

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF STUDENTS
HELD ON 08 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 4 PM AT PPT HALL

The following were present.

Dr. M.S. Sivakumar	Dean (Students)	Chairman
Dr. K. Sethupathi	Chairman, Council of Wardens	Member
Dr. P.N. Santhosh	Advisor (Sports)	-do-
Dr. Umakant Dash	Advisor (Cultural)	-do-
Dr. Manu Santhanam	Advisor (Placement)	-do-
Dr. G. Ranga Rao	Advisor (Mitr)	-do-
Dr. P. Sudarshan	Advisor (SAC)	-do-
Dr. K.C. Sivakumar	Advisor, NSS	-do-
Dr. Preeti Agalyam	Advisor (T5e & EML)	-do-
Dr. Ashwin M	Advisor, E Cell	-do-
Dr. Benny Raphael	Chief Election Officer	Invitee
Lt Col (Retd.) Jayakumar	Jt. Registrar (Students)	Member Secretary
Mr. Venkataraman, G.	Speaker, SAC	Student member.
Mr. Purab Pradeep Jain	Students General Secretary	-do-
Mr. Sanka Shiva Saketh	Secretary, Academic Affairs	-do-
Mr. Kotra Srikanth	Secretary, Research Affairs	-do-
Mr. Animesh Bagora	Secretary, Co-Curricular	-do-
Mr. Kishore K.S	Secretary, Hostel Affairs	-do-
Mr. Sethu Madhavan. A	Secretary, Sports	-do-
Mr. Shreyas Harish	Secretary, Cultural, Lit.	-do-
Mr. Gokulesh T.G	Secretary, Cultural, Arts	-do-
Mr. Poojan Patel	Secretary, I&AR	-do-
Mr. Abhishek Vinakolu	Chairperson, Sub-Comm. GA	-do-
Mr. V. Sanjay	Chairperson, Sub-Comm., CA	-do-
Mr. Anand Joseph M	Chairperson, Sub-Comm., HA	-do-
Mr. Aditya. C,	Chairperson Sub-Comm., SA	-do-
Mr. Bachu Smaran Raj	Chairperson, Sub-Comm., AA	-do-
Mr. Ashok Kumar. S	Chairperson, Sub-Comm. RA	-do-
Mr. Raghav V	Chairperson, Sub-Comm., CCA	-do-
Ms. J. Nandini	Chairperson, Sub-Comm., SE	-do-
Mr. Shyam Prasad R	Chairperson, Sub-Comm., HHE	-do-
Mr. Hari Venkat Kiran	Student Head, CFI	-do-
Mr. Ishant Rao	Institute Legislature, M. Tech	-do-
Ms. Isha Bhallamudi	Chief Student Editor, T5e	Invitee

1. **Points Discussed.** The points discussed are given below.

Point Discussed	Proposal	Decision Taken
<p>Renaming SAC to SLC: There is confusion between Students Activities/Amenities Center and Students Affairs Council. (all with acronym: SAC)</p>	<p>May be renamed Students Legislative Council (SLC)</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>
<p>Allowing girls inside boys' hostels: There is no uniformity in the implementation of this rule in the hostels. Seems to depend on the warden of the hostel.</p>	<p>In case of any modifications or reservations to the rule suggested by the CoW (also inserted in the hostel manual), the concerned hostel council shall convey the same to the CCW.</p>	<p>DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF WARDENS SHALL BE FINAL.</p>
<p>Freshie volunteers in Saarang and Shaastra: Shaastra and Saarang teams are currently not allowed to recruit UG freshers as volunteers in the fests. This was imposed when the fests were held with the odd semester. Currently, these fests are held after a semester is over Also, the fests are now held during the vacation period not affecting the freshers' studies.</p>	<p>Freshers may be allowed to be volunteers in Shaastra and Saarang fests. However, they may be allowed to work only after the odd semester is over.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>
<p>Randomized drug test for elected representatives: Elected representatives of the General Student body should be responsible individuals abiding by the rules and regulations of the hostels and institutes. However, there may be substance abuse violations by them when they are holding office and suspicion or reports on any of the elected student representatives may surface.</p>	<p>Elected representatives to sign a declaration of willingness to volunteer to undergo a drug test when a need to prove themselves arises. They also should declare they would not tamper with evidence before the test. If found positive, apart from disciplinary action, they will also be impeached.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>

Proposed Amendments to Student Constitution

(Final version of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be incorporated by the Advisor, SAC).

