Students Activity Council (SAC)

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Prologue

Students Activity Council (SAC) is the student’s organisation of IISER Bhopal aimed at enabling the students to manage affairs pertaining to themselves and creating a healthy extra-curricular ambience in the institute. Established in 2011, the objectives of SAC are:

- To administer and manage all student activities in the Institute.
- To promote and develop organisational and extra-curricular skills in the students.
- To channelise and address various students issues.
- To develop a well-informed, articulate and participative student community life, and to increase social awareness.
- To organise elections/nominations of students for SAC activities.
- To offer administrative and office support for all recognised student activities.

The Constitution of Students Activity Council (SAC) governs its election, structure and execution, which all office-bearers must adhere to. Failing to abide by the codes presented in the Constitution, in any form active or passive, intentional or unintentional, may result in an official warning or even impeachment of the responsible office-bearer. Certain important records or breakthroughs of SAC should be appended to the Constitution, decision on which vests with the Students Senate. Minor updates or amendments to the Constitution must be appended at the end as ‘List of Amendments’, for proper correspondence; however in case of major intractable modifications to the Constitution the ‘List of Amendments’ can be restarted/shortened whatever may the case be. Over time, obsolete entries to the ‘List of Amendments’ can be skipped.

President of SAC is named the ‘Warden of the Constitution’. Only the President is permitted to make any modifications to the SAC Constitution, after appropriate approval of the Students Senate and as per the procedure established under this Constitution. Any unauthorised modification to the Constitution shall be considered ultra-vires and shall also result in the impeachment of the responsible office-bearer followed by a disciplinary action which will be initiated against him and anyone else concerned.

Finally, we hope that the Students Activity Council and the concerned office-bearers, will yield to the responsibilities granted to them by the SAC Constitution and expectations of the IISER Bhopal family.

The Drafting Board
September 2011
Editors

This document as it stands, is a collaborative effort of many students and faculty members at IISER Bhopal. The first draft was prepared in 2011 by a nominated Drafting Board, along with the establishment of SAC. Since its implementation, Vice-President of SAC is given the responsibility of maintaining and updating this document. Any discrepancy, if found in the document, should be reported to sac@iiserb.ac.in for appropriate consideration.

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Structure

1.1 Definitions and Overview

1. **Institute** refers to Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Bhopal.
2. **SAC or Students Activity Council** refers to the student organisation of IISER Bhopal.
3. **Director** refers to Director of IISER Bhopal.
4. **Dean of Students' Affairs (DOSA)** is the Supreme Authority of SAC. All the affairs of SAC are governed by DOSA.
5. **General Body** refers to all the registered students of IISER Bhopal.
6. **Student Senate** (hereafter referred to as Senate) is the legislative and governing council of SAC which governs all the activities and resolves all the concerns of the General Body.
7. **Central Advisory Committee (CAC)** is the advisory board of the Senate that participates in the Senate proceedings and assists the Senators in decision-making.
8. **President** is the Chairperson of the Senate who shall preside over the meeting of Senate. All the financial responsibilities of SAC vests with the President subject to the procedure provided under this Constitution.
9. **Vice-President** is the Secretary of the President who shall assist the President in smooth functioning of the Senate. Vice-President shall be responsible to the President for the proper discharge of his functions and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him under this Constitution.
10. Extra-curricular activities of the General Body are regulated through 6 different **Councils** under its ambit:
    - Career Development Council (CDC)
    - Computing and Networking Council (CNC)
    - Cultural Council
    - Fine Arts and Literary Council (FALC)
    - Science Council
    - Sports Council
11. The Environmental and Social Initiative Club (ESIC) functions directly under the President and Vice-President.
12. Each Council is represented in the Senate by a Council Secretary specific to that Council. The Council Secretary is the official head of that Council and shall preside over all the meetings of that Council.

13. Under each Council there are registered Clubs related to that Council.

14. In addition to the above mentioned councils, SAC has a Representatives Council (RC) that deals with the concerns and complaints of the General Body. It has representatives from each section (batch) of the General Body. Also, Mess Committees are elected for each Mess Hall along with the RC in the Confined Elections to manage and administer all the mess issues. Each Mess Committee is also a part of the SAC. Their roles and duties are outlined in the Mess Constitution.

15. SAC Election Committee (SACEC) is constituted to ensure fair and smooth conduct of the election procedure for all the posts in SAC.

16. Office refers to SAC Office. Office Bearers refer to the students holding a post in SAC.

17. Preliminary Senate refers to the body of Senators elected in the first stage of the General Elections.

18. All the office-bearers of SAC will have a tenure of 1 year.

1.2 General Body

1. All the registered students of IISER Bhopal (UG and PG) constitutes the General Body.

2. If there is a requisition from at least 1/3rd of the General Body, the Representatives Council must consider it and organise a meeting. In the meeting if the requisition is passed by the Representatives Council, it must be accepted by the Senate and the demand needs to be sent to CAC for further consideration.

3. All the complaints/suggestions/propositions from the General Body with reference to SAC or its office-bearers shall be sent via email to the RC with a carbon copy to President. Any complaint regarding any of the representative of RC shall be sent directly to the President with a carbon copy to DOSA

4. All the complaints/suggestions/propositions related to the functioning of the messes shall be directly handled by the respective Mess Committees.

1.3 Student Senate

Senate is the main governing body of SAC. All the decisions and discussions regarding students, their activities and concerns will occur in timely proceedings of the Senate.

1. Senate is the legislative and governing council of the SAC.

2. Any amendment(s) to the constitution will be included with at least 2/3rd majority among the Senators.

3. Senate will decide the overall budget allocation to the Councils, based on the needs and proposals presented by the respective Council Secretaries.

4. All issues related to the General Body, finance and conflict(s) within/between the councils will be discussed in the Senate.
5. Any new hostel rule will be discussed with the respective Hostel Representatives before implementation.

6. Senate will ensure financial transparency in SAC. (Section 2.3)

7. Senate shall not interfere in the internal matters of the Councils or the Clubs, until and unless formally requested to do so by the respective Council(s) or Club(s).

8. Senate will ensure the continuous and smooth conduct of the Councils (and SAC in general) by means of regular reports, twice per semester.

9. Members of the Senate:
   - President (Convener)
   - Vice-President
   - Secretary, Career Development Council (CDC)
   - Secretary, Computing and Networking Council (CNC)
   - Secretary, Cultural Council
   - Secretary, Fine Arts and Literary Council (FALC)
   - Secretary, Science Council
   - Secretary, Sports Council
   - Secretary, RC (Male)
   - Secretary, RC (Female)
   - I-PhD Senate Representative
   - PhD Senate Representative
   - Academic Senate Representative (ASR), UG

10. Invited Members are the members of the Senate who are deprived of the voting rights in the decision making. Following will be the Invited Members in the Senate:
    - Academic Senate Representative (ASR), PG

11. The minimum No. of members required to constitute a quorum shall be 2/3rd of the total No. of members of Senate.

12. Any member of the General Body can be allowed to attend the Senate Meetings with the prior consent of President or DOSA, if the member is able to justify the need to do so. But, in such a case, the member shall not possess voting rights in the decision making of Senate Meeting.

1.4 Central Advisory Committee (CAC)

1. CAC participates in the Senate proceedings and assists the Senators in decision-making.

2. CAC checks upon proper implementation of the SAC Constitution in the Senate Meetings or otherwise.

3. They are deprived of any voting rights in the issues raised in the Senate proceedings.

4. Their presence in the meetings of the Senate is recommended but not compulsory.

5. Final decision in the case of an impeachment or any dispute at the level of the Senate, lies with CAC. For such a decision all the members of CAC must be present.
6. Members of CAC
   - Dean of Students’ Affairs (DOSA)
   - SAC Faculty Adviser(s) (Maximum 2)
   - Former Senator
   - Nominated Adviser(s) (Maximum 2)

1.5 President

President is the official student head of the SAC. He/She is the representative of the General Body to the Institute, and of SAC to the General Body. All the financial responsibilities of SAC vests with the President. The President will be responsible for proper accounting of all the money deposited or withdrawn from the SAC bank account and shall update DOSA about each and every such transaction, failing to which the President will be responsible for the damages caused thereby, if any. However, he/she does not possess any right or power to withdraw money from the SAC bank account without the Senate’s consent. The President:

1. will be officially responsible for all the roles of the SAC.
2. shall call regular General Body meetings to take feedback about functioning and conduct of SAC.
3. will be answerable to the Institute and to the General Body in case of any kind of malfunctioning of SAC.
4. will preside over the Senate meetings.
5. may invite Guest Advisers to the Senate meetings.
6. may allow any member of the General Body to attend the Senate Meetings, if the member is able to justify the need to do so. In such a case, the member will not be allowed to participate in the meeting.
7. will be authorised to call a Provisional Senate meeting to discuss upon high priority issues or disputes that demand immediate action.
8. in consultation with CAC will be authorised to take instantaneous decisions, if the issue cannot wait until the next Senate meeting; however it must be accounted in the next Senate meeting.
9. shall duly respond and act upon the complaints/suggestions/propositions from the General Body with reference to SAC and its office-bearers.
10. will be required to set up committees as and when required to inquire into various issues except in case of impeachment of a post-bearer in SAC wherein this right transfers to the DOSA.
11. will be required to sign the minutes of the Senate meetings along with the DOSA.
12. will be required to sign any official action or circular at the level of the Senate in accordance with the decisions included in the minutes.
13. will be in charge of the official email address of SAC, sac@iiserb.ac.in, and will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.
14. will maintain the accounts regarding the individual Councils.
15. will be one of the signatories of the SAC Bank Account, along with the DOSA.
16. will present financial report each semester to the Senate and release it in public interest, to ensure financial transparency in SAC to the General Body.
17. will be responsible for any financial disparity in the SAC bank account, in which case he/she might be subjected to strict disciplinary action.

