Service Club was made responsible for this task. They should have at least three meetings before the next Students' Senate meeting.

Item No. 7: Agenda related to the proposal of a committee for monitoring the progress of the Gymkhana Council

The Students' Senate **AGREED** with the proposal.

A review committee was formed consisting of the Vice President SGC, D.S. Rishi, Pragya Chansoriya and Siddharth Khadiya. The General Secretaries will be invitees for the review process of a member of their respective board.

The following decisions were also taken.

- Each Gymkhana member will have to submit three reports in the two semesters of their tenure (apart from the Annual Report), on 5th October, 31st December and 5th March. The reports shall include the activities of the member in the time subsequent to the Handing Over Ceremony (In the case of the report on 5th October) or the time between previous report and the report being submitted (In the case of the reports on 31st December and 5th March).
- For the report of Club Secretaries, the report should also include the names of the club members. The criteria for a student to be a member of the club should also be mentioned in the report. A photograph should also be attached in case of a mention of an event being conducted by the club.
- If the work done by the member is found to be unsatisfactory as detailed in the report of 5th October then he/she shall be issued a warning. If the work done is found to be unsatisfactory again as detailed in the report of 31st December, he/she shall cease to hold the post.
- If the work done is found to be unsatisfactory as detailed in the report of 5th March, the member shall not be issued a certificate for holding the post.
- The reports shall not be made public. However, they will be shown to anyone who asks for it.

Further, the Students' Senate asked the review committee to mail the above points to all members of the Gymkhana Council who are liable to be reviewed by the committee on or before 23rd August.

Item No. 8: Agenda related to allowing use of laboratory equipments in a department for students of other departments

The Students' Senate **ADVISED** Arunabha Banerjee to forward a proposal to the Steering Committee by 31/08/2015 to be put before SAC.

Item No. 9: Agenda related to separate ID card for sports facilities

The various needs for a separate ID card for using sports facility were put up by Arunabha Banerjee. The Students' Senate **DISAGREED** with the proposal on grounds that a photocopy of the institute ID card can be taken and submitted for using the sports facilities.

Item No. 10: Agenda related to the proposal of formation of a committee regarding 3 years SRF for a students pursuing Ph.D after M.Tech

The Students' Senate **AGREED** with the proposal. A committee consisting of Mohammed Zilani, B. Kiran Naik and Arunabha Banerjee was formed with Mohammed Zilani as the convener.

Item No. 11: Agenda related to setting up of a project portal for monitoring and applying for research projects

The agenda was **NOT DISCUSSED** owing to the absence of the member who raised it. It shall be taken up in the next meeting of the Students' Senate.

Item No. 12: Agenda related to the clashes in scholarships

The Students' Senate **AGREED IN PRINCIPLE** that the results of the IMS scholarships be declared earlier than the results of McM scholarships. The students' receiving the IMS scholarship will then not be considered for the McM scholarship. The Students' Senate **ADVISED** Vice President SGC to submit a proposal to the Scholarship Committee.

Item No. 13: Agenda related to centralized bicycle system

The Students' Senate **NOTED** that the same agenda has been already discussed in the present meeting under Item No. 6. No further discussion took place with regard to this agenda.

Item No. 14: Agenda related to the extension of New SAC timing.

The Students' Senate **AGREED IN PRINCIPLE** with the motion. The New SAC timings deadline was extended from 10:30 PM to 11:45 PM. The Senate **ADVISED** Vice President (SGC) to forward a proposal to Faculty In-charge New SAC.

With regard to a request forwarded to the Faculty In-charge New SAC for the extension of timings for the availability of the Techniche room till 2:00 AM, the Students' Senate discussed and **DECIDED** that the room may be used till 12:00 AM only considering security issues.

Item No. 15: Agenda related to some executive positions of Students' Gymkhana Council.

As the post of General Secretary HAB has fallen vacant after the resignation of Mr. Ajeet Singh, fresh nominations will be called for the same post. The Students' Senate **AGREED** that Joint Secretary HAB shall be allowed to contest the elections.

The Students' Senate has **DIRECTED** General Secretary CBS to give a report detailing the reasons for the inclusion of the General Secretary CBS in the executive council. Also it was **NOTED** that no constitution has been drafted for the CBS. General Secretary CBS was **ADVISED** to draft a constitution and forward the same to the steering committee of the Students' Senate.

Item No. 16: Agenda related to buses to railway station at the time of registration.

The Students' Senate **ADVISED** Pragma Chansoriya to forward a proposal to Deputy Registrar, Establishment before 25/08/2015 for needful.

Item No. 17: Agenda related to repositioning of water coolers in the academic complex.

The Students' Senate **ADVISED** Akepogu Prince to forward a proposal to the Steering Committee by 03/09/2015.

Item No. 18: Agenda related to washing/cleaning of curtains in Academic Complex.

The Students' Senate **ADVISED** Akepogu Prince to prepare a proposal with the required budget and the time period of washing/cleaning and forward it to the Steering Committee by 03/09/2015.

Item No. 20: Agenda related to the formation of a sponsored projects and industrial consultancy cell.

The Students' Senate **ADVISED** Vice President, SGC and Nikhila Rayalachevuru to discuss this point with SAB.

Item No. 21: Agenda related to some library issues.

The Students' senate **ADVISED** Nikhila Rayalachevuru to work with Siddharth Khadiya to come up with useful solutions for the issues mentioned in the agenda.

Item No. 22: Agenda related to physically disabled friendly buildings.

The senate **ADVISED** Mohammed Zilani to submit a proposal to the Steering Committee for verification by 30/08/2015 which will be forwarded to DoIPM for discussion.

Item No. 23: Agenda related to laying of road between Core 3 and Core 4.

The proposal has already been submitted to the Steering Committee. The Students' Senate **ADVISED** the convener of Maintenance and Infrastructure Committee to follow up on this issue.

Item No. 24: Agenda related to Seating Arrangement in Canteens.

The Students' Senate **DISAGREED** with the motion citing hygiene and cleanliness issues which can arise if such an arrangement were to be made available. Also, it was pointed out that it can be detrimental to the sanctity of the academic area.

Item No. 25: Agenda related to the formation of a hobby club for Game Development and Design.

The Students' Senate **DISAGREED** with the proposal. It **ADVISED** the concerned people to be a part of and work closely with the Coding Club. This will add a new spectrum to the Coding Club.

Formation of Committees:

1. **International Relations Committee:** To look after the international affairs including the details of MoU's signed with other organizations. Sai Dinesh Dacharaju and Sunil Chowdhury will be members of this committee. Sai Dinesh Dacharaju will be the convener of this committee.
2. **SRF Committee (ad hoc):** To look after the proposal in Item No 10 of 2nd Students' Senate Meeting. Mohammed Zilani, B. Kiran Naik and Arunabha Banerjee will be the members of this committee. Mohammed Zilani will be the convener of this committee.
3. **Gymkhana Review Committee:** To look after the review process of Gymkhana members. VP, SGC, D.S. Rishi, Pragya Chansoriya and Siddharth Khadiya will be the members of the committee. Vice President, SGC will be the convener of this committee.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Students' Senate will be held on 07/09/2015 at 6:00 PM in the Conference room of the New SAC building.