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Safety measures: All Jadavpur University stakeholders to meet on Friday

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KOLKATA: Interim JU vice-chancellor, Buddhadeb Sau, has called a meeting of all stakeholders on Friday following students' protests on Monday. They demanded that they should be consulted on steps the university was planning to bolster security on campus.

Members of Arts Faculty Students Union (AFSU) and Faculty of Engineering and Technology Students Union (FETSU) went to the VC to submit letters on Monday but were asked to seek prior appointment, which students felt "went against the tradition of JU as this was the first time a VC had asked students to seek appointment".

A FETSU member said, "The administration is already thinking of taking surveillance measures unilaterally without holding any talks with stakeholders. We will oppose any surveillance that can hamper the free atmosphere of the university and splurging of money at a time when the varsity is reeling under funds crunch." SFI leader Subhadip Bandyopadhyay said they demanded a meeting of all stakeholders so that they can propose positive ideas to address the security issues as well as ragging.

The VC later said: "Since the students want the meeting, I have decided to organise it." He added they were discussing ways to stop use of alcohol and narcotics on campus and were planning to use technology to check narcotics and alcohol use at the gates.