

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI



MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING OF STUDENTS SENATE



DATE AND TIME: 10th May 2024 at 09:00 PM

The student senate meeting of the Gymkhana was held on 10th May 2024. The quorum was present throughout and the following members were present:

Anirudh Gupta, Vice President, Students' Gymkhana Council 2024-25	Chairman
Vivek Dond, General Secretary Hostel Affairs Board 2024-25	Member
P Aashrith Ram, General Secretary Technical Board 2024-25	Member
Shreyas Pimpalkar, General Secretary Sports Board 2024-25	Member
Ujjawal Chhajer, General Secretary Students' Welfare Board 2024-25	Member
Urmi Gopalakrishnan, General Secretary Student-Alumni Interaction Linkage 2024-25	Member
Akhilesh Gupta, General Secretary Cultural Board 2024-25	Member
Gadde Sri Ram Rishandra, Undergraduate Senator	Member
Malla Jaswanth, Undergraduate Senator	Member
Himanshu Raj, Undergraduate Senator	Member
Varun Singh Rathore, Undergraduate Senator	Member
Ponakala Hanuma Sai Krishna, Undergraduate Senator	Member
Mangal Singh Rathore, Undergraduate Senator	Member
Ayush Awasthi, Undergraduate Senator	Member
Amlan Jyoti Gogoi, Postgraduate Senator	Member
Ms Priyanka Tripathi, Postgraduate Senator	Member
Abhijeet, Postgraduate Senator	Member
Om Samadhan Hande, Postgraduate Senator	Member
Saurabh Pantawane, Postgraduate Senator	Member
Prayag Raj Bhuyan, Postgraduate Senator	Member
Rashmi Gahlot, Postgraduate Senator	Member
Veeranki Devi Sai Sri, Girl Senator	Member
Bachina Komali, Girl Senator	Member
Chanchal, Girl Senator	Member

Absentees:

Geetanjay Manik, General Secretary, Students' Web Committee 2024-25	Member
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Item No. 01

Introduction by the Chairman, Students' Senate

01/10/05/24

The Chairman of the Students' Senate called the meeting to order. The Chairman introduced the rules and regulations of the Senate to the incoming members for the tenure of 2024-25. After a few initial words of introduction and recalling the senate's motto, the senate proceedings commenced.

Item No. 02

Introduction and formation of Subcommittees

02/10/05/24

The Chairman of the Students' Senate explained the role of each subcommittee to the senators and took their preferences. The distribution of subcommittees will be done in the next senate meeting.

Item No.3

Agenda submission by Boards

03/10/05/24

1. Welfare Board

Proposed by Ujjawal Chajjer, General Secretary Students' Welfare Board

(i) Agenda: Reduction of interaction ban period of incoming freshers

Description: By reducing the period of interaction ban by one or one and half month, we can conduct one or two activities in odd semester itself which were supposed to happen in the even semester. This will also fasten the hiring process of clubs and It will boost the productivity of all boards.

Consensus: The senate approved the proposal. It was further suggested that the To collect data from other IITs and to work on this agenda as fast as possible.

Action: Proper details to be provided in the next senate meeting.

(ii) Agenda: Student Representation in Institute Academic Disciplinary Committee

Description: Currently, student representation in the Academic Disciplinary Committee is not there. The Welfare Board suggests that a student who faces disciplinary action should have student representatives to understand their concerns.

Consensus:

Action: To gather more information on this agenda.

(iii) Agenda: Consolidation of Mentorship Roles from Saathi and Branch-Wise Sources

Description: Currently, there is one mentor from branch who will be looking into academic Things and one mentor from Saathi Counselling who will be looking into personal issues. Welfare Board has suggested for only one mentor instead of two mentors.

Consensus: The senate did not approve the proposal and GS SAB concluded that it will be very hectic for the person in charge to take both responsibilities. However, it has been suggested to

GS SAB and GS SWB to come up with a way to smoothly handle both the councellings and report to the senate in next meeting.

2. Sports Board

Proposed by Shreyas Pimpalkar, General Secretary Sports Board

- (i) **Agenda: Establishment of Additional Creatives Head Position for Spirit Fest**
Description: Recognizing the significant workload associated with creative tasks, particularly within the context of Spirit Fest, there is a proposal to introduce an additional Creatives Head role within the Gymkhana POR structure.
Consensus: The senate approved the proposal.
Action: Formal Proposal needs to be submitted to Vice President, Student Gymkhana Council.

- (ii) **Agenda: Restructuring Roles within Sports Board and Establishment of Outreach Head**
Description: The Sports Board currently employs two Events Managers, with a proposal to reassign one to the position of Events Manager and the other to the role of Outreach Head. This transition aims to leverage the Outreach Head's capabilities to secure external sponsors for Spardha merchandise, originally funded through hostel resources.
Consensus: The Senate approved the proposal
Action : Formal Proposal needs to be submitted to Vice President, Student Gymkhana Council.