1.6 DOSA

DOSA will be the supreme authority and also the head of CAC. All the councils, office-bearers, etc. will be sub-ordinate to DOSA. DOSA shall:

1. Shall be the signing authority in connection with all the affairs related to third party.
2. Shall be a signatory of the SAC Bank account along with A.R. (S&P) / D.R. (F&A).
3. Shall be a sole authority to execute any agreement/understanding of whatsoever nature, on behalf of SAC in connection with any/all affairs related thereto.
4. Shall be answerable to the Institute in case of any kind of malfunctioning of SAC.
5. Shall sign the minutes and the orders released thereby along with the President.
6. Shall have the power to revise or nullify any decision taken by the President while dispensing his/her duties.
7. Can recommend the Senate to alter or modify the changes in the constitution of SAC.

1.7 Vice-President

Vice-President is the secretary of the President. The Vice-President assists the President in smooth functioning of the Senate. The Vice-President:

1. along with the President, will be in charge of the official email address of the SAC, sac@iiserb.ac.in, and along with the President will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.
2. will assume the post of the Acting President in case of the President's informed or abrupt absence, and carry out all of the President's duties except for financial matters.
3. will organise the Senate and the General Body meetings.
4. will prepare the Agenda before every Senate meeting. The Senators shall provide the Vice-President with the issues they want to be discussed in the meeting.
5. will be required to record, prepare and sign the minutes of the Senate meetings and shall ensure necessary approval from the President and DOSA.
6. will be in charge of the SAC Notice Board. Anything to be posted on it will require the approval of the Vice-President. He/She will be responsible for any inappropriate content on it.
7. shall assess the reports submitted by the Councils to the Senate along with the President, and shall release it in public interest.
8. Any amendments made to the constitution should be updated by the Vice-President. Vice-President should ensure the proper implementation of the Constitution.
1.8 Activity Councils

Activity Councils (henceforth referred to as Councils) are the autonomous, extra-curricular Activity Departments under SAC. They will address all the concerns related to that particular Council in the Institute. There are six Councils: Career Development, Computing and Networking, Cultural, Fine Arts and Literary, Science, and Sports. The Councils:

1. will not have any particular membership; they will include the whole General Body.

2. will manage the rules and working strategy in matters pertaining to itself; Senate will have no interference in the internal matters of the Councils, until and unless there is a serious conflict between two Councils or within the Councils, in which case Senate’s decision shall be obeyed by all the Councils.

3. will have to submit reports (once every semester) and financial clarification to the Senate. Any disparity in the financial clarification can subject the Secretary or the individual concerned to disciplinary action.

4. can decide their structure upon themselves. Only the mentioned posts and their roles should be incorporated. The appointment of the Council Secretary will be governed by SACEC.

5. will manage and administer the clubs under their realm. Each new club must be registered with one of the Councils to get an official status and aid from SAC. Each council can lay down relevant criteria for appointment of club coordinators in the clubs functioning under that council.

6. will assess the reports submitted by the clubs and release them in public interest and these should be included in the annual report of the respective council secretaries.

7. may approach the DOSA or the President in case of any financial needs, taking into account the demands and needs of the individual clubs.

8. will reserve the right to organise General Body meetings to implement any public program. But if a club wishes to have a General Body meeting, it shall ask its Council to assist in the organisation of the same.

9. will select students to represent IISER Bhopal in various activities outside the institute after taking appropriate approval from the President. Councils have the right to decide their own criteria for the same.

1.8.1 Secretary, Council

1. will be the official head of the Council.

2. will convene the Council Meetings.

3. will be the representative of the Council in the Senate.

4. will be responsible for the roles and functioning of the Council.

1.8.2 Core Committee (C2)

1. C2 will be the governing committee of the Council.

2. C2 will help the Secretary to administrate and look after the proceedings of the Council and ensure its smooth conduct.
3. C2 will include:
   - Secretary (convener)
   - Vice-Secretary (co-convener)
   - Nominated Members

4. Vice-Secretary will assume the post of Acting Secretary in case of his/her informed or abrupt absence except for the financial matters.

### 1.8.3 Career Development Council (CDC)

Apart from the general roles of the Councils, the Career Development Council should:

1. Canvass companies to recruit students from the institute.
2. Will be in charge of the official email address of CDC, placementcell@iiserb.ac.in, and will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.
3. Lobby to get companies to sign MoUs with the institute for summer programs.
4. Co-ordinate with alumni and international relations office.
5. Establish and run clubs to develop necessary skills among the students relevant to their career development.

The CDC should also arrange for and necessarily conduct the following:

1. **Orientation talk** in association with interested faculties (preferably 2-3) from each Department for the 5th year BS-MS students at the beginning of their 9th Semester. The objective of this should be to present the various opportunities available to them in the industry and help them make informed choices. 4th year students may be invited for the same as well, depending on circumstances.

2. Meet for the second year BSMS students with department DUGCs and/or HoDs. The main purpose of this meet is to inform the prospective majors of the department, the kind of courses on offer, and careers in that major. This meet will enable the students to make an informed decision as well as act as a platform for each department to address and attract the best minds to their respective departments.

3. Meet between the fourth year BSMS students and the faculties of their respective departments. The main purpose of this meet is to inform the prospective thesis students about the kind of research activities and thesis projects that are on offer in each lab of their department. This meet will enable the students to make an informed decision as well as act as a platform for each faculty to address and attract the best minds to their respective labs for the fifth-year projects.

The following are nominated posts in the CDC along with their duties:

1. **Communication Associate** (At least 7 - one for each Department) – To lead the CDC initiative of contacting relevant companies for recruitment as well as MoUs for summer
internships. They shall be responsible for directly contacting the companies over phone / video-conferencing / e-mail, arranging for pre-placement talks and campus visits, enhancing the Institute’s footprint in Industrial circles.

2. **Technical Lead** – To maintain and update the CDC website and blog. 2. **Brochure Designing Team (2-3 members)** – To design, maintain the brochures as well as the website of the CDC. This includes the Internship brochures and the Recruitment Brochure.

3. **Organizational Associates** (at least 7 - one for each Department) – To work in tandem with the Communication Associate by collecting and maintaining databases, regularly updating existing ones, conduct student surveys regarding career interests etc., obtaining relevant information from sources like faculties, labs, contact networks, other Institutes and so on. This also includes collecting and maintaining the vast repository of data and information needed for the brochure and proposals. (for example: number of student in each year, each department; institute rankings, department rankings; number of faculties in each department and awards won by them; etc). Additionally, they shall periodically review industry requirements in terms of additional courses to be offered by different departments so as to enhance the employability of students. They shall draw up suitable proposals to respective DUGCs regarding the same.

4. **Writing Associate (At least 3)** – To prepare the contents for the brochure and website. Each writer earns his/her credential of being a part of the CDC by submitting and posting at least 5 articles in the CDC Newsletter over the course of their 1 year tenure. The topics of the articles must be relevant to the objectives of the CDC.

5. **Interim Trainee Team** - Each CDC Team is recommended to shortlist and select a small group (around 5-7) of first year BS-MS students who shall be trained in the processes of the CDC for two semesters and assist the other members with various assignments. This is to ensure that they acquire the necessary skills and experience essential to maintain the CDC's work standards, and ensure sustained progress.

