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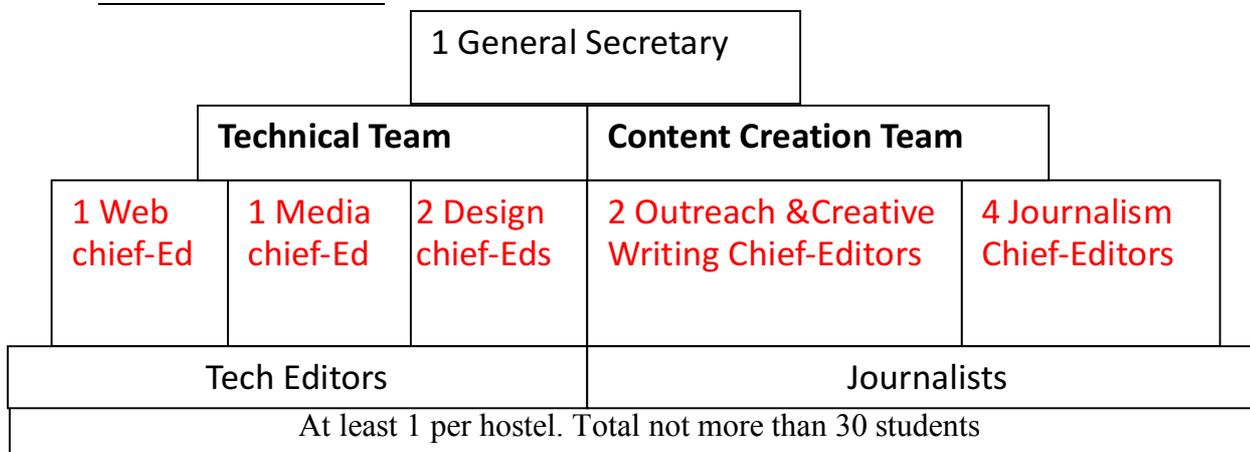
Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 13.02.2013

The meeting was chaired by Prof. R. K. Shevgaonkar, Director, IIT Delhi. The following agenda points were discussed:

- 1. Confirmation of the minutes of meeting held on 31.10.2012.**
- 2. Restructuring of BSP**

The previous meeting's discussions were continued from the point where it had been agreed by the Council that the activities of BSP should be non-competitive between hostels. In light of the above agreement, it was felt that a new and more elaborate structure of BSP with better-defined roles, was needed to meet all the objectives with which BSP had been created as mentioned in article II of its constitution. The following structure (as suggested in the Board Review Draft by a majority of the joint panel of all the General Secretaries constituted by the meeting of Coordinating Committee of SAC on July 12, 2012) was unanimously adopted by the Council.

New Structure of BSP



Eligibility

The Council agreed to the following eligibility requirements for each position, besides the academic and disciplinary eligibility criteria for any POR in the institute.

General Secretary:

- Must be an outgoing 2nd year or 3rd year or 4th year (dual only) UG student or any non-graduating PG or PhD student.
- Must have served as a Chief Editor in the Board for at least a semester. This eligibility may be waived off for exceptional candidates who have contributed significantly to the Board's activities. Their application must be reviewed by the selection panel and

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- Must satisfy all requirements as laid out for a General Secretary of a Board by SAC.

Chief-editors:

- Must be outgoing 2nd year or 3rd year (dual only) UG student or any non-graduating PG or PhD student. No final year students.
- Must have served as a Technical editor for at least a full semester to be eligible to the post of Technical Chief-editor or as a Journalist for at least a full semester to be eligible to the post of Content Creation Team's Chief Editor. (Hostel BSP Representative is the analogous requirement for this year.) This eligibility may be waived off for exceptional candidates who have contributed significantly to the Board's activities. Their application must be reviewed by the selection panel and the candidates may be declared as waiver candidates.
- Mandatory technical expertise is an eligibility criteria for Technical Chief-editors. The candidate must have a design and development portfolio to demonstrate the same.
- Mandatory Language and writing skills are eligibility criteria for Content Team Chief-editors.

Technical Editors and Journalists:

- Must be outgoing 1st year UG students or any non-graduating PG or PhD student.
- Technical Editors: Technical knowledge and skill in at least one of the following: formatting; web, video or graphic design or development.
- Journalists: Capable of reporting in English or Hindi.

Selection/Election to Board

It was proposed that the members of the Board be selected rather than elected. The arguments for the same are described below the proposed selection process.

