



Student Activities Councils (SAC) constitution amendment 2025

The following amendments are proposed after due consultation with the current SAC council members:

A. Major amendments:

1. Revision and renaming of the Disciplinary Council (DC):

Justification for the proposed revision:

At present, the DC's role is somewhat confusing between running the mess committee and maintenance of student discipline and looking after other welfare issues. There are several conflicts here - for example, though the DC Secretary is the person who looks after the disciplinary issues in the student community, the Disciplinary Committee often requires the participation of the Senate representative. In addition, there is a need to decouple the Student Mess Committee from the SAC as its role is far more engaging, and requires participation of students from across the programmes. The committee needs to directly report to the A-DoSA and DoSA instead of going through the President SAC.

Amendments:

- a) Creation of Student Mess Committee with a separate by-laws and constitution. This is explained in the next point.
 - b) Re-naming of DC as SAC-Student Welfare Sub-council (S-SWS)
 - i) Roles of S-SWS will be identical to those of the DC, except the exclusion of running the Student Mess Committee. The Sub-council will address all student welfare issues from the student community, including the mental health related issues. It will be the bridge between the student community and the administration.
 - ii) Elected roster of S-SWS: The S-SWS will consist of the Secretary S-SWS, and two representatives from each hostel. Hostel representatives must at least be from 3rd year of BS-MS programme or equivalent. A PhD student can also be a hostel representative. Representatives will be elected from the hostel by the Secretary S-SWS, and will have a tenure of a year.
2. Creation of Student Mess Committee (SMC):

Justification for the proposed revision:

Mess is perhaps the single biggest issue in campus life. It is an essential facility. Since the mess facility is expected to be primarily student-run, it is important to have a team / committee of committed students who would directly connect to the Institute Mess Committee for all operational and administrative issues. a) it is too big a responsibility on the DC Secretary (as per the current practice), b) it is less structured. Though the SMC will be a body inside SAC, the committee will have more autonomy to run the mess. The committee will have only one job - viz., to run the mess. In case the mess adopts a Student Cooperative Mess model - this committee can serve the administrative role as well. The Secretary of the SMC will directly report to the A-DoSA/DoSA

for all administrative purposes. However, President SAC will have to be kept in the loop. In case of a conflict between the Secretary and the President, the same will be resolved by the A-DoSA/DoSA. President SAC will continue to be a part of the Institute Mess Committee.

Amendments:

- a) A Student Mess Committee will be established with its own constitution (draft attached).
 - b) The details of this committee can be found in the draft constitution. Briefly,
 - i) It will be an elected body of 15 student members, and a Secretary.
 - ii) Secretary will be elected by all students through an SMC election. In this election, any UG and PG student can nominate themselves, and all students (UG as well as PG) are allowed to vote.
 - iii) 10 of the members will be from the BSMS programme (UG-members) and 5 will be from the PhD programme (PG-members). Integrated PhD and Masters programmes will be represented by these two groups as well.
 - iv) Each batch BSMS/iPhD (MS phase)/Masters students will elect two representatives each - a total of 10 UG-members. The PG members will be elected from all PhD students except first year PhD students. However, iPhD students in the first year of their PhD phase will be eligible.
3. Creation of SAC positions to represent PhD students:

Justification for the proposed revision:

Over the years it has been observed that there is little involvement of the PhD students in the SAC activities. Part of the reason is lack of PhD representation in SAC. Apart from SR-PG (Senate representation) there are no representatives from the PhD students, who are also not allowed to vote in the general election. Hence, to increase the PhD representation, two new elected positions are created within SAC.

Amendments:

- a) Two new SAC positions are created - PG-General Secretary, and PG-Cultural Secretary. These positions will be filled by elected representatives from the PG students only. (PG refers to all PhD students and iPhD students in their PhD phase)
 - b) PG-GS: Would be a member of all councils (except Cultural Council), and will represent the PG students' side in them. PG-GS would also be part of the S-SWS and will oversee the welfare issues of the PhD students.
 - c) PG-CS: Would be a member of the Cultural Council, and represent the PG students' side in it.
4. Minor amendments:
- a. As suggested by the council, **the minimum CPI will be set at 7.00 for contesting for any SAC position**. This is done for the welfare of the students serving as SAC position holders, as well as to ensure that students who are generally serious get to take up the representative roles. Secretary positions in SAC come with a lot of responsibility and require considerable time investment. Playing the role of a SAC Secretary or the President may take a toll on the CPI. The proposed minimum CPI will serve as a cushion for this purpose.
 - b. Student Magazine - **Epistem**, and **Student placement brochure** will be printed for hostels, office of Dean Students, Guest House, and Library. Hard copies of the most

recent version will be kept in these places. The Secretary of Publications and Outreach Council will make sure of this.

- c. The responsibility of the fests lies directly under the secretaries, and they have to take the responsibility. Hence, a standing **Fest Committee** will be discontinued. However, if needed, specific fest committees will be formed depending on the recommendation from the President SAC, and the CoSA/A-DoSA.
- d. **Defining the “Councils” under each secretary:** The councils under SAC refer to a team of students led by the Secretary of the council. Typically, a council will consist of the club coordinators / team captains as the case may be.