New opening for the posts within the CDC can be made as and when necessary, throughout the year. Every new CDC Team i.e. each new Secretary, should retain either the preceding Secretary OR Vice-Secretary in an advisory position to help in a mentoring and guiding role for at least one semester. This is to ensure a smooth transition and sustained results. The CDC’s internal activities calendar details the assignments to be undertaken by the team each year. Depending on circumstances, suitable changes may be made to the same.

1.8.4 **Computing and Networking Council (CNC)**

Apart from the general roles of the Council, CNC should:

1. Be in charge of the official email address of CNC, cnc@iiserb.ac.in, and official email address of Armageddon, armageddon@iiserb.ac.in; and will be accountable for every email sent from it.
2. Manage all the e-resources of SAC like Google Analytics, social networking accounts, etc.
3. Promote computing and networking activities in the Institute.
4. Organize regular classes or learning sessions for various computing and networking aspects on the demand of the clubs or the students.
5. Organize the annual festival Armageddon Lite- Intra IISERB e-Gaming Event.
6. Be responsible for the administration and management of Social Hub.
7. Be responsible for the administration of the server and shall have remote access to it. They will be responsible for any script or phishing activity running on the server and for any software installation on the server and its management.

The following are the teams that regulates under CNC:
1. Designing Team
2. Developing Team
3. Gaming Team

The following is the structure of each team/post:

1. **Team Head**: 1.1. There will be a team head for each team. 1.2. Will be responsible for the work assigned to the team. 1.3. Will be selected by Secretary, CNC through nomination.
2. For the smooth working of the council, Team Head and Secretary, CNC can select the members of the respective team under CNC through nomination.
3. One person can have more than one post (Team Head of more than one team/ Vice secretary) under the supervision of Secretary, CNC.
4. **Modification in Team Structure**: 4.1. Secretary, CNC can change the structure of team with the consultation of ex-secretary, CNC. 4.2. New teams can be formed if needed but with proper justification.

The following are the duties of teams in the CNC:

1. **Designing Team** will : 1.1. Take care of all the designing work of the council and the Council’s fest. 1.2. Promote the digital designing by organizing workshops.
2. **Developing Team** will : 2.1. Be responsible for designing, management, and maintenance of the students.iiserb.ac.in server and its websites. 2.2. Be responsible for development and maintenance of website of Council’s festival. 2.3. Organize an orientation program for 1st yr. of BSMS, I-PhD, and Ph.D. on Social Hub access and Website tour after the Academic registration of 1st yr.
3. **Gaming Team** is expected to : 3.1. Promote the e-Gaming events in the college 3.2. Takes care of Gaming Club.

The following are the nominated posts in the CNC along with their duties:

1. Writing Associates (at least 2): To create the contents of the brochures and website. The duties can be assigned as per the requirements of council’s other activities.
2. Public Relations (PR) (at least 1): To maintain the official social pages of the Council and the Armageddon.
The following is Club in CNC along with its duties:

1. CSPC (Computing Science and Programming Club), apart from the general role of the club, is expected to: 1.1. Promote computing and networking activities in the Institute. 1.2. Organize regular classes/learning sessions/Workshops for various computing and networking aspects on the demand of the clubs or the students. 1.3. Organize Lecture Series of guest lecturer and institute faculty.

1.8.5 Cultural Council

Apart from the general roles of the Councils, the Cultural Council should:

1. be in charge of the official email address of the Cultural Council, culturalcouncil@iiserb.ac.in, and will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.

2. organise the annual cultural festival called Enthuzia.

3. promote and administer the cultural activities of the General Body.

4. organise and manage cultural programs and performances on various occasions celebrated by the General Body.

5. promote cultural programs in the Institute without any specific occasions round the year, to let students/clubs get a chance to reveal their creativity to a larger audience.

6. organise regular classes or learning sessions for various cultural aspects on the demand of the clubs or the students.
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1.8.6 Fine Arts and Literary Council (FALC)
Apart from the general roles of the Councils, the Fine Arts and Literary Council should:

1. be in charge of the official email address of the FALC, falc@iiserb.ac.in, and will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.
2. promote and administer fine arts and literary activities of the General Body.
3. organise certain regular events to promote art and literature among the General Body.
4. organise learning sessions or regular classes for various aspects of art and literature on demand of clubs or the students.
5. conduct the annual fest of this council called Arts and Letters.

The following rules regarding are also applicable in the context of the FALC:

1. The annual student magazine Uday will be under this council.
2. The Book Club and Movie Club functioning under the FALC are authorised to keep a nominal registration fee to gather funds.

1.8.7 Science Council
Apart from the general roles of the Councils, the Science Council should:

1. be in charge of the official email address of the Science Council, sciencecouncil@iiserb.ac.in, and will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.
2. organise the annual science festival called Singularity.
3. manage and administer all the activities regarding science as an extra-curricular affair of the General Body.
4. create an ambience for non-academic, leisurely practice of science and promote scientific awareness among the General Body.
5. organise certain science activities like Science Forum (once in each semester), Popular Science Talks, Seminars, Nature Trips, Workshops, Quizzes etc. in the Institute on regular basis.
6. organise certain skill enhancement programs like Student Talks, Student Seminars, Re-search Paper, Project writing, etc.
7. coordinate with various Departments of the Institute in organising certain science activities (like Seminars, Science Talks, Presentations etc.) to exchange the information of event timings and avail resources to organise such events, which will help avoid clashes and will enable to utilise the given time most efficiently.

1.8.8 Sports Council
Apart from the general roles of the Councils, the Sports Council should:

1. be in charge of the official email address of the Sports Council, sportscouncil@iiserb.ac.in, and will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.
2. organise and manage all the sports activities of the General Body.
3. manage all the sports equipment and accessories.
4. ensure the regular maintenance and security of the playgrounds.
5. arrange for a coach or practice sessions for a particular sport/game on demand by the clubs or the students.
6. arrange all requirements related to Inter-IISER Sports Meet (IISM).
7. conduct the elections of various coordinators of different clubs under sports council within two month of general elections.

Sports club coordinators should fulfil the below criteria:

1. He/She should be part of the concerned club at least for 6 months.
2. He/She should not have been the coordinator of the club for a period of 2 years.

1.9 Clubs

A club is a group of students from the General Body having same hobby, aim, interest or working for the same cause, approved by the Council to carry out its activities (included under the realm of at least one of the Councils) officially with/without Council’s assistance in form of funding, resources or management.

1. The minimum number of interested members required to start any club is 2.
2. To establish a club, the idea behind it should be clearly stated on paper when applying for its registration as an official club to the concerned Council.
3. Each new club will be kept under the Council concerned. A club with no appropriate council shall be included in the one decided by the President.
4. The club will have to submit a report (each semester) to its corresponding Council.
5. The registration of a club can be done at any time. The clubs which have submitted all the required reports at the end of the academic year will be provided a certificate of existence. Such clubs will be included in the official SAC website.
6. The Council or SAC in general, will not undertake any of the clubs financially; however said money for the club might be granted in special cases. The request for any equipment or service may be approved by the Institute or the Council in some cases. For further needs of the club, the members might have to contribute.
7. In case any financial support is required, the clubs shall approach the council with their requests. It shall however be the decision of the council to entertain the request or not depending on the priority of the request.
8. A club is not authorised to organise a General Body meeting on its own. If it wishes to address the General Body in the form of any performance, lecture, etc. they shall ask their respective Councils to organise it for them.
9. Clubs will have a responsibility to represent the Institute in the realm of their Council, whenever required.
10. If any request or demand of the club is not duly entertained or if it finds the disapproval of any request unjustified, it can appeal for the same to the Senate.
1.10 Representatives Council (RC)

RC will serve as the channel to convey the requests or representations of the students to the Institute. RC:

1. RC will contain

   • 2 class representatives (1 boy and 1 girl) for each of the BS-MS first and second year batches.
   • 1 department representative for each department of the BS-MS third, fourth and fifth year batches.
   • 1 I-PhD department representative for each department, selected from the I-PhD first or second year from the respective department.
   • 1 PhD department representative for each department, selected from I-PhD third year and above/PhD students from the respective department.
   • Mess Presidents from all the mess committees.

2. RC will account for all the students’ concerns (except mess, which will be accounted for by the respective Mess Committees. In case of disputes or if asked, Senate will interfere and ensure the smooth functioning of the mess committees).

3. RC will meet once in a fortnight to discuss certain issues of the students. Guest Members may be invited to be a part of this meeting.

4. RC will account for the requests or complaints from any member of the General Body. The concern should be forwarded through the batch representatives to the RC. It will be resolved as early as possible or shall be discussed in the next RC meeting.