The Selection procedure which shall be intimated well in advance with exact dates and timings by President, BSP, will be as follows and in this chronological order:

- a) Selection of Chief-editors & General Secretary
 1. Deadline for application submission
 2. Review & Verification of application by Outgoing Team of Chief-editors and General Secretary respectively
 3. Shortlist and Interviews by Faculty panel of odd-number of professors including Board President, Vice-president & co-opted faculty members as decided by the Chairman of the Council, totaling at least 3 in number.

b) Selection of Technical editors and Journalists

1. Deadline for application submission
2. Review and Verification of applications by Outgoing Team of Chief-editors followed by shortlisting and Interviews by Incoming Team of Chief-editors of technical team in case of technical editors and of content creation team for journalists. The Chief-editors must ensure that at least 1 editor or journalist is selected per (non-married students') hostel and a total of not more than 30 students is selected. The General Secretary must coordinate between the two teams' selection processes and may resolve deadlocks in decision-making during selections.

Arguments for Selection

BSP: (S)election of Chief-editors & OC?	
Election by hostel representatives	Selection by panel
Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since Chief-editor would give hostel points for articles he must have majority mandate from among hostels	Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical, language or writing skills (<u>organisational skills for OC</u>) [eligibility & panel]• Earlier contribution to Board [verified by outgoing team]• Individual-based motivation to work [assessed by panel]
Representative answerable to all hostels	Without hostel points, answerable to institute, hence the best candidate should be chosen on merit rather than popularity

BSP: Why first team of Chief-editors should be selected by faculty panel only?

Against

Student Body must be selected by students.

Unsustainable solution

For

First team must be selected in unbiased way and the **process should also be perceived by students to be unbiased** to start a good culture

Faculty can judge the required qualities and previous work can be demonstrated in application verified by present team

The process for further years can be reviewed meanwhile

Precedence of success: first MRC selected by BSW P&VP, first Rendezvous CTM by BRCA P&VP

BSP: Selection/election of reps?

Election by hostel residents

Criteria:

- motivated by hostel points

Representative answerable to hostel

Representation of all hostels

Selection by Chief-Editors

Criteria:

- Technical, language or writing skills
- Earlier contribution to test
- Individual-based motivation to work

Without hostel points, answerable to institute, hence the best candidate in each hostel should be chosen by those who have developed these skills & performed

Minimum Representation of all hostels

Awards & individual appreciation

It was stressed that awards must be instituted for individuals:

- Who have contributed significantly or outstandingly to the Board over multiple years
- Who have contributed an article that is adjudged the 'Best Article', one each in all different publication formats and maybe event year of study of contributing student
- Who are adjudged the best Technical Editor or Journalist depending on work done by these members

The recipients of the above prizes shall be decided by the respective Chief Editors.

BHC Point Policy

The point policy for the British High Commission Shield (awarded to winner of inter-hostel competitions across all Boards) was revised following the above changes. The points for BSP were simply removed and it was decided that the winners would be decided on a total of 35 points.

- BRCA: 10 points
- BSA: 10 points
- BHM: 10 points
- BSW: 5 points

3. Confirmation of proposed changes by BRCA, BSW and BSA

BRCA

Club reorganization

- It was resolved that EDLC and HS be reorganized into Debating Club and Literary Club. Both the former clubs would often have the same competitions in English and Hindi respectively making events repetitive. The new organization would support variation and allow introduction of new formats to specific languages.
- It was however felt that the Hindi Samiti gives a unique identity to Hindi in the institute, and that it should not cease to exist, though its mandate may be reduced to a club that organizes only non-competitive events for promotion of Hindi.
- DnD was decided to be split into Dance Club and Dramatics club because not only are the two activities disjoint but also because new innovative forms of each can be introduced with the new proposal. Some FSC events could also be introduced in Drama Club.
- FSC and PAHS were merged to form 'Photography and Film Club' because of similarity in nature of events of both.
- FAC was renamed to 'Fine Arts and Crafts Club' so that it could include crafts in its mandate.
- QC, Music club and Spic Macay remain as they were earlier.
- ISC was proposed to be shifted to BSA.
- The Hobbies part of PAHS was resolved to be removed as each hobby could be classified into one of the other new clubs and could thus, be accommodated as a new event in any of the above clubs leaving scope for innovation.

This year's Electoral College?

All outgoing members (hostel representatives + chief-editors) of any club have 1 vote each in all of the clubs that are being formed from their earlier club and all incoming representatives to each new club get 1 vote each.

BSA

BSA presented the proposed revised Constitution to the Council with below-mentioned salient amendments. These salient amendments were accepted and adopted. However it was also decided that the Council shall give the members time till next meeting to suggest changes to the finer details not discussed in this meeting, so that the revised Constitution can be adopted with popularly acceptable changes.

Revision of rules regarding Clubs

- The existing Sports and Clubs of BSA were revised so as to remove defunct clubs and sports that have ceased to exist in practice in the institute.

