



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED  
SSF Board of Directors Meeting  
**PUBLIC SESSION**

Zoom Meeting

Monday, July 26, 2021  
10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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Student Board Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Tee Dang	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Jinyoung (David) Jeong	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Grushika Juneja	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Antonette (Toni) Pettit	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Akarshannoor Singh	Chair/Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Arshdeep Singh	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.

Student Board Representative Regrets: (Voting Member)

Jaskirat Kaur	Director, SSF Board of Directors/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
Rita Karakas	Board Advisor/SSF Inc.
Ritik Sharma	SSF President/SSF Inc.

Guest

Nancy Oomen	SSF Chief Electoral Officer/SSF Inc.
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1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 10:45 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair, Akarshannoor Singh, provides the following land acknowledgement.

“The Seneca Student Federation would like to acknowledge the land on which its buildings are housed, and where students, faculty, support staff and members of the public gather. This includes the traditional territories of the Mississauga’s of the Credit First Nation, Anishinaabe Nation, Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Williams Treaty. We are guests on this space, and it is our shared obligation to respect, honour and sustain the land”.

3. Announcements/Chair Opening Remarks

- Nancy Oomen, SSF Chief Electoral Officer, is welcomed to the meeting
- Board development training is being planned
- A Board Finance Committee is being created to review SSF financials

4. Acceptance of Agenda

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Toni Pettit, “that the SSF Board of Directors Public Session Meeting Agenda for Monday, July 26, 2021 be accepted as presented”.

CARRIED

5. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

6. Acceptance of SSF Board of Directors Public Session Meeting Minutes from Monday, June 21, 2021

It was MOVED by David Jeong, and SECONDED by Arshdeep Singh, “that the SSF Board of Directors Public Session Meeting Minutes from Monday, June 21, 2021 be accepted as presented”.

CARRIED

7. Chief Electoral Officer Report/Recommendations

Nancy Oomen’s CEO Report/Recommendations was provided to members at the last Board meeting and again prior to today’s meeting. As well, Mario Di Carlo provided additional and detailed supporting documents regarding each of the three recommendations (including motions and background/supporting information) which were first discussed at the June 21, 2021 Board meeting. At today’s meeting, each recommendation will be dealt with individually.

a) Change to Election Policy – Allow Campaigning During Voting Days

Mario shares his screen. Discussion takes place.

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by David Jeong, “to amend the Election Policy to allow campaigning on voting days”.

CARRIED

b) Change to Election Policy 5 (f)

Mario shares his screen. Discussion takes place.

It was MOVED by Arshdeep Singh, and SECONDED by Grushika Juneja, “to change section 5 f) of the SSF Election Policy to read:

Within five (5) business days after the close of the campaign period, all candidates must submit to the E.O. either:

- i) All election expense claims, or
- ii) A declaration of no election expenses

Failure to submit either, or falsifying a declaration, will result in the candidate being disqualified”.

C A R R I E D

c) Change to Election Policy – Early nomination period for President and VP Positions

Mario shares his screen. Discussion takes place.

It was MOVED by Tee Dang, and SECONDED by David Jeong, “to add an early nomination period for current qualified LBC members for the President position, and for qualified LBC and Board members for the Vice President positions. Further, if there are no qualified candidates for either of the positions through the early nomination period proposed, the positions are to be made open to all students meeting the remaining qualifications requirements”.

C A R R I E D

The policy will be edited to reflect the above changes and will be brought back to the Board. The revised policy will then be included in the existing SSF Election Training Kit.

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Toni Pettit, “to amend the agenda and move item #10 (Important Dates – SSF By-election Dates 2021) to the next item”.

C A R R I E D

8. Important Dates - SSF By-election Dates 2021

It was MOVED by Grushika Juneja, and SECONDED by Tee Dang, “to accept the proposed SSF By-election dates of October 13 & 14, 2021 as presented”.

C A R R I E D

*Nancy Oomen leaves meeting at 11:36 a.m.*

*The Board will take a five minute break and reconvene at 11:42 a.m.*

9. Executive Director Report

Mario Di Carlo's Executive Director Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. Mario reviews his report. In future, the SSF budget and financials will be reviewed by the Board's Finance Committee.

It was MOVED by David Jeong, and SECONDED by Ton Pettit, "to revise the SSF budget as presented".

C A R R I E D

10. SSF President's Report

Ritik Sharma's SSF President's Report was provided to members prior to today's meeting. Ritik reviews his report. A question and answer period follows.

Students traveling to Seneca for the fall semester from overseas, including their travel arrangements was also discussed. This will be discussed at a future Travel Subsidy Committee meeting. It is suggested that Ritik speak with Christine Blake, Dean of Academics and Marianne Marando, VP Academics, to determine if the college has plans to assist these students.

For additional clarity, Ritik is asked to provide more detailed information in future SSF President's reports.

**Approved 8/30/21**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBD

12. Adjournment

It was MOVED by David Jeong, and SECONDED by Arshdeep Singh, "that no further business is to be discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 12:11 p.m.".

C A R R I E D