5. For minor personal issues regarding the hostels or accommodation, members of General Body should approach the respective Hostel Representative in the RC. The Hostel Representative will try to resolve the issue at the level of the students/caretakers. The Hostel Representative is authorised to approach the RC, the respective Hostel Warden, the Chairman, CoW, DOSA, and/or IWD directly to convey and resolve the student concerns if he/she is unable to resolve the issue at the level of the students/caretakers.

6. The responsibility to convene and record the RC meetings shall be shared by the Secretary, RC (Male/Female). Minutes of the RC Meetings shall be released in public interest.

7. RC will also account for any representation/request regarding any of the faculty members or the academic curriculum. From here Secretary, RC will forward this request to DOAA or to the corresponding Faculty Member(s). However, if the representation is unsuitable for direct/personal conveyance, it shall be brought to the Senate for further consideration or/and shall be redirected to the Institute Grievance Redressal System.

8. Guest Members of RC:

   • Dean of Students’ Affairs (DOSA)
   • Dean of Academic Affairs (DOAA)
   • Hostel Wardens
   • President, SAC
   • Vice-President, SAC
• Academic Senate Representative (BS-MS and Phd)
1.10.1 Secretary, RC (Male/Female)

Secretary, RC (Male/Female) is the representative of the concerns of the BS-MS Students in the Senate. Secretary, RC:

1. will be in charge of the official email address of the Representatives Council, rc@iiserb.ac.in, and will be accountable for each and every mail sent from it.
2. will be the representative of the concerns of the BS-MS Students in the Senate.
3. will be authorised to liaise with the Administration/IWD/Finance Section, in case concerns of the students forwarded to them are not duly addressed.
4. will convene the RC meetings.
5. will prepare the agenda for the RC meetings.
6. will be authorised to convey any complaint/request regarding any of the faculty members or the academic curriculum, to the DOAA or the corresponding Faculty Member(s). However, if the complaint is unsuitable for direct/personal conveyance, it shall be brought to the Senate for further consideration or/and shall be redirected to the Institute Grievance Redressal System.

1.11 I-PhD Senate Representative

I-PhD Senate Representative is the representative of the concerns of the I-PhD Students in the Senate. I-PhD Senate Representative:

1. will be the representative of the academic and non-academic concerns of the I-PhD Students in the Senate and the Institute Academic Senate.
2. will be authorised to liaise with the Administration/IWD/Finance Section, in case concerns of the students forwarded to them are not duly addressed.
3. will be authorised to convey any complaint/request regarding any of the faculty members or the academic curriculum, to the DOAA or the corresponding Faculty Member(s). However, if the complaint is unsuitable for direct/personal conveyance, it shall be brought to the Senate for further consideration or/and shall be redirected to the Institute Grievance Redressal System.

1.12 PhD Senate Representative

PhD Senate Representative is the representative of the concerns of the PhD Students in the Senate. PhD Senate Representative:

1. will be the representative of the academic and non-academic concerns of the PhD Students in the Senate and the Institute Academic Senate.
2. will be authorised to liaise with the Administration/IWD/Finance Section, in case concerns of the students forwarded to them are not duly addressed.
3. will be authorised to convey any complaint/request regarding any of the faculty members or the academic curriculum, to the DOAA or the corresponding Faculty Member(s). However, if the complaint is unsuitable for direct/personal conveyance, it shall be brought to the Senate for further consideration or/and shall be redirected to the Institute Grievance Redressal System.
1.13 Academic Senate Representative (ASR), BS-MS and Phd

1. The Academic Senate Representative addresses the concerns of the students related to academics (this may include course contents, grading scheme, etc.) by acting as a bridge between the student community and the DoAA & Academic Affairs Office.

2. The ASR must also attend the Academic Senate Meetings and must disseminate the relevant information/decisions taken in the meeting to the student community for their benefit.
Chapter 2

Execution

2.1 Decision Making

Decision Making in SAC is done at four independent levels:

1. Senate Level
2. Council Level
3. RC Level
4. CAC Level

2.1.1 Senate Level

The Senate will decide upon the overall finance and other high priority issues such as mass level concerns, disputes between the branches of SAC, hostel rules etc. that are forwarded to it.

1. Regular Senate meetings will be held at least twice a semester where the discussions related to various issues of SAC will take place.

2. President can any time call a Provisional Senate meeting, to discuss upon any high priority issues or disputes demanding immediate action. Other Senators will be required to request the President to call for a Provisional Senate meeting.

3. Senate Meetings will be convened by the President.

4. Prior to every Senate meeting, the agenda will be prepared by the Vice-President taking into account inputs from all the Senators. Given any Senate meeting, all the issues mentioned in the agenda will have to be discussed.

5. Agenda for the Senate Meetings should be finalised at least 72 hours prior the meeting and released in public interest, after which no modifications are permitted. Other issues which are not on the Agenda, can be presented by the Senators at the end of the meeting as Miscellaneous Issues.

6. In every Senate meeting, the minutes of the last Senate meeting will be ratified.

7. The presence of the members of the CAC is recommended but not compulsory in the Senate meetings.

8. Senate meeting can take place only if at least 2/3rd of the total Senators (including the President) are present, who shall form the quorum.
9. Senators will be required to intimate the President about their unavailability in the Senate Meeting in advance, clearly specifying the reason. If a Senator fails to do so, he will be issued a Warning Letter (Section 2.4.5) by the President. A Senator joining the meeting 20 minutes after its official commencement, will be considered absent; such a Senator will be allowed to join the meeting, however his/her voting rights will be ceased for that particular meeting.

10. President will be required to intimate the Vice-President about his unavailability in the Senate meeting in advance, clearly specifying the reason. If the President fails to do so, he will be issued a Warning Letter (Section 2.4.5) by the DOSA.

11. In case the discussion on an issue does not reach a conclusion, it can be accomplished by voting among the present Senators. For such a voting to be conclusive, at least 2/3rd of the total Senators (present and absent) should be in favour or against, otherwise it will be considered in the next Senate meeting.

12. To keep a record of all the decisions taken in the Senate, minutes will be recorded by the Vice-President. It will be his/her responsibility to release it in public interest within 48 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. If there is no objection from any of the Senators, CAC or the General Body within next 48 hours, it shall be sent to DOSA for approval.

13. If in case, there is an objection against the minutes by any of the Senators or the CAC, it will be retyped by the Vice-President (in case of typographic or language errors) or will be reconsidered in the next Senate Meet (may be a Provisional Senate Meet) before sending it for approval to the DOSA.

14. If there is an objection against the minutes by at least 1/3rd of the General Body, the Senate must consider it and organise a General Body meeting. In the meeting if the objection is passed by at least 2/3rd of the General Body, it must be obeyed by the Senate and the matter will be sent to the CAC.

15. If any of the decisions in the minutes is denied by the DOSA, it shall be sent for reconsideration in the Senate. However if it is re-passed in the Senate with necessary amendments, and is re-denied by the DOSA; DOSA should consult the CAC regarding the decision. However in any case, the final decision lies with the DOSA.

16. The final copy of the minutes duly signed by the President and DOSA will be released in public interest.

17. Any official action or circular, in accordance with the decisions included in the minutes, must bear the signature of the President.

18. In case of a need to take instantaneous decisions, the power resides with the President in consultation with the CAC; however it must be accounted for in the next Senate meeting.

2.1.2 Council Level

The Councils will decide upon their own matters in their C2 meetings:

1. Councils can arrange and manage their C2 meetings on their own will.

2. C2 meetings will be convened by the Secretary.

3. If there is an objection against any of the decisions of the councils by at least 1/3rd of the General Body, the Council must consider it and organise a General Body meeting. In the meeting if the objection is passed by at least 2/3rd of the General Body, it must be obeyed by the Council and matter will be sent to the Senate.
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4. Any major decision taken in the C2 meetings shall be released in public interest, duly signed by the Secretary, the President and the Vice President.

2.1.3 RC Level
The decisions regarding the concerns of the students regarding hostel or academics shall be taken in the RC.

1. RC will meet once in a fortnight, and at least three days before the Senate meeting, to discuss certain issues of the students. Guest Members may be invited to be a part of this meeting.

2. The meeting will be convened and recorded by Secretary, RC (Male/Female).

3. Any major decision taken in the RC meetings, affecting the whole General Body or a specific section (batch) of the General Body should be released in public interest, duly signed by the DOSA, President and one of the RC Secretaries.

2.1.4 CAC Level
The decisions regarding any disputes at the level of the Senate will be taken by the CAC in consultation with DOSA.

1. CAC will only take decisions regarding impeachment or disputes at the level of the Senate. None of the decisions taken by the CAC can be challenged.

