



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
Central Level Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

Teams Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
9:00 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:

Christine Blake	Dean, Academic Learning Services/College
Mark Buchner	Faculty/College
Mario Di Carlo	Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Renata Dinnocenzo	Chief of Staff & Associate Vice President/College
Roel Isufflari	Manager, Member Services/Recording Secretary/SSF Inc.
Josh Lee	Student
Shanna MacInnes	Student Projects Officer/College

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 9:02 a.m..

2. Announcements

Thanks to Christine Blake, Renata Dinnocenzo, Shanna MacInnes, Josh Lee and Mark Buchner for attending today's meeting.

3. Acceptance of Today's Agenda

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Dina Yehya, "to approve the agenda for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 as presented".

CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

5. Approval of SSF Central Level Public Session Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, November 24, 2021

It was MOVED by Dina Yehya, and SECONDED by Tee Dang, “to accept the SSF Central Level Public Session Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, November 24, 2021 as presented”.

C A R R I E D

6. Return to Campus

Christine Blake provides an update on return to campus, specifically addressing SSF's questions.

- Re-opening of the SSF offices should happen sometime in January. Scheduling of staff coming onto campus should be in place to ensure contract tracing. The SSF is also asked to find alternate open spaces to ensure students are not entering the SSF offices. Physical distancing will also be required within the SSF office space. College Facilities is currently working on guidelines for service areas.
- The college believes the SSF's breakfast program is an important service for the students and will work with the SSF to find a suitable area where students may access this service.
- Club spaces will be revisited in January.
- With the Food Bank distribution program being very successful at Newnham, the college would like to support the SSF in finding spaces to expand this program at the other campuses.
- Gradual opening of the campuses will begin in January, based on the pandemic.

The college will continue to work with the SSF on re-opening plans.

7. Convocation Ceremonies

Renata Dinnocenzo provides information on convocation ceremonies.

At the beginning of the pandemic, the college decided not to host digital ceremonies, with the hopes of eventually providing in-person ceremonies once safe to do so. At the time, there was no indication the pandemic would continue two years later.

The current convocation plan is to invite all graduates from the past two years to attend an in-person ceremony in the Summer 2022 semester. The SSF will be invited to participate and provide input into this ceremony. Depending on the pandemic situation by June 2022, and if there are still concerns, only vaccinated students/guests will be

allowed to attend. For those not able to attend the ceremonies in person, convocation will be live streamed. Students will be provided enough notice to decide how they would like to participate.

8. Hackathon

Josh Lee provides information regarding the Sustainability Hackathon and explains the competition and innovation contest along with the benefits to students including networking and employment opportunities, prizes, mentorship possibilities and more.

The Hackathon is asking the SSF to provide \$15,000.00 to \$30,000.00 in sponsorship. The total budget for the in-person Hackathon is \$50,000.00. The estimated revenue received so far is \$30,000.00. The event will take place in March 2022. This event will be open to students from other colleges as well. Should the SSF decide to provide sponsorship, they can provide criteria on how they would like their funds distributed.

Before Central decides, a full budget will be provided. The SSF will also create criteria on how their funds should be distributed, if they decide to provide funding. Ritik and Mario will follow up with Josh and Mark.

9. Member Reports

a) King Campus

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

b) Seneca@York Campus

Tee Dang provides a verbal report. A question and answer period follows.

c) Newnham Campus

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

10. Club Committee Update

Tee Dang recently took over the responsibilities from Jeronimo Ramirez, who is no longer a Council member or Club Committee member. Tee provides a report.

- The Club Committee is on their way to hitting their goals.
- Working with clubs regarding the upcoming ClubCon event. Each club participating will receive \$50.00 and another \$100.00 towards their club activities for the semester.
- Working on an award for club executives based on their effort and participation which will also encourage more involvement.

- During Winter 2022 semester, policies and procedures will be reviewed. The Board's request will also be considered.

11. Other Business

a) Holiday Closing

The SSF will be closing for the holidays on Friday, December 17, 2021.

b) Member Reports

An updated Member Report will be provided in the Winter 2022 semester. Mario will also provide a Member Report template from Vision 2020.

c) College Virtual Orientation

Space within the college will be provided to the SSF for the college's virtual orientation on January 7th.

d) Return to Campus Survey

Members are asked to promote the survey to students.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBD

13. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Palak Chawla, and SECONDED by Tee Dang, "that no further business is to be discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 10:46 a.m."

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