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Ask TechNews:

“What do you think of the new OCL-initiated selection process for TechNews leadership?”

“TechNews is the voice of the students and, by leaving students out of the selection process, OCL is silencing the voice of the students.”

Zofie Mandelski
TechNews member since 2014

“This came as a surprise for me because we, the staff of TechNews, know what TechNews is all about. We know what’s going on and how to handle the issues related to it, so I personally think that an outsider who has never been a part of TechNews can never make a wise decision for it. I have no issues with OCL wanting to be a part of this process but we need to be involved in it.”

Shireen Gul
TechNews member since 2013

“This isn’t something that only concerns members of TechNews. Anyone who has ever been part of a student organization on campus has something at stake here. OCL staff have shown that, if they choose to, they can single-handedly change the way your organization operates, even if it goes against everything your organization stands for and every member of your organization disagrees with it. Organizations at this university deserve better than to be impeded by the actions of administrators when the organization has done nothing wrong.”

Kori Bowns
TechNews member since 2012

“TechNews has been a recognized outlet for students’ voices at IIT and having served as a member of the staff for the past year, I find it confusing and hard to believe that no students were involved in a process that could completely change the way TechNews works.”

Anoop Sundararajan
TechNews member since 2013

“In order for a student newspaper to effectively be a platform for student voice, it is imperative that it operate independently of university administration. This move is completely unprecedented, and represents a major incursion into TechNews’ ability to represent student voice, something it has been successfully doing for over 80 years. While the intent of this may not be to stifle student voice, the lack of communication with TechNews and its advisers throughout this process has been quite concerning.”

Ryan Kamphuis
TechNews member since 2010

“I believe the lack of TechNews staff inclusion can result in an editor-in-chief who does not appropriately represent the importance of this newspaper to the student body.”

Kristal Copeland
TechNews member since 2012

“It’s one thing if OCL came to TechNews earlier and told us what is actually going on, rather than only telling our Editor-in-Chief a limited amount of vague information less than a week before the application went live. I still do not fully understand what is truly happening and why.”

Khaleela Zaman
TechNews member since 2013

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ARC Tutor Spotlight: Abhiroop Chattopadhyay

Khaleela Zaman
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Meet Abhiroop Chattopadhyay, a fourth year electrical engineering major, about to graduate this December. Before he leaves IIT and the Academic Resource Center, stop by the Math or Electrical and Computer Engineering table while Abhi is there tutoring. For seven semesters, Abhi has been tutoring at the ARC, but why has he been working there for so long? Is it the good pay? No, in Abhi’s words: “I like helping people out.” The ARC is also a great place, he says, to meet lots of different people. The atmosphere of the ARC as a place for tutoring in specific subjects is also the perfect place to share his fascination in the subjects, whereas in most other places we go in our

daily lives, sharing this fascination is not as appropriate or accepted.

Abhiroop encourages students to come to the ARC, since it is a great resource for them. Sure, there are tutors for each subject as well as textbooks and computers available. But, specifically, the tutors at the ARC usually have a good idea about the best courses and professors for different majors. Therefore, the tutors can guide students and help them prioritize the classes they end up taking. The tutors have already been through the same courses required for the students they tutor, so they can offer lots of good advice.

Besides tutoring at the ARC, Abhiroop also practices carpentry as a hobby, calling himself a “woodworker.” He enjoys working with his hands to make furniture. Abhi also

uses the lathe a lot, turning out wooden bowls, glasses, and goblets. Additionally, he was on the executive board for IIT’s Alternative Spring Break student organization as the team development leader. While on the Spring Break trip last year, Abhi showed off his woodworking skills as the team helped build a house with Habitat for Humanity in Franklin, West Virginia. He also showed off his leadership abilities while leading team-building activities reflecting upon the events of the week.

When asked to give advice to all IIT students, Abhiroop’s response was somewhat akin to carpe diem, or seize the day. Abhi advises that you will never get to live if you are always worrying about the future. Therefore, in Abhi’s words, “enjoy the present.”



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