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<p>Proposal for a Committee to look into allowing candidates that don't meet the CGPA criteria to stand for elections:</p> <p>Currently: All candidates standing for student elections should have a CGPA of 7 or above. Pros for the current Makes sure the candidate will not suffer too much from a fall in CGPA because of engaging in the responsibility. The gain for the individual offsets the loss of CGPA, if occurs, in general. Cons: There are many genuine cases with slightly less CGPA but has been active in the student affairs and has the passion to work in a position of responsibility including being an elected representative. Though lagging behind to a certain extent in academics, they have been spending enough time for studies. In addition, they seem to have a fervour for taking up such responsibilities. In some cases, there is an upward progression.</p>	<p>CGPA 7 and above may be retained. For cases with CGPA less than 7 but more than 6, their capability to sustain their CGPA to be verified. Perhaps, a committee appointed by the Dean (Students) may look into and determine the eligibility of the candidate. The committee's decision will be final.</p>	<p>THOSE WITH CGPA 6 AND ABOVE ARE RECOMMENDED TO CONTEST THE STUDENT ELECTIONS.</p>
<p>Proposal for one cultural secretary:</p> <p>Currently: There are two cultural secretaries taking care of primarily all the lit, soc and arts activities, Saarang and other related flagship festivals. Pros for the current Workload is shared. There is always the other when one is absent for some reason. Learns cooperation at the leadership level. Cons: Two is a crowd! Misunderstandings sometimes lead to non-functioning. No clear distinction of work Trading of votes occurs during elections</p>	<p>One cultural secretary One deputy secretary (if need be).</p>	<p>STATUS QUO IS RECOMMENDED TO BE MAINTAINED.</p>

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<p>Proposal for merger of GenSec and Hostel legislator / HHS & GenSec:</p> <p>Currently: The past one year: two elected from each hostel: GenSec + Hostel Legislator</p> <p>Pros for the current Load of Gensec reduces. Legislator takes care policy issues and special SAC sub-committee work. Separation of Executive and Legislative roles.</p> <p>Cons: Hostel legislator is not aware of happenings in the hostel Sometimes doesn't represent hostel or doesn't let hostel know of policy changes Gensec position weakens because of not being a part of policy decision making body though knows the pulse of the hostel and hostel affairs.</p>	<p>Proposal 1: Increase GenSec work by merging HHS and GenSec positions</p> <p>Proposal 2: Remove HL position and let GenSecs take part in SAC affairs and meetings.</p>	<p>STATUS QUO IS RECOMMENDED TO BE MAINTAINED.</p> <p>THE LEGISLATORS SHOULD GO THROUGH INTEGRATION AND ORIENTATION TRAINING COMPULSORILY TO UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE IN THE SAC, AS DECIDED BY THE ADVISOR, SAC.</p>
<p>Expansion of the terms of Financial Accountability Commission to all funds handled by student secretaries and heads:</p> <p>Currently: FAC proposal started with request for scrutiny of some of the funds available for spending by the hostel councils, institute secretaries and student heads</p> <p>Why expansion: Resources for spending by elected secretaries come from many other sources. Therefore, should scrutinize their spending from all those funds also.</p> <p>Cons: There may be additional delay in submitting the bills for reimbursement or settlement because of this scrutiny.</p>	<p>Proposal 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of the terms of FAC to all the accounts. <p>Proposal 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion in stages. 	<p>PROPOSAL 2 IS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.</p> <p>NO OFFICE STAFF SUPPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE. THE CONCERNED STUDENT TEAMS SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR OWN RECORDS FOR VERIFICATION BY THE FAC.</p>