2. CAC meeting will be organised as and when required. To reach on a decision, all the members of CAC must be present.

3. If the decision taken by the Senate is challenged by any of the councils or the General Body (with 2/3rd majority) with proper reasoning, it will be sent to the CAC for further consideration.

4. In case of a request for impeachment, the matter will be enquired by the CAC.

2.2 Senate Meetings

2.2.1 Senate Seat Plan

2.2.2 Senate Nomenclature

1. Senate of a particular session is represented by ‘SS’ or ‘Students Senate’ followed by its session. (e.g. ‘SS 2016’ or ‘Students Senate 2016’)

2. Every Senate Meeting is designated a Meeting Number (1, 2, 3...).

3. A particular Senate Meeting is represented by the name of the Senate followed by ‘/’ and the meeting number. (e.g. ‘SS 2016/3’ or ‘Students Senate 2016/3’)

4. Each issue in the Agenda of a Senate Meeting is designated a issue number (1, 2, 3...). Miscellaneous issues picked up in the Senate, are placed at the end following the issues mentioned in the Agenda.

5. Any issue raised in the Agenda of a particular Senate Meeting, is represented by the name of the meeting followed by a ‘.’ and the issue number. (e.g. ‘SS 2016/3.2’)
6. Decisions in the Minutes of any Senate Meeting, regarding any issue, are designated decision IDs ((a), (b), (c)...).

7. Any particular decision in the Minutes of any Senate Meeting is represented by the name of the issue followed by the decision ID. (e.g. 'SS 2016/3.2(a)')

2.2.3 Senate Code of Conduct

Following Code of Conduct shall be followed strictly by all the Senators in the Senate Meetings. Failing to do so, Senator can be issued a Warning Letter from the Senate. Three such warning letters can subject the Senator to impeachment.

1. Senators shall choose their statements wisely. Senators would be officially responsible for each and every statement they make in the Senate Meetings.

2. Senators shall maintain necessary decorum and dignity in the Senate Meetings.

3. Senators shall not use abusive language, inappropriate statements, personal comments etc. in the Senate Meetings.

4. Senators shall not use any unfair means for the decision making like convincing other candidates before/during the Senate Meeting, providing fake/incomplete/inappropriate data or facts to the Senate etc.

5. Senators shall not support any particular side in the decision making, without proper justification or reason.

6. Every claim a Senator makes in the Senate, shall be supported with proper evidence or justification.

7. Senators shall only present their own opinion in the Senate; they shall not try to represent or impose their opinion on other Senators or the Senate in the meeting.

8. Only the President is authorised to raise a point from the agenda in the Senate Meetings. Other Senators can propose points to the Agenda before the meeting. Other points to be discussed which are not in the agenda, shall wait till the end and can be picked up under Miscellaneous Issues.

9. After President has introduced any point in the agenda, he shall ask for response from the Senators. Senators shall raise hands if they have a point to make, and wait for the call from the President.

10. Senators shall not interrupt while another Senator is speaking. On other hand, the Senator speaking shall make his/her point clear, concise and to the point.

11. If President demands opinion from the Senators on any decision, they shall knock the tables in agreement. Senators are not allowed to bang the tables any time during the Senate Meeting.

12. Senators shall report to the Senate Meetings on time. Any Senator joining more than 20 minutes late in the Senate Meeting shall be considered absent unless he/she furnishes reasonable ground for such delay.

13. If a Senator is not able to attend the Senate Meeting, he/she shall inform about this in advance to the Convener. Senators can only claim a casual and a medical leave in their tenure. Leave other than these can be only considered by the Senate in special circumstances.
14. Senators are not allowed to leave the hall/room during the meeting without the permission of the Convener. Permission shall only be granted, if such a request is important. At once, only one Senator is allowed to leave the hall/room.

15. Vice-President shall record the Entry and Exit timings of all the Senators in the meeting. Senators will have to sign the attendance sheet before they leave the meeting.

16. Declaration of termination of the Senate Meeting can only be made by the President. Request for the termination of the Senate Meeting, and organising a follow-up meeting will only be entertained, if is supported by at least 2/3rd of the Senators.

17. Senators can not take leave from the Senate Meeting before it ends, until and unless they provide a valid justification for it, and the justification is approved by the Senate.

18. Voting among the Senators shall be considered last option for decision making. Voting (if required) shall be closed and in written.

19. Senators shall only occupy the place assigned to them. They are not allowed to change their places on their own.

20. Senators shall organise their chairs before they leave the meeting.

21. Bags or other belongings are not be allowed in the Senate Meeting; however Senators can bring their files, folders, diary, notebooks or any other material relevant to the meeting if required.

22. Mobile phones shall be kept in silent in the Senate Meetings.

23. Any of the discussions in the Senate Meetings shall not be disclosed in public by the Senators until the formal minutes of the meeting are released in public interest.

24. Senators shall have a competent familiarity with the SAC Constitution. Senators will be provided with the hard-copies of SAC Constitution in the beginning of their tenure, which they shall familiarise themselves with and bring along in all the Senate Meetings.

25. All the points except 13, 17 and 18 are also applicable to the CAC Members.

2.3 Finance

1. For every event to be organised under SAC, a Proposal shall be put-up for administrative and financial approval of Director, IISERB indicating the proposed plan and schedule of the event, expenditure estimates (budget), sources of funds, organising committee and other details of the event. No expenditure or commitment of expenditure shall be made for any event unless the fund is available and budget was approved by the Director.

2. DOSA will be the CFA to sanction all the expenditure and shall only be authorised to raise funds from external agencies subject to prior approval of Director. 3. A separate bank account will be opened and maintained with State Bank of India, IISERB Campus Branch Bhauri in the name of “Students Activity Council, IISERB” for financial transaction related to SAC.

3. Institute / GOI rules shall be followed by all the concerned for all matters related to procurement of goods and services, financial transactions, accounting and maintenance of records.
4. Event Sponsorship amount will only be taken in the form of crossed cheques / demand drafts in favour of SAC IISERB only or through NEFT / RTGS directly into SAC IISERB a/c and in no case the sponsorship amount shall be taken in cash or kind.

The process of payments from SAC a/c shall be as under:

1. Payment voucher shall be signed and recommended for payment by the concerned student / organising committee member / Faculty i/c
2. Checked and processed by dealing assistant of DOSA Office
3. Passed for payment by the DOSA
4. Pre audited by the F&A section of the Institute.
5. Cheque will be prepared by the dealing assistant of DOSA Office
6. The cheques of SAC account shall be signed by two signatories, i.e.
   - DOSA
   - A.R. (S&P) / D.R. (F&A)
7. Proper Books of Accounts, Vouchers, Stock Registers and other Financial Records shall be maintained by the Office of the Students Affairs and Annual Accounts shall be Audited by an Chartered Accountant every year in the month of May – June.

2.4 Assessment and Resolution

2.4.1 Reports

To assess the proceedings of SAC, and to make sure the continuous and smooth conduct of every branch of SAC, it will have to submit a monthly report to the unit above it.

1. Following reports will be submitted per semester:
   - By Councils to the Senate
   - By Clubs to the Councils
   - By President to the Senate (Financial Clarification)
2. Minutes of the Senate meetings shall be released on the website and sent via email for reference of the General Body.
3. Council Secretaries will also submit an annual report of their activities to the Senate at the end of their tenure.
4. Senate will release an annual report of SAC activities at the end of its tenure.
5. Reports should be in a prescribed format provided by the Senate.
6. Reports should be released in public interest after assessment.
7. Reports must contain the detailed financial clarification for every single transaction, wher-ever applicable.
8. Reports (or for that matter every official document released by or submitted to SAC or any of its branches in any form) will be permanently stored on the website for further reference.
9. Annual reports should be submitted before the upcoming Oath Ceremony.
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2.4.2 Disclosure of Information

In spite of the regular reports, anyone from the General Body might ask for any information related to SAC from any of its branches which is not already released.

1. Any request for display of such information shall be sent to the President.
2. It shall not be anything already published or derivable from the monthly reports, in which case the request will not be entertained.
3. It shall be in a prescribed format.
4. The branch concerned with the request, will have to prepare an official statement in response to such a request.
5. If the branch is unable to produce a statement, the person responsible might be issued a Warning Letter or may be subjected to disciplinary action depending on the nature of the situation.

