



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
SSF Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

Newnham Campus
Newnham SSF Boardroom

Tuesday, February 25, 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 Isufflari	Manager, Member Services/SSF Inc.
Nicole Lentini	Vice President, Newnham/SSF Inc.
Steve Mattar	Manager, Campus Operations/SSF Inc.

1. Call to Order

Sukhbeer Dhillon, Chair, SSF Board of Directors calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Introductions/Announcements

- In retrospect, it is felt that all Board of Directors decisions should ideally come into effect in the following fiscal year, and not immediately, especially structural changes.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

It was MOVED by Sanjoli Jain, and SECONDED by Thomas Tsao, “that the agenda for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 be accepted as presented”.

Amendment

An In-Camera Session will take place immediately following the Public Session.

It was MOVED by Inderjit Singh, and SECONDED by Promise Anyasi, “to accept the amendment to the agenda for Tuesday, February 25, 2020”.

C A R R I E D

The agenda is accepted as amended.

4. Conflicts Declared

None.

5. Approval of Public Session Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 15, 2020

It was MOVED by Sanjoli Jain, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “to accept the SSF Board of Directors’ Public Session meeting minutes from Wednesday, January 15, 2020 as presented”.

C A R R I E D

6. Executive Director’s Report

Mario Di Carlo’s Executive Director Report was sent to members prior to today’s meeting. A question and answer period follows.

7. SSF President’s Report

Charanpreet Deu’s SSF President Report was sent to members prior to today’s meeting. A question and answer period follows.

8. Motion to Waive Eligibility

The following vote took place on-line and will now be recorded in minutes.

It was MOVED by Klodian Vocaj, and SECONDED by Inderjit Singh, “to waive off eligibility requirement 4. C (ix) (i) of SSF Election Policy for Seneca@York Vice President position and open the same for general membership in the 2020/2021 General Elections”.

C A R R I E D

9. Campaign for Students

It was MOVED by Sanjoli Jain, and SECONDED by Promise Anyasi, “to approve a \$100,000.00 donation to the Campaign for Students”.

C A R R I E D

10. SSF IT Initiative Assignment of Funds

It was MOVED by Thomas Tsao, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “to approve \$75,000.00 from sponsorship income, to be assigned to the purchase of laptops for student use”.

C A R R I E D

A request will be put forward to IT that the laptops be identified as donated by the Seneca Student Federation.

11. Appointment of 2019/2020 Auditors

It is recommended that the SSF’s current auditors, Yale and Partners be retained for 2019/2020, period ending April 30, 2020. A representative from Yale and Partners will be in attendance at the SSF Annual General Meeting to answer questions.

It was MOVED by Thomas Tsao, and SECONDED by Promise Anyasi, “to appoint Yale and Partners as the Seneca Student Federation auditors for 2019/2020”.

C A R R I E D

The auditors will be officially appointed at the SSF Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

It was MOVED by Inderjit Singh, and SECONDED by Param Patel, “that the SSF Board of Directors’ meeting move into recess for ten minutes”.

C A R R I E D

The SSF Board of Directors’ meeting reconvenes at 5:35 p.m.

12. SSF Vision/Strategic Plan

Following today’s meeting with Dr. Wayne Poirier, the future vision of the Seneca Student Federation was discussed. A Strategic Plan Development: 2020 Vision and Motions Package was provided to members prior to today’s meeting.

It was suggested that the SSF create two separate documents, SSF By-laws and an SSF Constitution. The result would be that By-laws be created as the SSF’s basic corporate document and need not to be changed frequently, while the Constitution could be changed accordingly. Members are in agreement to the creation of the two documents with the assistance of legal counsel who will also advise on any legal ramifications. The

current SSF lawyers will be asked to assist. As well, additional expertise will be sought if needed. Any changes will be presented as an information item to the membership (AGM). Mario will contact the SSF's Counsel regarding the creation of the documents.

It is suggested that a Strategic Plan Committee be created which will be responsible to debate all aspects of the Strategic Plan Development (Constitution & By-laws), including setting goals while following parliamentary procedure, and Robert's Rules. The main objective of the committee would be to begin the ground work on roles, decisions and ideas presented at today's meeting. Recommendations will then be presented to the SSF Board of Directors. Decisions do not need to be made by May 1, 2020. An e-mail will be sent to SSF members regarding the committee and their participation.

Members of this committee will consist of the following, with Mario Di Carlo acting as Chair:

- SSF President
- 2 Council members
- 2 Board members
- 1 Management + Mario Di Carlo
- Christine Blake or Mark Solomon (Chair)
- Brenda Fairbanks-Smith as Recording Secretary

In planning for the 2020/2021 year, and included in the Strategic Plan Development: 2020 Vision, a transition meeting/retreat be planned for the outgoing and incoming SSF Board of Directors members as well as the outgoing and incoming SSF President. A separate retreat will be planned for incoming Council members. Suggested dates for the Board Transition Retreat are April 18/19 which will include a transition and training portion as well as a professional development component. Members are in agreement to attending the retreat.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Friday, March 20, 2020 (Tentative)
Newnham Campus
3:30 p.m.

Sukhbeer will confirm date and time.

14. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Promise Anyasi, and SECONDED by Inderjit Singh, "that no further business is discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 6:33 p.m.".

C A R R I E D