

THE STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

KIRIT P. MEHTA SCHOOL OF LAW



CHAPTER-I

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE 1: STUDENT COUNCIL

1. The Student Council shall consist of the selected and appointed representatives for the Student Committees as listed below herein in Chapter II, along with the Executive Council. They shall be minimum 4 in number and maximum 8. The posts and offices shall be the discretion of the Patron of the Student Council.
2. The Student Committee heads shall be selected after their due application to showcase interest in holding the position, followed by an interview with the faculty convenor of the same committee. On the approval of the faculty convenor, the Student Committee head shall then be announced.
3. The Executive Council, which shall be selected, shall consist of the President and the Vice President(s).
4. The President and Vice President(s) shall be selected after their due application to showcase interest in holding the position, followed by an interview with the Panel.

ARTICLE 2: STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. A Student Council Meeting is a duly held meeting of the Student Council.
2. Every member of the Student Council shall have the right to initiate the process of calling for a Student Council meeting with due notice and discussion with the Executive Council.
3. The requisite quorum for the initiation and conduct of a meeting should be 50% of the members of the Student Council for the current academic year.

ARTICLE 3: PATRON OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The Faculty Co-Ordinator (Co- and Extra-curricular Activities) of the College shall be the ex-officio Patron of the Student Council.



7. The President, along with the Vice President(s), shall be the body responsible for the collection and subsequent redressal of any unethical misconduct prevalent within the Student Council in a confidential manner.
8. The President may propose all policy decisions and decisions other than those having immediate consequences only in consultation with all the members of the Executive Council.
9. The President shall have the responsibility to ensure that incidents of ragging and discrimination are kept in check and an equitable environment is established on campus.
10. The President shall oversee all matters pertaining to the finances of the Student Council.
11. The President may perform any such duties as may be resolved by the Student Council or as advised by the Patron.
12. The President may delegate duties of a routine nature to the Vice President(s), the PR Head(s), the Logistics Head(s) and the Treasurer.
13. The President may convene and preside over meetings of all Class Representatives of the college.

ARTICLE 6: POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS

1. There shall be two Vice Presidents of the Student Council.
2. The Vice President(s) may convene and preside over meetings of the Student Council.
3. The Vice President(s) will preside as President under the following circumstances:
 - a. The President has resigned; or
 - b. When the President has delegated so in writing, along with reasons,
 - c. When the President cannot serve due to medical incapacity for a period of over 48 hours.
 - d. The Vice President(s) shall discharge duties that have been so delegated by the President.
4. The Vice President(s) shall make accounts detailing expenditures, revenue, and savings for all the events of the Executive Council.
5. The Vice President(s) shall perform such duties as may be determined by the Student Council.
6. The Vice President(s) shall work along with the Student Committees to raise awareness and promote student participation in college events and other initiatives that are initiated at the behest of the Students or the Administration.
7. The Vice President(s) along with the PR Head shall work with the Student Committees to raise awareness against the consumption of illegal stimulants on campus.
8. The Vice President(s) may convene and preside over meetings of all Class Representatives of the college along with the President.



ARTICLE 9: POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PR HEAD(S)

1. There shall be a PR head for the Student Council.
2. The PR Head shall discharge duties that have been so delegated by the President and the Vice President(s).
3. The PR Head shall be responsible for the promotion and marketing activities of all the events of the Executive Council and the Intra-Level Events of the Student Committees.
4. The PR Head shall perform such duties as may be determined by the Student Council.
5. The PR Head shall work along with the Student Committees to raise awareness and promote student participation in the College events and other initiatives that are initiated at the behest of the students or the Administration.
6. The PR Head, in consultation with the President and Vice President(s), shall formulate policies to regulate the dissemination of any and all information pertaining to the College or any Student Committees.
7. The PR Head shall also be responsible to regulate the flow of information circulated on social media platforms.

ARTICLE 10: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. The following disputes shall first be brought to the bench of the President and the Vice President:
 - Any dispute between committees due to overlap of mandate,
 - Any dispute between Student Heads of two or more committees,
 - Any dispute between the Student Head and the Student Co-Head of their own committee or any other committee
 - Any Dispute between the Student Head or Student Co-Head and the Head of the department, a member of the same committee, or any student of the college
2. In addition to the disputes mentioned above, the bench of President and Vice President shall have jurisdiction to inquire into any violation of:
 - any provision of the constitution of the Student Council,
 - any policy promulgated by the Executive Council or the Heads of any committee.
3. The Vice President(s) shall ensure that any dispute brought under this article is reported to the Patron of the Student Council, within 24 hours of the complaint officially being filed with the Council.
4. A brief report should be prepared by the Vice-President(s) after giving an opportunity to both the parties to present their case. and submitted to the Patron of the Student Council with respect to the resolution of the dispute for record-keeping purposes.
5. The Council should endeavor to solve the dispute as amicably as possible to reach a consensus settlement between the parties.



