



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
Central Level Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

Teams Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Student Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Palak Chawla	Vice President, Newnham/SSF Inc.
Tee Dang	Vice President, Seneca@York/SSF Inc.
Ritik Sharma	SSF President/SSF Inc.
Dina Yehya	Vice President, King/SSF Inc.

Guests Present:

Samir Abdi	Manager, Campus Operations/SSF Inc.
Abdul Abdussalam	Manager, Campus Operations/SSF Inc.
Mario Di Carlo	Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Charanpreet Deu	Manager, Campus Operations/SSF Inc.
Renata Dinnocenzo	Chief of Staff & Associate Vice President/College
Roel Isufflari	Manager, Member Services/SSF Inc.
Marianne Marando	Vice President, Academics/College
Nick Pavlakos	Manager, Finance & Administration/SSF Inc.
Mark Solomon	Associate Dean, Student Services and Indigenous Education

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 10:01 a.m..

2. Announcements

Mario

- Interviews will be taking place this week for the Manager, HR position
- Internal applicants for the Manager, Campus Operations at King campus closes this Friday
- Happy birthday, Ritik!

Ritik

- Nominations open today for the SSF General Elections
- Shuttle bus service will commence on March 7th

3. Acceptance of Today's Agenda

It was MOVED by Dina Yehya, and SECONDED by Palak Chawla, "to approve the agenda for Monday, January 24, 2022 as presented".

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4. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

5. Approval of SSF Central Level Public Session Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, December 8, 2021

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Tee Dang, "to accept the SSF Central Level Public Session Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, December 8, 2021 as presented".

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6. Member Reports

a) Newnham Campus

Palak Chawla provides a verbal report.

A question and answer period follows.

Discussion takes place regarding class visits.

- Ritik informs members that should Council members require training on how to conduct class visits, training will be provided.

b) King Campus

Dina Yehya provides a verbal report.

A question and answer period follows.

c) Seneca@York Campus

Tee Dang provides a verbal report.

A question and answer period follows.

7. Club Committee Update

Tee Dang provides a report which was sent to members prior to today's meeting.

A question and answer period follows.

- Suggestions on clubs should be sent to Tee and Roel Isufflari.

Marianne Marando, Renata Dinnocenzo & Mark Solomon join meeting

8. Possible Faculty Labour Disruption

Marianne Marando, Renata Dinnocenzo and Mark Solomon provide information on a possible faculty labour disruption which affects all twenty-four Ontario colleges. The College Employer Council is currently negotiating the collective agreement with academic employees.

On December 9th, the faculty union held a strike vote with 59% in favour of striking. On December 18th, “work to rule” began. Since that time, faculty have continued to work under their current agreement. The next step will be a forced management vote which will happen mid-February. The result of this vote will be known three days after the vote takes place. Depending on the results of the vote, continued labour disruption may continue, or could be escalated to rotating strikes, etc.

It is the college’s commitment to the students that they will be kept informed and supported regardless of what labour action takes place. Contingency plans are currently also being put in place. The college will do whatever is necessary should a strike take place, to ensure students do not lose the term and feel supported.

Once the college knows what the next steps will be, they will be communicated to students through My.Seneca. Prior to this communication being released, it will be sent to Ritik so the Federation has time to plan their response. From this point on, Mark and his team will be the SSF’s point of contact.

A question and answer period follows.

Thanks to Marianne, Renata and Mark for joining the meeting and providing an update.

9. Other Business

a) Academic Appeal Training

Some Council members are requesting academic appeal training. Ritik will work with Mario on providing training.

b) Hackathon

A separate meeting will take place to discuss and vote on this item. The meeting will take place on Thursday, January 27th at 12:00 p.m..

c) Breakfast Program

Mario informs members that the Operations team will be meeting today to discuss Breakfast Program planning. Details on providing this service at all campuses, other than SIA/Markham, is being worked on. SIA/Markham will not have this service since it is uncertain when the campus will open.

Members will be kept updated.

d) Food Bank

The Food Bank program will begin at Newnham on Monday, January 24th. Students are required to book a pick-up time to ensure physically distancing. Seneca@York will tentatively begin the program the week of January 31st. Employee interviews are taking place at King with the plan to offer this program beginning the second week of February.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBD

11. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Dina Yehya, and SECONDED by Tee Dang, “that no further business is to be discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 11:15 a.m.”.

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