



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
SSF Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

Teams Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2021
2:30 p.m.

Student Board Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Harsh Barot	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
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.
Rohit Sharma	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Stefan Singh	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.

Student Board Representatives Present: (Non-Voting)

Krishna Amin	SSF President/SSF Inc.
Palak Chawla	Vice President, Seneca@York/SSF Inc.

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Board Members Present (Non-Voting Members)

Mario Di Carlo	Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Brenda Fairbanks-Smith	Manager, Corporate Administration/Recording Secretary/SSF Inc.
Dr. Gabriel Huston	Faculty Representative/College

Guests

Steve Mattar	Manager, Campus Operations/SSF Inc.
Steven Nguyen	Coordinator, King Campus/SSF Inc.
Sofia Pino	HR Consultant/Vision 2020

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 2:38 p.m.

2. Announcements

Rita Karakas, Advisor, SSF Board of Directors will be joining tomorrow's meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Rohit Sharma, “that the agenda for Thursday, April 28, 2021 be approved as presented”.

CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

5. Approval of Minutes

The SSF Board of Directors Public Session meeting minutes from Thursday, March 4, 2021 are approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. Executive Director’s Report

Mario’s report was provided to members prior to today’s meeting.

A question and answer period follows.

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7. SSF President’s Report

Krishna’s report was provided to members prior to today’s meeting.

A question and answer period follows.

8. Awards and Bursaries

Currently, the SSF has \$1,500,000.00 in surplus funds. To determine the best way to use these funds, helping as many students as possible, a meeting took place with the college’s Advancement department, asking for their input. Options for the use of the \$1.5 million include keeping a percentage of the funds for the SSF Reserves, with the remaining funds being dedicated to helping students.

Discussion takes place.

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Virajkumar Patel, “to defer this item until after the Vision 2020 Update”.

CARRIED

Sofia Pino joins meeting at 3:34 p.m.

9. Vision 2020 Update

Sofia Pino's Vision 2020 Update presentation was provided to members prior to today's meeting. The presentation is reviewed with a question and answer period following.

Sofia Pino leaves meeting at 3:49 p.m.

10. Awards and Bursaries (Cont'd)

Members agree that 25% of the \$1.5 million should be kept in the SSF Reserves with 75% being dedicated to professional development opportunities and financial aid.

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Virajkumar Patel, "to allocate 25% of the \$1.5 million to SSF Reserves, with the remaining 75% being used to introduce professional development opportunities as well as financial aid for students. The Executive Director and SSF President will update the 2021/2022 SSF Board of Directors on the specific areas of allocation."

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11. Work Integrated Learning (WIL) – Esports

Information was provided to members prior to today's meeting. Student, Steven Nguyen has been working on the Esports project and reviews his presentation with members.

A question and answer period takes place. The next step will be to find team leaders for the games. The largest barrier at this time is that students need their own equipment. It is hoped that in the next phase of implementing Esport, space and equipment can be determined. Funding will also need to be investigated as well as what support the college will provide.

Steven Nguyen and Steve Mattar leave meeting at 4:34 p.m.

12. Election Policy

The Election Policy was temporarily suspended during the recent SSF elections to allow campaigning during voting days. With no drawbacks experienced, permanently amending the Election Policy to allow this practice to continue is suggested.

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Harsh Barot, "to permanently amend the Election Policy, Section 5, sub-section K, to allow campaigning during election days".

Discussion takes place regarding the pros and cons of allowing this change including advantages current Council members may have during the election cycle, as well as unduly influence of students on the day of election.

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13. Social Media Policy

This document has been provided to members multiple times asking for input. The purpose of this policy is to ensure SSF members are held accountable for posts on their personal social media accounts which could reflect negatively on the Federation, including ramifications if the policy is not adhered to.

It was MOVED by Harsh Barot, and SECONDED by Grushika Juneja, “to approve the Social Media Policy as presented”.

C A R R I E D

14. Anti-Bullying Policy

The policy was provided to members prior to today’s meeting.

It was MOVED by Harsh Barot, and SECONDED by Virajkumar Patel, “to approve the Anti-Bullying Policy as presented”.

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15. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Harsh Barot, “that the SSF Board of Directors Public Session be adjourned at 5:06 p.m.”

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