2.4.3 Feedback/Grievance

1. Any complaint regarding any of the post-bearers in SAC or SAC in General can be directly brought to the notice of the President. Any complaints regarding the President shall be brought to the notice of DOSA.
2. Any complaint/suggestion regarding functioning or implementation of any particular branch (Council, Senate etc.) of SAC can be brought to the notice of the concerned office-bearer.
3. Complaint about any of the members of the Institute who are not a part of SAC (Faculty Members, Administration, Finance Section or IWD) shall be brought to the notice of the members of RC, from where it shall be redirected to the Institute Grievance Redressal System.
4. An on-line opinion poll shall be organised by the Senate (in conjunction with CNC) at least once in a tenure to assess the efficient functioning of SAC.

2.4.4 Resolution/Settlement

1. Any disputes regarding any of the decisions of the Councils or RC shall be brought to the Senate for further consideration. In any case, the final decision lies with the Senate.
2. Any decisions/demands passed by the Council, is if rejected by the President/DOSA will be redirected to the Council for re-consideration. However if it is re-passed by the Council with necessary amendments, and the President/DOSA still finds it inappropriate, the request will be sent to the Senate with proper arguments and counter-arguments. In any case, the final decision lies with the Senate.
3. If there is an objection against any of the decisions of the councils by at least 1/3rd of the General Body, the Council must consider it and organise a General Body meeting. In the meeting if the objection is passed by at least 2/3rd of the General Body, it must be obeyed by the Council and the matter will be sent to the Senate.
4. If any of the decisions/demands of the Senate is denied by the DOSA, it shall be sent for reconsideration in the Senate. However if it is re-passed in the Senate with necessary amendments, and is re-denied by the DOSA; DOSA should consult the CAC regarding the decision. However in any case, the final decision lies with the DOSA.
5. If there is an objection against any of the decisions of the Senate by at least 1/3rd of the General Body, the Senate must consider it and organise a General Body meeting. In the meeting if the objection is passed by at least 2/3rd of the General Body, it must be obeyed by the Senate and the matter will be sent to the CAC.

6. Any other miscellaneous disputes between different branches of SAC shall be brought to the Senate.

2.4.5 Warnings

A post-bearer/branch in SAC can be issued a Warning Letter, if is found not accomplishing its roles properly and faithfully.

1. Three Warning Letters to a post-bearer in a tenure can subject the post-bearer to impeachment.

2. Three Warning Letters to a branch in a tenure can subject the post-bearer responsible for that branch (e.g. Secretary for a council) or the post-bearer concerned to impeachment.

3. President can issue a Warning Letter to any of the branches or post-bearers in SAC with consent of the DOSA.

4. Council Secretaries can issue a Warning Letter to any of the Clubs or C2 members in their respective Councils with consent of the President and the DOSA.

5. Warning Letters to the President can only be issued by the DOSA.

6. Warning Letters can be issued in following cases:
   (a) To a Senator in case any of the Senate Code of Conduct is violated.
   (b) To any office-bearer/branch if a request for RTI is not duly addressed.
   (c) To any office-bearer/branch if a dispute/blame is filed without any valid reason, or is found to be fake or unnecessary.
   (d) To any office-bearer/branch if any decision is released without proper consent or approval.
   (e) To any office-bearer/branch if guidelines provided in form of constitution, office orders or circulars are not properly abided.
   (f) To Secretaries or the President if an instantaneous decision in taken without proper need or justification.

2.4.6 Termination of Tenure

The tenure of an office-bearer can terminate before the official deadline by following two ways:

• Resignation
• Impeachment

Resignation

1. An office-bearer can resign in any of the following situations:
   (a) If the office-bearer finds himself/herself unable to continue with the responsibilities of the post, he/she can respectfully file a resignation from the post at any time of his own accord.
(b) If the office-bearer holds a position in the RC/Mess Committee and has been elected to the Senate, then he/she must file a resignation from the post held in the RC/Mess Committee before accepting the position in the Senate.

2. The resignation of a Senator shall be submitted to the President. The President’s resignation shall be submitted to the DOSA.

3. The resignation of a member of the RC shall be submitted to the Secretary, RC.

4. The resignation of a member of the Mess Committee shall be submitted to the Mess President. The resignation of the Mess President shall be submitted to the DOSA.

5. Any request for resignation must clearly specify the reason for the same.

6. Any request for resignation of a Senator/RC member should be discussed in the Senate along with the CAC; permission should be granted only if reasons for such a request are genuine. The right to approve any such resignation request resides with the CAC.

7. Resignation from any post will be followed by re-elections (or re-nominations for nominated posts).

8. The responsibility of that particular post in the Senate will be handled by the President (or ‘vice’ to that post, if present) until the re-election procedure is completed.

**Impeachment**

Impeachment means to discontinue an office-bearer from the post he/she is holding in SAC.

1. A post-bearer will be considered for impeachment if:
   
   (a) The person is not working efficiently or justly in his area of work.
   
   (b) The person is subjected to any disciplinary action in his tenure.
   
   (c) The person is unable to submit trustworthy financial clarification.
   
   (d) The person has been issued three or more Warning Letters.
   
   (e) There is a No Confidence Demand in written from at least 1/3rd of the General Body.

2. Impeachment request against any office-bearer shall be filed to DOSA.

3. It will not affect his membership in SAC as a member of General Body.

4. CAC shall enquire the matter and decide whether the person should be impeached from the post or not based upon the arguments and the post-bearer’s defence.

5. The final decision on impeachment lies with the CAC.

6. Impeachment will be considered as a disciplinary action against the office-bearer.

7. Impeachment of any office-bearer will be followed by re-elections (or re-nominations for nominated posts).

8. The responsibility of that particular post will be handled by the president (or ‘vice’ to that post, if present) until the re-election procedure is completed.
2.5 Annual Festivals

Every Annual Fest/ Event to be organised under SAC, a Proposal shall be put-up for administrative and financial approval of Director, IISERB indicating the proposed plan and schedule of the event, expenditure estimates (budget), sources of funds, organising committee and other details of the event.

Enthuzia will be the annual cultural festival conducted by the Cultural Council and Singularity will be the annual science festival conducted by the Science Council.

2.5.1 Guidelines to conduct the festivals

1. The festivals will be organised by two committees:
   - Core Committee (secretary of the council and 9 other members)
   - Advisory and Vigilance Committee consisting of DOSA, President, Vice-President, Faculty Advisers and Ex-Secretary of the respective Council

2. The Core Committee will be selected by the Secretary of the respective Council only through nominations.

3. The Core Committee needs to be approved by the Advisory and Vigilance Committee.

4. The Secretary must submit a comprehensive confidential report including financial details (every 15 days) to the Advisory and Vigilance Committee and get their approval.

5. All financial details must be submitted to the President.

6. No student other than the DOSA is authorised to sign in any contracts - like sponsorships - or documents binding institutes name with any third party.

7. Tentative Duration for organising the festivals:
   - Enthuzia : From January first week to January second week
   - Singularity : From August third week to September first week

8. The high priority of the institute is quality education and research. So no extracurricular activities will be given precedence over academic pursuits.

9. Any, person/ entity except otherwise provided under this Constitution executing or entering into any sort of Agreement/ Understanding in connection with any of the affairs related to the Annual fest, shall constitute an ultra vires act and shall be considered as void.

10. Students shall be solely responsible for their performance in their Academic session irrespective of their involvement into the events or other cultural activities of the Institute and as such no complaints of whatsoever nature shall be entertained in connection therewith.
Chapter 3

Election

3.1 Election Stages

The post-bearers in the SAC will be elected in either the Confined Elections or the General Elections.

3.1.1 Confined Elections

The Confined Elections will take place in two stages:

1. In the first stage, only a section of the General Body is permitted to vote to decide the following posts in the RC and Mess Committees:
   - BS-MS Class/Department Representatives
   - I-PhD Department Representatives
   - PhD Department Representatives
   - Mess Representatives

2. In the second stage, the following posts will be decided by internal voting among (a section of) the members of the RC and Mess Committees elected in the first stage:
   - Secretary, RC (Male)
   - Secretary, RC (Female)
   - I-PhD Senate Representative
   - PhD Senate Representative
   - Mess Presidents
   - Mess Coordinators
   - Hostel Representatives

3.1.2 General Elections

1. In the first stage, the whole General Body is permitted to vote. This procedure will decide the following six posts in the Student Senate:
   - President
   - Vice-President
   - Secretary, Career Development Council (CDC)
• Secretary, Cultural Council
• Secretary, Fine Arts and Literary Council (FALC)
• Secretary, Science Council
• Secretary, Sports Council

The candidates elected in this stage will form the Preliminary Senate.