- (iii) **Agenda: Appointment of Operational Manager in Sports Board**
Description: There is a need for operational manager in sports board, as the person in this will be supervising each club and secretaries working.
Consensus: The senate approved the proposal.
Action: Formal Proposal needs to be submitted to Vice President, Student Gymkhana Council.

Item No. 04

Agenda submission by senators

04/10/05/24

1. **Agenda: Implementation of an Online Platform for Renewal of Library-Issued Books**

Proposer: Veeranki Devi Sai Sri, Girls Senator

Description: Many students within our college face challenges in renewing library-issued books after the initial 45-day borrowing period. This inconvenience often leads to overdue fines and difficulties in accessing essential study materials, especially during mid-term examinations and vacations. To address this issue and enhance student convenience, the introduction of an online platform for book renewal is proposed.

Consensus: The Senate approved the proposal.

Action: Details to be submitted in the next senate meeting.

2. Agenda: Fostering a Vibrant Hostel Culture through Interactive Sessions in Girls Hostels

Proposer: Veeranki Devi Sai Sri, Girls Senator

Description: To increase the interaction between senior and junior years. Following initiatives have been proposed:

- Assigning a mentor who is one year senior to 5 juniors and room allocation should be done in such a way that the senior's room is nearer to those 5 juniors. This kind of system is being implemented in IIT Kanpur.
- The students will be asked to interact with 5 set of people every two weeks and to ensure that they are doing this practice, we will be floating a form where the students are asked to fill about the details of the people they have met in those two weeks. We will also allot them 2 hours of COS hours or SA or NSO hours.

Consensus: The Senate appreciated the first initiative and also suggested that in the second initiative it will somehow lead the students to get indulged in short routes to fill the form. The senate brought up the topic of less participation of bachelor girls in extra-curriculars. It was also discussed that a subcommittee will be formed with all three girls senators and GS HAB being its members to research on the participation of bachelor girls in extra-curriculars.

Action: A subcommittee has been formed with all three girls senators and GS HAB being its members to research on the least participation of bachelors girls in extra-curriculars.

3. Agenda: Appointment of Associate Placement Coordinator (APC) for HSS department

Proposer: Om Samadhan Hande, PG Senator

Description: There is no associate placement coordinator is from HSS department. It is very difficult for a PC or APC who is not from HSS department to understand HSS student's problems.

Consensus: The senate approved the proposal and also suggested that there should be one associate placement coordinator from design and MBA programs also. GS SAB proposed a phased approach, suggesting the appointment of an associate placement coordinator in the first year and a possibility of a placement coordinator in the second year can be looked upon later.

Action: Senate asked for the details to be provided and work with the existing PCs for the same.

4. Agenda: Medical Reimbursement within 2 months

Proposer: Om Samadhan Hande, PG Senator

Description: Currently the medical reimbursement is done in 4 months which is a very long period. The stipend of PG students is very low and reimbursement of medical fees in 2 months can indeed help them a lot.

Consensus: The senate discussed the issue and asked the proposer to research more on this issue.

5. Agenda: Drinking and washroom facilities near main gate

Proposer: Abhijeet, PG Senator

Description: As most people will be waiting near main gate, there is a need for this facility near main gate.

Consensus: The senate concluded that GS welfare is already working on these facilities near main and KV gates during welcome onboard initiative.

6. Agenda: Introduction of Centralized Placement Portal

Proposer: Abhijeet, PG Senator

Description: There is a need for Centralized Placement Portal, with all the details and facilities required by the students and companies.

Consensus: Senate concluded that Centralized Placement Portal already exists and to discuss any issue related to placement portal, there should be representation of CCD and SWC in the senate meeting.

7. Agenda: Proposal of Summer Research Internship Program (SRIP) for PG students.

Proposer: Amlan Jyoti Gogoi, PG Senator

Description: In many departments, the students who are interested in doing research internship cannot apply for it directly. They need to mail the professor and get the approval. Also, the students are not provided with stipend during this period if they are going for the internship.

Consensus: The senate has approved the proposal. GS SAB has suggested that we can propose this agenda to new professors who would be coming into institute and also suggested that we can propose this agenda in SAC meeting.

Action: Senate asked the proposer to communicate with other IITs regarding the flow of money for this fellowship.

8. Agenda: 10 percent reservation in the guesthouse bookings for parents throughout the year.

Proposer: Ponakala Hanuma Sai Krishna, UG Senator

Description: There are total 225 rooms, combining both the old and new guesthouse rooms. Out of these 20 to 25 rooms are given to faculty. Parents usually try for guesthouse rooms just two weeks or one week before their arrival to campus, which is indeed not helping them to get a room for themselves in guesthouse as many other events would be happening and guesthouse rooms are booked very early and in bulk for these events. So, there is a need of 10 to 15 rooms reserved for parents in guesthouse throughout the year.

Consensus: The senate has approved the proposal.

Action: The senate asked the proposer to bring reports from establishment section on where these 10-15 rooms will be reserved and also asked to research on days during which the guesthouse rooms are unavailable.

The meeting was concluded by the Chairman wishing all the best to the senate members for their assigned tasks and agendas for the upcoming month.