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<p>Proposal for presentation of budgets and annual expenditure by all the secretaries and bodies to SAC:</p> <p>Currently: Budgets presented to Faculty Advisors directly.</p> <p>Pros: Less delay in starting the work for the academic year</p> <p>Cons: Faculty advisors may not look closely at certain details and may need an additional presentation to the GSB representative body. Budget and manifesto should have some connection Stakeholders don't get to see the budget before being Recommended.</p>	<p>Budget to be proposed by the secretaries to the SAC.</p> <p>These budgets will be reviewed thereafter by the Advisor / DoSt.</p> <p>Annual expenditure should also be presented to the GSB by the student Secretaries and the student Heads.</p>	RECOMMENDED
<p>Proposal for Student Judicial Commission:</p> <p>Currently: No judicial commission exists Any slip in performance of duties or violation of the constitution handled arbitrarily.</p> <p>Cons: Likelihood of deterioration in the atmosphere of mutual respect, trust and harmony among the members of the General Student Body. Violations of the Students Constitution and legislation Recommended by SAC</p>	<p>Installation of Student Judicial Commission to make sure that the students abide by the Students Constitution, recommend sanctions on students and ruling on any procedural decisions falling within what is laid down under the Constitution.</p>	RECOMMENDED.
<p>Proposal for merger of Department Legislator and Branch Councillor positions:</p> <p>Currently: Two separate posts exist – Dept legislator and Branch councillor</p> <p>Cons: They also seem to be taking care of placement but not selected by the AAS unlike other secretaries.</p>	<p>Merger of Department Legislator and Branch Councillor post.</p> <p>Placement cores to be selected by the AAS with guidance from Advisor, Placement.</p>	RECOMMENDED

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<p>Proposal for Schedule of Penalties for Students in HDC:</p> <p>Currently: Intra-HDC and HDC rulings through consensus arrived at the HDC meetings on a case to case basis.</p> <p>Cons: Often, the nature of ruling varies widely even through the nature of violations remain almost same. This causes concerns in the minds of the students.</p>	<p>The schedule of penalties proposed by SAC to HDC will be discussed in a forthcoming meeting of HDC to ensure consistency and proportion when the corrective measures are deliberated in the HDC. HDC cannot fall within the ambit of SJC. So, SJC ambit should be limited to SAC legislations only.</p>	<p>TO BE CONSIDERED AND RATIFIED BY THE HDC IN A FUTURE MEETING OF THE HDC</p>
<p>Proposal for including Rights and Responsibilities of students:</p> <p>Currently: No document of this nature available</p>	<p>Advisor, SAC to submit a draft for consideration.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED IN PRINCIPLE.</p>
<p>Proposal for Additional Body under SAC:</p> <p>Placement Team under AAS Chess Club under Sport Secretary Film Appreciation Society (club) under Cultural Secretary (Arts).</p> <p>Currently: Placement team consists of Branch councillors elected. Chess club functioning as a club under the General Secretary. Film Society has been in existence but dormant – is a campus club Cons on current The clubs proposed can function better under appropriate secretaries.</p>	<p>Placement Team under AAS Chess Club under Sport Secretary Film Appreciation Society (Club) under Cultural Secretary (Arts). To be added as SAC bodies.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>
<p>Proposal for a fresh T5e Editorial Policy: Presented by Chief Editor, T5e</p>	<p>Advisor, T5e to submit the final version after incorporating changes as pointed in the meeting.</p>	<p>TO BE CONSIDERED ON RECEIPT OF THE DETAILED POLICY PAPER.</p>

Presentations by Secretaries & Student Heads	Student secretaries and heads presented their report.	Presentations accepted.
<p>ITEMS not within the scope of BoS but affect students:</p> <p><u>With other Boards:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redoing Courses. <i>(is being taken up in BAC)</i> • Attendance Waiver. <i>(is being taken up in BAC)</i> • A longer break (850am to 930am) to ensure students take breakfast <i>(proposed to be taken up in BAC)</i> <p><u>Other matters that directly affect students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCASH Guidelines. • Vehicular Pollution Committee • Eradication of Velikaaththan • Safety kit in every dept and lab 	To be taken up by students directly with respective authorities.	