2. The following positions are called Nominated Positions:
   • Coordinator, Environmental and Social Initiative Club (ESIC)
   • Academic Senate Representative (ASR), BS-MS
   • Academic Coordinator Senate Representative (ASR), Phd

The following positions are called Recommended Positions:
   • Secretary, Computing and Networking Council (CNC)
   • Former Senator, Central Advisory Committee (CAC)
   • Nominated Adviser, Central Advisory Committee (CAC)

3. In the second stage, the Preliminary Senate shall call for nominations from the General Body to fill the Nominated and Recommended Positions, except for Former Senator, CAC.

4. In the Preliminary Senate Meeting, the Preliminary Senate along with the current Senate and CAC shall decide upon the most appropriate candidate among the nominations received for each of the Nominated Positions.

5. Following this, in the Preliminary Senate Meeting, the Recommended Positions shall be filled in the following manner:
   
   (a) The current President with the approval of DOSA shall recommend one of the current Senators to the position of Former Senator, CAC.
   (b) The current Senate in consultation with the current CAC shall recommend at most two students to the position of Nominated Adviser, CAC.
   This completes the formation of the new CAC.
   (c) The current Secretary, CNC shall recommend the new Secretary, CNC and must also provide reasons for the recommendation given. The Preliminary Senate, current Senate and the CAC shall discuss the recommendation and approve it if they find the reasons satisfactory.
   This completes the formation of the new Senate.

6. In the third stage of the General Elections, the Secretaries of CDC, CNC, Cultural Council, FALC, Science Council and Sports Council shall call for nominations for the post of Vice-Secretary, and also for any other positions in the structure of their respective councils that is mentioned in the Constitution (except Club Coordinators).

7. In the first Senate meeting of the new Senate, the Secretaries shall recommend the respective Vice-Secretaries and must also provide reasons for the recommendations given. The new Senate along with the new CAC shall discuss the recommendation and approve it if they find the reasons satisfactory.

8. The Secretaries shall also recommend students for any other positions in the structure of the respective Councils (except Club Coordinators), providing reasons for the recommendations given. The new Senate along with the new CAC shall discuss the recommendations and approve it if they find the reasons satisfactory.
3.2 Nomination Rules

3.2.1 General Rules

1. A student cannot apply for more than one post as a candidate in the same election stage.
2. All nominations in the Confined Elections shall be filed to the Senate.
3. All nominations in the first stage of the General Elections shall be filed to SACEC.
4. All nominations in the second stage of the General Elections shall be filed to the Preliminary Senate.
5. All nominations in the third stage of the General Elections shall be filed to the Secretaries of the respective Councils.

3.2.2 Rules for the first stage of the General Elections

1. The candidature for any post can only be made with a minimum written support of 15 students.
2. No student shall support more than one candidate for the same post.
3. The person applying as a candidate for a post shall not support any other candidate for the same post.
4. No student can take back his/her support once given; however he/she might choose not to vote for the candidate supported.
5. Along with the nomination form, the nominee shall submit his/her profile in a prescribed format, and this will be released in public interest.
6. If a nomination is rejected by SACEC, then he/she will not be allowed to appeal against the decision. However, SACEC will be required to provide proper justification to the nominee.

3.2.3 Other Rules

1. A student who is currently holding a position in the RC/Mess Committee can also nominate himself/herself for a post in the General Elections, subject to fulfilling the nomination criteria for that post.
2. If such a nominee (i.e. who is also a member of the RC/Mess Committee) is standing for a post in the first stage of the General Elections, then once the ballot is locked, he/she will be temporarily suspended from his/her duties. The temporary suspension will be valid from the locking of the ballot till the completion of the first stage of the general elections.
3. If such a nominee (i.e. who is also a member of the RC/Mess Committee) is elected to the Senate, then he/she will resign from the position held in the RC/Mess Committee, and Confined Elections will be held by the current SAC to fill the vacant post.
4. If there are no nominations for a particular post or if the election is declared inconsequential, the Senate may choose to assign this post to an existing office-bearer as an overload.
3.3 Election Procedure

The Confined Elections shall take place no later than the third week of August. The General Elections shall take place no later than the third week of January. Under any circumstances, the elections must not be delayed by more than two weeks. The Oath Ceremony shall take place immediately after the formation of the new Senate. Under any circumstances, the Oath Ceremony must not be delayed by more than one week. The events in the election procedure should occur as per the order described below.

3.3.1 For the Confined Elections in August

1. Nominations for the Confined Elections shall be filed to the Senate.
2. Confined Elections for the RC and the Mess Committee (except the Secretaries) shall be organised by the SAC.

3.3.2 For the General Elections in January

1. SACEC shall be set up.
2. The Senate and Activity Councils shall not take up any major activity during the period of functioning of SACEC. Individual clubs may choose to continue functioning.
3. Nominations for the General Elections shall be filed to SACEC.
4. All the nominations shall be checked for genuineness by the SACEC and ballot shall be released.
5. Nominees shall be allowed to alter the details of the nomination forms they have submitted up to a specific deadline. Afterwards the final ballot shall be released.
6. Nominees shall be allowed to roll back their nominations up to a specified deadline; afterwards the ballot shall be locked.
7. A written test on the SAC Constitution and general knowledge about the institute administration shall be conducted by SACEC, to be taken by all the nominees. Nominees must score at least 40% on the test, else their nomination shall be cancelled.
8. A General Body meet will be organised by SAC and overseen by SACEC, in which the candidates shall be required to present their agenda of work.
9. General Elections shall be organised by SACEC.
10. Results of the General Elections shall be declared and hence the Preliminary Senate shall be formed.
11. SACEC will generate a report about the whole process and release it in public interest to ensure transparency in the election procedure. Thereafter, SACEC shall be dissolved.
12. Nominations for the Nominated and Recommended Posts (except for Former Senator, CAC), shall be filed to the Preliminary Senate.
13. Nominees shall be allowed to take back their nominations for the Nominated and Recommended Posts until the Preliminary Senate Meeting.
14. Preliminary Senate along with the current Senate and CAC shall decide upon the Nominated and Recommended Posts as described in (Section 3.1.2).
3.4. Eligibility Criteria

15. Preliminary Senate along with the current Senate and CAC shall grant to existing office-bearers over-load responsibilities in reference to the inconsequential posts. However if granting over-load is not favourable, the previous SACEC will be reconstituted for re-elections for such posts (Section 3.8).

16. The final Senate shall be released and the Oath Ceremony shall take place.

17. The third stage of the elections will be completed by the new Senate as described in Section 3.1.2.

3.4 Eligibility Criteria

1. All the nominations shall be checked for genuineness, i.e. whether they are in agreement with the following Eligibility Criteria or not.

2. Any of the Specific and Special Eligibility Criteria can be dropped, if it leaves no eligible candidate for a particular post. The criteria shall be dropped starting from below, i.e. criteria listed last shall be dropped first.

3.4.1 Base Eligibility

This is the minimum eligibility to hold any post in the RC or Senate.

1. Nominee should not be under any academic warning/academic probation at the time of nomination.

There is no base eligibility for the post of Mess Representative.

3.4.2 Senate Eligibility

This is the minimum eligibility to hold any post in the Senate along with the Base Eligibility.

1. Nominee should have a minimum CPI of 7.00.

2. Nominee should not have been subjected to any Disciplinary Action in the last 1 Year.

3. Nominee should be a student of BS-MS/I-PhD/PhD 2nd year or above and must not be in the final year of his/her respective program.

3.4.3 Specific Eligibility

These eligibility criteria will apply to the individual posts in the Senate, along with the Senate and Base Eligibility.

President

1. Nominee should be a student of BS-MS/I-PhD/PhD 3rd year or above.

Secretary, Career Development Council

1. Nominee should have been an active part of the CDC last year.

Secretary, Cultural Council

1. Nominee should be an active member of one of the Cultural Clubs functional last year or an active participant in the activities of the Cultural Council last year.
Secretary, FALC
1. Nominee should have been an active member of one of the Fine Arts or Literary Clubs functional last year, or an active participant in the activities of the Fine Arts and Literary Council last year.

Secretary, Science Council
1. Nominee should have been an active member of one of the Science Clubs functional last year or an active participant in the activities of the Science Council last year.

Secretary, Sports Council
1. Nominee should have been an active member of one of the Sports Clubs functional last year.
2. Nominee should have participated in an Intra-IISER sports tournament.

Secretary, CNC
1. Nominee should be familiar with WordPress, and have some preliminary knowledge about Networking, Linux Programming, HTML/CSS, PHP or JavaScript.

Secretary, RC (Male/Female)
1. Nominee should be a current member of the RC.
2. Nominee should be a student from BS-MS 2nd year or above.

I-PhD Senate Representative
1. Nominee should be a current member of the RC.
2. Nominee should be a student from I-PhD 2nd Year.

