



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
SSF Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

Newnham Campus
Newnham SSF Boardroom

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Student Board Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Promise Anyasi	Director
Sukhbeer Dhillon	Director/Chair
Sanjoli Jain	Director
Param Patel	Director
Inderjit Singh	Director
Thomas Tsao	Director

Student Board Representatives Regrets: (Voting Members)

Klodian Vocaj	Director
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Board Members Present (Non-Voting Members)

Charanpreet Deu	SSF President/SSF Inc.
Mario Di Carlo	Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Brenda Fairbanks-Smith	Manager, Corporate Administration/Recording Secretary/SSF Inc.

Board Members' Regret (Non-Voting Member)

Gabriel Huston	College Representative
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Guests Present:

Palak Chawla	Vice President, Seneca@York/SSF Inc.
Roel Isufillari	Manager, Member Services/SSF Inc.
Navneet Kaur	Vice President, Markham/SSF Inc.
Nicole Lentini	Vice President, Newnham/SSF Inc.

1. Call to Order

Sukhbeer Dhillon, Chair, SSF Board of Directors calls the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Introductions/Announcements

Alison Morales, Coordinator, King Campus has resigned from her position.

3. Acceptance of Agenda for Wednesday, January 15, 2020

It was MOVED by Promise Anyasi, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “to accept the agenda for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 as presented”.

Amendments

Time allotments will change as follows:

Suspend By-laws for Markham Campus	20 Minutes
By-law Changes – GPA Requirements	30 Minutes

It was MOVED by Thomas Tsao, and SECONDED by Inderjit Singh, “to accept time allotment changes to agenda for Wednesday, January 15, 2020”.

CARRIED

The SSF Board of Directors Public Session agenda for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 is accepted as amended.

4. Conflicts Declared

Thomas Tsao declares a conflict regarding agenda item “By-law Changes – GPA Requirement”.

5. SSF Board of Directors’ Public Session Minute Approval – Monday, December 16, 2019

It was MOVED by Inderjit Singh, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “that the SSF Board of Directors’ Public Session Meeting Minutes from Monday, December 16, 2019 be approved as presented”.

CARRIED

6. SSF Board of Directors’ In-Camera Session Minute Approval – Mon. December 16, 2019

It was MOVED by Inderjit Singh, and SECONDED by Thomas Tsao, “that the SSF Board of Directors’ In-Camera Session Meeting Minutes from Monday, December 16, 2019 be approved as presented”.

CARRIED

7. Executive Director’s Report

Mario Di Carlo’s report was sent to members prior to today’s meeting.

8. SSF President’s Report

Charanpreet will e-mail his report to members.

9. NH Vice President

Newnham's Vice President provided the Board with a letter prior to today's meeting addressing the upcoming SSF General Election and qualifications to run for an SSF position. Clarification is requested regarding the requirement of being "in good standing with the college". "In good standing" with the college relates to Seneca's Student Code of Conduct.

It is suggested that questions be created and provided to the Student Conduct office. Questions would be the same for all students wishing to run in an SSF election. It is unclear if Student Conduct would entertain answering any student-related questions. A meeting will be organized with Student Conduct to discuss this matter. Current Council positions related to GPA's were also discussed.

10. Full Time Vacation Policy Change

Due to Federation liability, concerns were raised regarding full time employees carrying forward unused vacation days. Based on this, limitations to vacation days being carried forward will be introduced beginning May 1, 2020. Other limitations will also be introduced.

Sanjoli Jain enters meeting at 4:58 p.m.

It was MOVED by Thomas Tsao, and SECONDED by Inderjit Singh, "to approve changes to the Full Time Vacation Policy as presented".

CARRIED

11. Suspend By-laws for Markham Campus

A briefing document was sent to members prior to today's meeting.

As of April 30, 2020, the Markham campus will cease to operate as it currently does. In September 2020, the Seneca International Academy will begin operation at Markham. As a result, it will not be possible to elect an SSF Board of Directors representative (Markham) during the upcoming SSF General Elections. It is, however, important that Markham representation exists. To accommodate the Markham changes, suspension of the SSF By-laws are suggested.

It was MOVED by Thomas Tsao, and SECONDED by Sanjoli Jain, "to suspend the Markham requirement in By-Law 7.02 (a) (iii) to allow a representative from any campus; and the inclusion of Markham in By-law 11.01 until April 30, 2021".

CARRIED

12. By-law Changes – GPA Requirement

The proposed By-law changes would allow students currently in an Executive or Coordinator position, who did not meet the minimum GPA requirement for the Winter 2020 semester, remain on Council until April 30, 2020.

- a) It was MOVED by Sanjoli Jain, and SECONDED by Promise Anyasi, “to approve suspension of By-laws 7.08 (a) (ii); 13.1 (b) and Operating Policy 5.10 (b) (v) to remove references to Program GPA”.

Students remaining on Council for the Winter 2020 semester will receive an e-mail to inform them of the SSF Board of Directors’ vote in favour of allowing them to remain on Council. This e-mail will also act to inform them that any violation of SSF By-laws and Policies will result in their immediate removal from office.

It was MOVED by Sanjoli Jain, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “that at 5:55 p.m., the SSF Board of Directors meeting go into recess for 10 minutes”.

C A R R I E D

The SSF Board of Directors meeting reconvenes at 6:10 p.m.

The motion to suspend the current By-laws as stated, will take effect until April 30, 2020.

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- b) It was MOVED by Inderjit Singh, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “to approve changes to By-laws 7.08 (a) (ii) to read “Inability to maintain a cumulative or program GPA of 3.0 or more for the SSF President and SSF Board of Directors members; and 13.01 (b) to read “Inability to maintain required cumulative or program GPA of 2.5 for Vice Presidents and Coordinators; and in the Operating Policy 5.10 (b) (v) to read “failure to maintain a minimum cumulative or program GPA of 3.0 for SSF President and SSF Board of Directors members, and 2.5 for Vice Presidents and Coordinators and will become effective May 1, 2020”.

All policies will be changed accordingly.

Nicole Lentini, Palak Chawla and Navneet Kaur leave meeting at 6:19 p.m.

C A R R I E D

13. Changes to Election Dates

Nominations for the upcoming SSF General Election will now open on Monday, January 20, 2020. All other General Election dates will remain the same.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting(s)

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday, March 20, 2020 – 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 17, 2020 – 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

It was MOVED by Sanjoli Jain, and SECONDED by Thomas Tsao, “that the date and time of the SSF Annual General Meeting be Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.”.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Thomas Tsao, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “to appoint Mark Solomon as Chair for the Annual General Meeting”.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Sanjoli Jain, and SECONDED by Inderjit Singh, “that no further business is to be discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 7:04 p.m.”.

CARRIED