- The Council resolved that each club of BSA would organize inter-hostel competitive events that would contribute points to the General Championship, even if the sports covered under the ambit of the club are not a sporting event at the Inter-IIT Sports meet.
- Each hostel shall elect a hostel representative to the club who would be members of BSA from that club. The electoral procedure, eligibility and responsibilities will be as laid out in the revised constitution.
- It was agreed that each club would have an elected club secretary who would be responsible for managing all sports activities related to the Club as outlined in the revised constitution and who would be elected from among hostel representative of the club as added in the constitution.
- It was debated in the Council whether only the Club Secretaries should have a vote in the election of BSA General Secretary or all Club Secretaries and representatives should have this vote. The discussion was postponed for the next meeting due to the absence of BSA G Sec and President in the meeting.

Addition of ISC as a Club

- Indoor Sports Club, which was earlier a club under BRCA was added as a Club to BSA.
- This year, the outgoing ISC reps for purposes of forming the electoral college would be the ISC reps of BRCA.

BSW

BSW presented the proposed revised Constitution to the Council with below-mentioned salient amendments. These salient amendments were accepted and adopted. However it was also decided that the Council shall give the members time till next meeting to suggest changes to the finer details not discussed in this meeting, so that the revised Constitution can be adopted with popularly acceptable changes.

Board Membership and Structure

- A new position of BSW Vice President was created. The Vice President would take over the day-to-day running responsibilities of the Board from the President.
- The Committees created in BSW based on classification of work, were removed from the Board, and consequently their Presidents and members ceased to exist as members of BSW. Though the position of their Secretaries was retained with restructuring in the Secretaries' roles to reduce the number of defunct posts. 3 Secretaries' positions were finalized with clearly defined roles in the revised Constitution as it was felt that these 3 would be capable enough to handle all BSW issues with the General Secretary and Vice President.

Board Secretaries and their roles

- Finance Secretary shall discharge the roles of Finance Committee & financial roles of Welfare Committee.
- Public Relations Secretary shall discharge other roles of Welfare Committee including SCS and all roles of Publicity Committee.
- Mentorship Secretary shall manage the new Student Mentorship Program (SMP) and act as a bridge between the Mentorship Review Committee (MRC) and the BSW, as defined in yet-to-be approved SMP Constitution.

New Committees

- MRC was added as a new Committee to the BSW with the objective of managing the SMP, as defined in the SMP Constitution which will be discussed and adopted in the next meeting.

- The Executive Committee in addition to existing responsibilities, shall draft the inter-hostel point policy within a month of the start of the odd semester of the academic year. (timeline as resolved by SAC on Oct16, 2012)
- The General Committee was formed to decide events and action plans for student welfare and approve point policy by simple majority at time of first adoption. Any further amendments to the point policy must be ratified by two-thirds majority of this committee.
This committee shall consist of all members of Executive committee and BSW hostel representatives.
- The Administrative Committee shall be constituted by the President, Vice President, Ex-President, General Secretary and Ex-general secretary (if not graduated already) of BSW along with the SAC General Secretary. It shall be the appellate body for all complaints against student members of the Board. The member whose complaint has been received shall not be part of the Committee for that particular complaint.

4. SAC membership & Nomination from SAC to statutory and non-statutory bodies of Institute

SAC Constitution

The proposed revised SAC Constitution was presented to the Council with below-mentioned salient amendments besides those already approved in earlier meetings. It was decided that the Council shall give the members time till next meeting to suggest changes to the finer details not discussed in the meeting, so that the revised constitution can be adopted with popularly acceptable changes. The following amendments were accepted by the Council.

Nomination from SAC

- It was pointed out by the General Secretary SAC that the procedure of nomination to statutory and non-statutory bodies of the Institute needed an overhaul due to low participation of nominated students in the activities of these bodies.
- It was resolved that the students nominated to the statutory bodies of Senate (currently BUGS, BPGS&R, ALC, CUC) shall be SAC representatives who volunteer and the Council approves their nomination by simple majority.
- Additionally, the council shall elect from among its elected student members in its first meeting (on-floor nomination) a 'SAC Secretary to statutory and non-statutory bodies of Institute' who shall be an ex-officio nomination to all statutory bodies approved by the Senate wherever he/she is eligible. The responsibilities of the above position and election procedure are listed in detail in the revised constitution.
- Students will be nominated to the non-statutory bodies by the General Secretary, SAC and the same must be passed by the Council by simple majority.

SAC Membership

- The Married Students' representative brought the attention of the Council to the fact that New Vindhyachal Apartments did not have a representation in SAC because of which the maintenance problems in NV were often solved at an apathetic speed. He argued that he had himself represented those problems to SAC despite it not being a married students' hostel. He proposed that the Vindhyachal SAC representative be responsible for bringing issues in NV to SAC's notice. The Dean, SA however assured the Council that NV was not actually a hostel as it only houses students with special medical needs and that its problems are looked at independently and directly by him and the Associate Dean, BHM.

- The Married Students' representative also argued for representation of student residents of A-type flats in the Council because the problems that these residents would face would be different from those faced by Nalanda and IP Apartments who are represented by the one married students' representative.

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