Executive Council about the policy formed by emailing the same, to the Executive Council, 48 hours prior to the policy coming into force.

9. The outgoing student convenor shall be responsible for presenting a report, along with other members of that committee, on the functioning of that Student Committee. The report shall detail the successful completion of tasks taken up, the failure of the committee to discharge any tasks it may have resolved to discharge, and reasons for such failure, along with challenges faced in the functioning of the Committee. The report shall be published at the end of its term after the conclusion of the final phase of selections on the incoming Committee.

Provided that when the convenor is a student graduating at the end of that academic year, they must appoint another committee member to undertake the responsibility under this Article and convey the same to the Executive Council.

10. The convenor shall perform any other functions as may be necessary for the effective functioning of the committee.
11. The convenor shall ensure that no disparaging remarks, including innuendoes, are made by their committee members, including chairs, heads of departments, and volunteers, against any other committee of the college, and if any such issue arises, the convenor shall then report the same to the Executive council within 12 hours of the issue coming to their knowledge.
12. The convenor shall ensure the prevalence of equity within their committees and that no student is discriminated against on the grounds of religion, gender, place of residence, language, sexuality, etc. within their committees, if any such issue arises, the convenor shall report the same to the Executive Council within 12 hours of the issue coming to their knowledge.

ARTICLE 13: CO-HEADS OF DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT COMMITTEES

1. Every committee shall have a certain number of Co-Heads at the discretion of the Faculty Convenor and/or the Student Convenor for that committee.
2. The process of selection of the Co-Heads shall be determined by the Faculty convenor of that committee.
3. The Co-Head will preside as Head under the following circumstances:
 - The Head has resigned; or
 - When the Head has delegated so in writing, along with reasons.
4. The Co-Head shall discharge duties that have been so delegated by the Head.



MANDATE OF STUDENT COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 17: ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) COMMITTEE

1. To work on promoting and generating interest in ADR and ADR Competitions, including client counselling, mediation, negotiation, and conciliation, in the College.
2. To take suitable measures that the Committee deems suitable for obtaining adequate funding for ADR-related events organized by the committee.
3. To maintain contact with all universities, institutions, and organizations that organize Alternative Dispute Resolution Competitions and receive competition invites and propositions on behalf of the College.
4. To conduct practice mediation/negotiation/client counselling sessions throughout the academic year.
5. To conduct workshops/training sessions/guest lectures for students of the College with the help of resource persons who have experience in ADR methods.
6. Organizing selection competitions and/or open challenges, and formulating any other mechanism the Committee deems fit for selecting students to represent the College in ADR Competitions outside the College.
7. To organize any inter-college competition if it deems fit.
8. Any other ADR-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.
9. To regulate allotments for National and International competitions in a manner wherein the students are prohibited from participating in any such event without due permission and notice to the convenor of the committee.

ARTICLE 18: MOOT COURT COMMITTEE

1. To promote, raise awareness, and provide timely information about Moot Court Competition in the College.
2. To organize and facilitate all mooting and trial advocacy activities in the College.
3. To organize the selection moot and open challenges for selecting students to represent the College in any Moot Court Competition outside the College.
4. To strive to obtain adequate funding for the College moot teams, from the College, alumni, or any other sources.
5. To conduct Moot Orientation programs.
6. To assist the College in organizing the Moot Mentorship Program.
7. To maintain contact with all universities, institutions, and organizations that organize Moot Court Competitions and receive Moot invites and propositions on behalf of the College.
8. To organize any inter-college Moot Court Competition hosted by the College.
9. Any other moot-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.



Explanation- The Executive Student Council will oversee and supervise affairs till it deems the fest to be self-sufficient.

ARTICLE 22: DEBATING COMMITTEE

1. To promote, organize, and facilitate all debating activities in the College.
2. To organize selection debates and/or open challenges to select student teams to represent the College in debate competitions outside the College.
3. To maintain contact with all universities, institutions, and organizations that organize debate competitions; communicate received invites; and facilitate student participation.
4. To organize practice debates and orientations.
5. To organize any inter-college Debate Competition hosted by the College.
6. Any other debating-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

ARTICLE 23: MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) COMMITTEE

1. To work for promoting and generating interest in MUN and MUN Competitions in the College and assist students in acquiring diplomacy and negotiation skills.
2. To conduct mock MUN sessions throughout the academic year.
3. To conduct workshops/training sessions/guest lectures for students of the College with the help of resource persons who have experience in MUNs.
4. Organizing selection competitions and/or open challenges for selecting students to represent the College in MUN Competitions outside the College
5. To organize any inter-college competition if it deems fit.
6. Any other MUN-related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.

