



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
SSF Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

Teams Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Student Board Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Juan Pablo Borrero	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Grushika Juneja	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Azat Nabiev	Director, Chair SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Virajkumar Patel	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Stefan Singh	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Rohit Sharma	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.

Board Members Present (Non-Voting Members)

Nicole Alvarez	Vice President, King Campus/SSF Inc.
Krishna Amin	SSF President/SSF Inc.
Palak Chawla	Vice President, Newnham Campus/SSF Inc.
Mario Di Carlo	Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Brenda Fairbanks-Smith	Manager, Corporate Administration/Recording Secretary/SSF Inc.
Dr. Gabriel Huston	College Representative

Guests

Nancy McCoubrey	Project Manager/Vision 2020
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1. Call to Order

SSF Board of Directors' Chair, Azat Nabiev calls the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Announcements

- Krisha announces that the COVID-19 Relief bursaries will be available to students in the fall semester.
- To proceed through the Board agenda in a timely manner, Azat announces that some Board items will not require a formal vote, just a consensus. Mario will forward information to the Board on what items require a formal vote.

3. Acceptance of Agenda for Wednesday, August 26, 2020

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Stefan Singh, “that the agenda for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 be approved as presented”.

C A R R I E D

Time limits for each item will be tracked to ensure the Board meeting stays within the allotted timeline.

C A R R I E D

4. Conflict of Interest

None.

5. SSF Board of Directors Public Session Meeting Minute Approval for Wednesday, July 29, 2020

The SSF Board of Directors Public Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 29, 2020 are presented for approval.

C A R R I E D

6. Executive Director’s Report

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

Discussion takes place with a question and answer period to follow.

- Mario is asked to provide the Board with the exact number of hours billed by the HR Consultant since January. This information will be provided to the Board at the next meeting. A comparison from last year’s numbers is also requested.

7. SSF President’s Report

Krishna Amin’s report was distributed to members prior to today’s meeting.

Discussion takes place with a question and answer period to follow.

8. Vision Progress Report

Nancy McCoubrey enters meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Nancy provided her presentation to members prior to today's meeting. A question and answer period follows.

Next steps include presenting detailed revised job responsibilities to the Board.

9. SSF Election Report Recommendations

SSF CEO, Nancy Oomen, provided her SSF Election Report Recommendations to the Board at the July 29, 2020 SSF Board of Directors meeting.

Based on the recommendations, discussion takes place with the following decisions made:

It was MOVED by Juan Pablo Borrero and SECONDED by Stefan Singh, "to extend the time allotment for this topic for an additional 15 minutes".

C A R R I E D

a) It was MOVED by Juan Pablo Borrero and SECONDED by Virajkumar Patel, "to suspend Section 5, Sub-section L, "Campaigning for Voting Days" of SSF Election Policy to allow on-line campaigning during voting days for the SSF 2020 By-election".

C A R R I E D

b) The following Motion will result in a permanent addition to the Election Policy.

It was MOVED by Stefan Singh, and SECONDED by Grushika Juneja, "to amend the Election Policy inserting the following text to be added to Page 13, Section 14, "Close of the Polls" as Sub-section (e), when not able to hold face-to face meetings:

"In situations where it is not possible to conduct a face-to-face Results Meeting, candidates are required to submit a completed, signed and dated Release Form by e-mail to the CEO no later than the closing of the Voting Module. If a candidate has not provided his/her Release Form or stated a formal objection at the close of the polls, the candidate will be deemed to not dispute the validity of the Election Process and the candidate will not be permitted to file any appeal".

C A R R I E D

It was MOVED to extend the time allotment for this agenda item for an additional 12 minutes.

C A R R I E D

c) It was MOVED by Juan Pablo Borrero, and SECONDED by Virajkumar Patel, "to remove the requirement that each candidate needs 150 signatures from full time students for the SSF 2020 By-election Nomination Package".

C A R R I E D

- d) Currently, there is a Board vacancy at the King campus. It is suggested that in order to fill this position, should the position not be filled by a King student, the position be changed to At Large, allowing more students the opportunity to run.

It is suggested that when Nominations close, the Board can then have a Special meeting to remove the campus-specific requirement should a King student not run for the position. This may require a suspension of the By-laws.

10. By-election Nomination and Election Period Dates

It was MOVED by Juan Pablo Borrero, and SECONDED by Grushika Juneja, “to approve Nomination, Polling and Results election dates as presented”.

CARRIED

11. Major Survey

The document regarding the major survey was provided to members prior to today’s meeting. One major question which arose was that the survey was not anonymous. The survey is reviewed. One positive regarding the survey not being anonymous is that students who have concerns can be contacted directly to address their concerns.

The SSF President and SSF Executive Director are asked to put together objectives and achievables.

12. Clubs Plan

A Clubs Plan document was provided to members prior to today’s meeting.

A question and answer period takes place.

13. 2020/2021 Organizational Objectives Committee

It is suggested that a 2020/2021 Organizational Objectives Committee be established to gather information from the SSF President, SSF Executive Director and SSF HR Consultant to set up directives, with Sofia Pino’s (Vison 2020 Project Manager) input. The committee will be responsible for proposing objectives. Board members will also be given the opportunity to provide their input. Dr. Gabriel Huston would also like to be involved in the committee provided meetings do not conflict with his teaching schedule.

It was MOVED by Stefan Singh, and SECONDED by Juan Pablo Borrero, “to form an Organizational Objectives Committee consisting of three Board members (Azat Nabiev, Stefan Singh and Virajkumar Patel), along with Krisha Amin, Mario Di Carlo and HR Consultant Helen Henriques, to work on the organizational objectives for 2020/2021”.

CARRIED

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Members are asked to send their timetables to Brenda at which time, a favourable time for all members will be confirmed.

15. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Stefan Singh, “that no further business is to be discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 1:09 p.m.”

CARRIED

Approved 9/29/20