



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
SSF Board of Directors Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

In-Person & Teams Meeting
Newnham K3270

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Student Board Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

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.
Wisdom Safronova	Director, SSF Board of Directors/SSF Inc.

Administration Board Representative Present: (Non-Voting Member)

Arslan Mahmood Administration Representative/College

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.

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:04 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

Students observing this meeting are asked to send any questions to Brenda.

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

It was MOVED by Sheryl, and SECONDED by Yuvrajsinh Dodiya, “to accept the agenda for Tuesday, January 31, 2023 as presented”.

CARRIED

5. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

6. Approval of SSF Board of Director’s Public Session Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, December 14, 2022

It was MOVED by Aashish Bhandari, and SECONDED by Vaishali Brahmbhatt, “that the SSF Board of Director’s Public Session Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, December 14, 2022 be accepted as presented”.

CARRIED

7. Executive Director’s Report

Mario Di Carlo’s report was sent to members prior to today’s meeting.

Mario reviews his report. A question-and-answer period follows.

- It is requested that food security costs (admin vs. programming costs) be separated for better understanding.

8. SSF President’s Report

Ritik Sharma provided his report to members just prior to today’s meeting.

Ritik reviews his report. A question-and-answer period follows.

- Ritik is asked to provide feedback on dining services questions. Arslan will assist if

required.

- The number of Student Advisors has been increased. Any issues with lack of responses by the SA's should be sent to the SSF who will advocate. It is suggested that an e-mail be sent to Christine Blake regarding this.
- Discussion takes place on the location of SSF programming and the possibility of hosting events in college spaces. While information sessions may take place in college spaces, events with noise cannot.

9. Appointment of Board Advisor

It was MOVED by Yuvrajsinh Dodiya, and SECONDED by Sheryl, "to appoint Janis Riven as Board Advisor".

C A R R I E D

Discussion on remuneration will take place during the In-Camera session.

10. Approval of Surplus Donation

A handout was provided to members prior to today's meeting. Background information is provided to members on the history of this SSF donation which is provided to the college for student-led initiatives. Dean Johnson, college, will assist regarding the donation.

It was MOVED by Aashish Bhandari, and SECONDED by Vaishali Brahmhatt, "to accept the surplus donation proposal as presented".

C A R R I E D

11. Acceptance of Financial Statements

Financial Statements for May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 were provided to members prior to today's meeting. The statements will also be posted on the SSF website.

The statements are reviewed and discussed. Any specific questions should be directed to Nick Pavlakos. The statements will be presented at the upcoming AGM with the SSF auditors in attendance to answer any questions.

It was MOVED by Wisdom Safronova, and SECONDED by Yuvrajsinh Dodiya, "to accept the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal April 2022 as presented".

C A R R I E D

12. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM is typically held after the general elections with Board members in attendance. Since an AGM has not taken place during Covid, additional documents will be presented at the upcoming meeting.

It was MOVED by Sheryl, and SECONDED by Aashish Bhandari, “to hold the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.”.

C A R R I E D

13. Election Appeals Committee

The same members sitting on the Election Committee will sit on the Election Appeals Committee.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2023
Time TBD

15. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Aashish Bhandari, and SECONDED by Vaishali Brahmbhatt, “that no further business is discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 7:08 p.m.”

C A R R I E D