



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
SSF Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

In-Person & Teams Meeting
Newnham K3270

Thursday, November 29, 2022
6:15 p.m.

Student Board Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Aryan Arora	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Aashish Bhandari	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Vaishali Brahmhatt	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Jia Shi Chu	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Yuvrajsinh Dodiya	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Rushi Jha	Chair/Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.
Sofia Safronova	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.

Administration Board Representative Present: (Non-Voting Member)

Arslan Mahmood	Administration Representative/College
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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.
Ritik Sharma	SSF President/SSF Inc.

Guests

Nancy Oomen	CEO/SSF Inc.
Students (Observers)	

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:22 p.m..

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair, Rushi Jha, 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

None.

4. Approval of SSF Board of Director’s Public Session Meeting Agenda

It was MOVED by Yuvrajsinh Dodiya, and SECONDED by Aashish Bhandari, “to accept the agenda for Thursday, November 29, 2022 as presented”.

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5. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

6. Approval of SSF Board of Director’s Public Session Meeting Minutes – Thursday, October 27, 2022

It was MOVED by Aashish Bhandari, and SECONDED by Vaishali Brahmbhatt, “that the SSF Board of Director’s Public Session Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2022 be accepted as presented”.

C A R R I E D

7. SSF Election Report

Nancy Oomen, CEO, joins the meeting virtually. The SSF Election Report was provided to members prior to today’s meeting. Nancy reviews the report of the recent SSF By-election, which ran smoothly, other than a data issue at the SIA campus, which resulted in re-running the election.

A question and answer period takes place.

Discussion on possible changes to the SSF Election Policy include:

- Student Ambassadors running in the election are able to work on campus during the elections, while SSF student staff must take a leave of absence during the same period.

The SSF has no authority to require the Student Ambassador students to take leave from their college positions, and cannot be addressed in the SSF Election Policy. A conversation will take place with the college suggesting Student Ambassadors being allowed to take a leave of absence during the election period. Ritik will speak with Arslan regarding this before a meeting with the college is arranged.

Additional topics discussed:

- It is suggested that a student cannot hold a position with the SSF for more than two terms. An SSF Election Policy Committee will be struck to discuss. Nancy will be invited to address this with the committee.
- Discussion takes place regarding changing dates for internal nominations for the upcoming SSF General Elections. Nancy explains that typically, any Election Policy changes are not made for current elections, but only for the following year. Nancy suggests any changes be put in place after the upcoming 2023/2024 General Election. Any changes to dates would be reversing the Board's previous approval of dates.
- It is suggested that a change be made to allow Board members to run for the President position.
- It is suggested that the internal nomination period be changed to 2023.

An SSF Election Policy Committee will be struck to discuss the suggested changes.

It was MOVED by Sheryl, and SECONDED by Yuvrajsinh Dodiya, "to suspend the internal nominations dates for the SSF General Elections 2023/2024".

C A R R I E D

Mario will send an e-mail reflecting a change to the internal nomination dates.

Nancy Oomen leaves meeting at 7:00 p.m.

8. Executive Director's Report

Mario's report was provided to members prior to today's meeting. Mario reviews his report.

A question and answer period follows.

Mario informs members that the SSF Directors and Officers insurance policy is currently up for renewal. The current insurance provider has had a change in personnel which has resulted in a delay in receiving renewal documents. We have received confirmation that our D&O coverage will be extended to allow time for the documents to be prepared and submitted.

A meeting will take with the SSF Finance Committee tomorrow to discuss the budget to actual numbers. Membership fees will also be discussed. A plan will be put in place which will be brought to the Board in January.

9. President's Report

Ritik Sharma's report was provided to members prior to today's meeting. Ritik reviews his report.

A question and answer period follows.

Khan Linh Pham, Seneca@York, has been appointed as Acting Vice President for the remainder of this term of office.

It was MOVED by Vaishali Brahmhatt, and SECONDED by Aashish Bhandari, "to accept Khan Linh Pham as Acting Vice President, Seneca@York for the remainder of the 2022/2023 term of office".

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It was MOVED by Sheryl, and SECONDED by Vaishali Brahmhatt, "to remove from the Club Policy, under Club Sanctioning, "that any SSF part-time staff cannot be an executive in a club, however, they may be a member of a club(s)".

C A R R I E D

It is suggested that clubs be promoted on the SSF website.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

11. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Yuvrajsinh Dodiya, and SECONDED by Sheryl, "that no further business is discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 7:55 p.m.".

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