ARTICLE 24: PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. To publish and provide a platform for students to show their creative skills, and achievements, and to publish the successful completion of events or interviews conducted.
2. Any other related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.
3. To provide literary recommendations as the only source in the College's monthly newsletter.
4. To release a literary call for articles and blogs along with art submissions in a streamlined manner in consonance with other Student Committees.
5. To host a monthly session regarding books and series.
6. To design, print, and distribute the yearbook for the final-year students.



ARTICLE 27: GENDER SENSITIZATION AND INCLUSIVITY CELL

1. To bring, educate, and make the students aware of social issues.
2. To organize intra-college and inter-college activities on behalf of the College revolving around issues and topics important for society at large, like principles of equity and equality.
3. Any other related functions that the Committee, through its policy, may decide.
4. The Committee shall also collaborate with other organizations within and outside the SVKM group for the same purpose as defined in sub-clause 2 and 3.

ARTICLE 28: CYBERCELL

1. To work towards the promotion of multidisciplinary legal and policy research in the domains of tech, cyber, data privacy, and their allied disciplines.
2. To organize conferences, panel discussions, symposiums, and workshops in the domain of cyberspace.
3. To maintain contact with all universities/institutions and organizations (in the field of technology) for the purpose of conferences/ panel discussions.
4. Any other functions related to the promotion of knowledge of cyberspace and tech that the committee, through its policy, may decide.

ARTICLE 29: LAW REVIEW

1. To promote a culture of research, scholarship, and academic writing among students and the legal fraternity.
2. To promote and accelerate meaningful discourse on contemporary legal issues.
3. To provide a platform for students, academicians, scholars, and legal experts to exhibit their legal acumen and publish thought-provoking articles on a plethora of contemporary legal issues in the annual, multidisciplinary, student-edited, and peer-reviewed journal.
4. To publish submissions from students and the legal fraternity on various relevant legal issues in the multidisciplinary, student-edited, and peer-reviewed blog.

FUNCTIONING OF STUDENT COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 30: POWERS OF THE STUDENT COMMITTEES

1. Each Committee shall formulate its own policies, rules, or regulations with respect to the specific activities under its mandate.
2. The Executive Council may, from time to time, elaborate on the powers or duties of each committee.
3. Each Committee shall prepare and present the following within 15 days of its formation to the Executive Council:
 - Agenda of the Committee for its term;



3. A report shall be prepared and sent to the Executive Council at the end of each month, detailing the successful completion of tasks taken up and the failure of the committee to discharge any tasks it may have resolved to discharge. Reasons for such failure, along with challenges faced in the functioning of the committee, shall be included. The Committee shall also lay down the future course of action.
4. Two weeks before the end of the semester, the reports of all the previous months of that academic year will be compiled into one comprehensive report.
5. In the event that a Committee does not meet once each month, it shall provide reasons to the Student Council for the same.
6. In the event that a Committee does not submit any of the above-mentioned reports within the said time period, the mandate of the Committee shall stand frozen until all such reports are provided, and a proceeding may be initiated by the Executive Council against the convenor of the committee in default.

ARTICLE 34: ACCOUNTABILITY

1. It shall be the duty of every Committee to hold a Meeting at least once every 4 weeks to discuss, among other matters, issues relating to policy and to review the work of that Committee. A notice of at least 3 days shall be given for such meetings. The quorum for such meetings shall be 50% of the Committee.

Provided that if the quorum for such a meeting is not met in the first instance, a second meeting can be called within a period of 48 hours of the previous meeting being scheduled, which may be duly held without a requirement of quorum.

2. It shall be the responsibility of every Committee to take appropriate measures to ensure that conflicts of interest with regard to activities under its mandate are minimized.
3. If found inadequate, the Committee or any of its members may be removed as per the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE 35: RIGHT TO INITIATE PROPOSALS

1. Any student of this College may make a proposal, with reasons for the same and accompanying information, and submit it to the Executive Council.
2. Such a proposal may be made in the circumstances when the student:
 - Seeks to initiate a policy or action by the Student Council; and
 - Seeks to correct, amend, redesign, or repeal any policy, initiative, or such action of the Student Council.
3. A petition of initiative should collect signatures of at least 300 students. The Executive Council must, within 3 days of receipt of such a petition, inform the students and provide a sufficient and substantiated response.

The Executive Council, in consultation with the concerned Committee, if any, must communicate in its response whether it accepts the proposal outlined in the petition, disagrees with it, or does not respond to the said petition.