PhD Senate Representative
1. Nominee should be a current member of the RC.
2. Nominee should be a student from I-PhD 3rd year or above, or from PhD 2nd year or above.

Academic Senate Representative (ASR), UG
1. Nominee should be from BS-MS 3rd or 4th year.
2. Nominee should have a minimum CPI of 7.50.

3.4.4 Special Eligibility
The posts below shall have following additional eligibility, along with the Base Eligibility.

Vice-Secretary (Councils)
1. Nominee should be a student from BS-MS/I-PhD/PhD 1st year or above and must not be in the final year of his/her respective program.
Coordinator, ESIC
1. Nominee should have volunteered in any of the activities organised by ESIC last year.

Nominated Adviser, CAC
1. Nominee should be a student from BS-MS/I-PhD/PhD 3rd year or above and must not be in the final year of his/her program.

BS-MS Class/Department Representative
1. Nominee should be a BS-MS student of the respective class and/or department.

Integrated PhD Department Representative
1. Nominee should be a student from Integrated PhD student of first or second year of the respective department.

PhD Department Representative
1. Nominee should be a student from I-PhD 3rd year or above, or from PhD 1st year or above, of the respective department.

3.5 SAC Election Committee (SACEC)
The election procedure of the first stage of the General Elections will be organised and administered by the SACEC. SACEC shall be above all the branches of SAC, and shall ensure fair and smooth conduct of the elections.

3.5.1 Setup and Tenure
1. SACEC will be set up about two weeks before the General Elections.
2. It will be functional till the release of the results of the General Elections.
4. SACEC will consist of the following members:
   • Dean of Students' Affairs.
   • 2-3 faculty members recommended by DOSA and the Senate.
   • At least one among the President and Vice-President.
   • Secretary, CNC
   • At least one UG and one PG representative in the RC.
   • 3-4 members from the General Body exclusive of all Senate, CAC and RC members.
   • Relevant members from the institute working staff and computer centre.

Additionally, it can contain the following members whose membership is completely voluntary:
   • Other members of the Senate.
   • One representative of each batch, who is also a member of the RC.
5. SACEC will be headed by one of the appointed faculty members.
3.5.2 Roles of the SACEC

1. SACEC will assess each and every nomination thoroughly for genuineness; i.e. if the information provided is true or not, or if the nomination agrees with all the eligibility criteria or not.

2. If a nomination is found to be fake, incomplete or not up to the eligibility criteria, it could be rejected by SACEC with proper justification and consent of DOSA. Before rejecting the nomination SACEC must allow the nominee to defend the genuineness of the information provided along with evidence. However, the decision taken by SACEC will be final and binding.

3. SACEC will administer and manage the General Election procedure. It will make all the necessary arrangements for the elections including its time, venue, procedure etc.

4. After the voting is complete, the counting of the votes and declaration of the winners shall be done by the SACEC.

5. After the results of the General Elections are declared, SACEC will generate a report about the whole process and release it in public interest to ensure transparency in the election procedure.

3.6 Penalty

If a candidate is found using unfair means, or violating any of the rules of the election procedure, SACEC can impose a penalty on the candidate.

1. The penalty will be in the form of a percentage of the total votes secured by the candidate.

2. The penalty will be deducted from the candidate’s total secured votes after the voting is complete.

3. The amount of penalty might vary according to the nature of the misconduct.

4. SACEC may cancel the nomination of any candidate if they find the misconduct to be very severe.

5. The imposition of penalty/cancellation of the nomination can only be done with the agreement of all the faculty members in SACEC and at least 2/3rd of the other members of SACEC.

3.7 Campaigning Guidelines

1. Campaigning is allowed from 7 am to 11 pm. No gatherings (i.e. of more than five people) are allowed during campaigning.

2. Candidates must not spread negative propaganda against, or try to wilfully defame any candidate or student, either directly or indirectly.

3. Posters will be fixed by the SACEC and no candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other material for the purpose of canvassing.

4. There is no restriction on campaigning through social media (like Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Email does not fall under the category of social media, and no candidate is permitted to use mass emailing to canvass for votes directly/indirectly.
5. No candidate is allowed to address the general body in any meeting and/or volunteer in any upcoming events till the elections are completed. A general public campaigning session will be conducted by the SACEC for the specific purpose of addressing the general body. However, the candidates are free to participate in any upcoming events.

6. After the general public campaigning session, all campaigning (through any physical media) is strictly prohibited.

7. It is the responsibility of a nominee to make sure that none of the community members are disturbed during his/her campaigning process.

8. If a nominee threatens community members in any manner then it will lead to cancellation of his/her nomination. Intimidation or bullying of other candidates or voters will not be tolerated under any circumstance.

9. No candidate can promise personal incentives to any student in return for his/her vote.

10. Questioning / harassing any SACEC member is also not entertained. If a nominee is found doing so, strict disciplinary action will be taken against them.

11. If a candidate is absent for the public campaigning session then they shall forfeit their nomination. No leniency shall be shown under any circumstances.

If proof is found that a candidate is violating these guidelines, then SACEC can impose a penalty on the candidate or cancel his/her nomination.

### 3.8 Re-elections

Dismissal of any office-bearer (Section 2.4.6) or inconsequential elections for any post (Section 3.9), will be followed by re-elections (or re-Nominations) for that post:

1. Re-election procedure shall be completed within a week of its announcement.

2. The eligibility criteria and procedure shall be the same as for normal elections.

3. For the posts decided by General Election, the last SACEC will be reconstituted.

4. Senate along with the CAC will manage the re-elections for the posts decided by Confined Elections.

5. For the Nominated Posts the nominations shall be sent to the Senate. Senate, with the consent of CAC, will decide upon the most appropriate nomination.

6. The dismissed office-bearers and/or the candidates in the inconsequential election cannot stand for the same post in the re-elections. However, he/she is not barred from standing for any post in the subsequent General Elections.

7. If fresh nominations are invited for the first stage of the General Elections for any reason, the candidates who have already failed the SAC Election quiz cannot file their nominations for any post in the first stage of the General Elections. However, he/she is not barred from filing a nomination in the subsequent General Elections.
3.9 Voting

1. A voter can cast a vote for any of the nominees for a post, or instead he/she can cast a blank vote, known as ‘None of the Above’ or NOTA, in which case no nominee receives a vote.

2. The number of votes cast as NOTA against each candidate will be kept track of (this is important when there are multiple positions in the same post, such as the post of Mess Representative).

3. For a candidate of a post, if the total number of votes cast as NOTA against himself/herself is greater than or equal to one third of the total number of voters who cast votes for that position, then that candidate will have been deemed rejected by the public. If all the nominees for a position are thus rejected, then the elections for that post will be said to be inconsequential, and re-elections will be held as per Section 3.8.

3.9.1 Examples

1. There are two nominees for the post of Secretary, Science Council (or for the post of Class Representative: Male) - Candidate A, and Candidate B. 150 voters come to the polls on the day of the elections, and the following tally is noted: Candidate A : 60
   Candidate B : 40
   NOTA : 50
   Since the number of votes cast as NOTA (50) is greater than or equal to one third of the total votes polled (150), both candidates are rejected and the elections for the post are inconsequential.

2. There are four nominees for the posts of Mess Representative (Boys) - Candidates, A, B, C and D. Since there are two positions to be filled, the votes will be counted in the following manner:
   Suppose voter X casts his/her vote to Candidates A and B, then the following increase in the tally is marked:
   Candidate A : +1 with NOTA +0
   Candidate B : +1 with NOTA +0
   Candidate C : +0 with NOTA +0
   Candidate D : +0 with NOTA +0
   Then, voter Y casts his/her vote to Candidate A and marks the other as NOTA. The tally is marked as:
   Candidate A : +1 with NOTA +0
   Candidate B : +0 with NOTA +1
   Candidate C : +0 with NOTA +1
   Candidate D : +0 with NOTA +1
   Then, voter Z casts both his/her votes as NOTA. The tally is marked as:
   Candidate A : +0 with NOTA +1
   Candidate B : +0 with NOTA +1
Candidate C : +0 with NOTA +1
Candidate D: +0 with NOTA +1

In this manner, suppose 125 voters come to the polls on the day of the elections, and the following tally is noted:
Candidate A - 65 vs. 16 NOTA
Candidate B - 45 vs. 25 NOTA
Candidate C - 36 vs. 23 NOTA
Candidate D - 76 vs. 17 NOTA

Since one third of 125 is 41.6, and no candidate has received greater than or equal to 42 NOTA votes, hence no candidate is rejected. Candidates A and D are thus elected as the Mess Representatives.
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