



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
Central Level Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

Teams Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Student Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Palak Chawla	Vice President, Newnham/SSF Inc.
Ritik Sharma	SSF President/SSF Inc.
Dina Yehya	Vice President, King/SSF Inc. (Virtual)

Student Representative Regrets: (Voting Members)

Tee Dang	Vice President, Seneca@York/SSF Inc.
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Guests Present:

Samir Abdi	Manager, Marketing & Communications/SSF Inc.
Abdul Abdussalam	Manager, Campus Operations/SSF Inc.
Christine Blake	Dean Academic Learning Services/College
Charanpreet Deu	Manager, Campus Operations/SSF Inc.
Mario Di Carlo	Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Renata Dinnocenzo	Vice President, Students & Strategy/College
Brenda Fairbanks-Smith	Manager, Corporate Admin/Recording Secretary/SSF Inc.
Roel Isuflari	Manager, Member Services/SSF Inc.
Nick Pavlakos	Manager, Finance & Administration/SSF Inc.
Sarvesh Singh	Manager, Human Resources/SSF Inc.

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. Announcements

Mario

- Reminder of the SSF Formal and End-of-Year dinner planned for late April.

Roel

- The shuttle bus schedule has been slightly changed. Buses to/from SIA are being eliminated since there are no students on campus at this time. SIA will not be opening until the end of the semester.

Ritik

- A “thank you” note was sent to both sides who have been in negotiations regarding a potential strike, which was averted.

3. Acceptance of Today’s Agenda

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Dina Yehya, “to approve the agenda for Thursday, March 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 Thursday, February 24, 2022

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Dina Yehya, “that the SSF Central Level Public Session Meeting Minutes from Thursday, February 24, 2022 be accepted as presented”.

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6. Amendment to Agenda

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Dina Yehya, “to modify today’s agenda by changing the order of agenda items”.

C A R R I E D

7. Executive/Council Member Report

Changes to the report, based on suggestions received by members, have been made, including the removal of Time Sheets. The updated report was reviewed and discussed.

Suggestions include:

- Once Coordinators have completed their reports, a copy will be sent to their respective Vice President.
- The back-end of the form will be adjusted to integrate Payworks, or a reminder system. Payworks also allows loading company documents. This will be discussed at another time.
- Coordinators will be reminded to complete the “Student Feedback” section.

8. Re-opening Plan/Convocation/Faculty Strike

Christine Blake and Renata Dinnocenzo provide updates:

a) Faculty Strike

- Strike was averted.
- Next step is for the union and the College Employee Council hearings to take place in April, along with arbitrators. Resolution is expected in June.

A question and answer period follows.

b) Return to Campus

Christine provides an update:

- For the current Winter semester, flex and hybrid continues. Faculty will be providing both in-person and on-line classes, providing students choices on how they would like to receive their classes. Social distancing will continue for the Winter semester.
- The college is currently working on the Summer semester. Information will be coming in the near future.
- Flexibility for students is the most important aspect.
- Vaccination policy (minimum two vaccines) for everyone coming onto campus will continue for the Summer and Fall terms, however; will be reassessed based on Covid resurgence. The college's top priority is to keep campuses safe. More entry points to buildings will be introduced.
- Capacity limits for large open spaces will be addressed.
- Once students enroll for summer, more clarity of how services and classes will be delivered will be determined.
- Feedback from the SSF will be gathered regarding services, i.e. Food Bank.
- A flexible work approach for employees will be offered to improve engagement and morale.

c) Convocation

- After two years with Covid, and a total of 40,000 graduates, including the Winter 2022 semester, the college will be hosting a massive celebration, planned for June at the Metro Convention Centre. Details are currently being worked on including the number of guests per graduate. A "save the date" will be sent out shortly.
- Currently trying to secure key note speakers.
- Well known DJ and MC for the event.
- Will not be a conventional convocation, more of an event/party with speakers.
- Graduates will be recognized and provided sashes; photo ops with backdrops. Gowns will be provided.
- Refreshments will be served.

- The SSF will be provided seats to the event.
- All attendees must be vaccinated.
- Will try to live stream the event.
- Communications will be asked to delay their announcement of the event to allow more time for the SSF to include information in their newsletter.

Discussion followed by a question and answer period takes place.

Questions include:

- SSF involvement during May Open House/Orientation including a live function would be helpful to promote the SSF. Christine and Renata will work on a plan to include the SSF and discuss with Mark Solomon.
- Crossing SSF and Student Services lanes in planning events will be discussed with Mark Solomon since Student Services is now providing more programming.

Thanks to Christine and Renata for attending today's meeting.

Christine Blake and Renata Dinnocenzo leave meeting at 12:31 p.m.

9. Member Reports

a) Dina Yehya

Dina provides a verbal report. A question and answer period follows.

b) Palak Chawla

Palak provides a verbal report. A question and answer period follows.

10. Club Committee Update

In Tee Dang's absence, Roel Isufflari provides the following Club Committee update:

- Club financials are complete
- 34 sanctioned clubs
- 62 active clubs

Roel and Mario will be working on a back-to-campus plan for club room bookings.

11. Budget Approvals

a) SSF Formal

Discussion takes place on the number of tickets to be sold as well as the cost of tickets for both members and guests.

The SSF Formal Committee (Roel Isufflari, Dina Yehya and Palak Chawla) will determine budget and bring back recommendations to Central. Final approval will be done by the SSF Board of Directors.

b) End-of-Year Dinner

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Dina Yehya, “that a budget of \$9,500.00 be approved for the End-of-Year dinner”.

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12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBD

13. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Dina Yehya, “that no further business is discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 1:51 p.m.”.

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