



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
SSF Board of Directors' Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

ZOOM Meeting
Room K3270

Tuesday, August 29, 2023
6:00 p.m.

SSF Voting Board Members Present:

Sadiksha Karki/Vice Chair
Travis Liu
Chandan Vij
Kanishka Sharma

SSF Voting Board Members Regrets:

Paras/Chair

Non-Voting Members Present:

Brenda Fairbanks-Smith, Manager, Corporate Administration/Recording Secretary/SSF Inc.
Roel Isuflari, Acting Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Arslan Mahmood, Faculty Representative/College
Nick Pavlakos, Manager, Finance & Administration/SSF Inc.
Akarshannoor Singh, SSF President/SSF Inc.
Sarvesh Singh, Manager, Human Resources/SSF Inc.

Guest Present:

Janis Riven, Board Advisor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Announcements

- Sadiksha, Vice Chair, filled in for Paras, during his absence.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Sadiksha provided 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”.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

- Hispanic Heritage Month (Central) and Carnival (Newnham) will be added to the agenda.
- August 3, 2023 meeting minutes (Public & In-Camera) was deferred to the next meeting for approval.
- Frosh Concert will be moved to a Special Meeting.

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the agenda for Thursday, August 29, 2023, was accepted as amended.

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5. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

6. Executive Director’s Report

Mario Di Carlo’s report was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Mario reviewed his report.

A question and answer period followed.

7. Chief Electoral Officer

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the engagement of an individual be approved for the position of Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) with a maximum payment of \$6,000.00, with an hourly rate to be determined.

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8. SSF President's Report

Akarshannoor Singh's report was provided to members during the meeting.

Akarshannoor reviewed his report.

A question and answer period followed.

- A weekly blog of student input was suggested and will be coordinated with Marketing. Any feedback should be provided to Akarshannoor. Roel suggests looking at resources (budget and staffing). Roel will report back to the Board.
- Volunteer program was discussed.

The meeting will go into recess for two minutes

Meeting reconvenes at 7:14 p.m.

9. Frosh Week Orientation Challenge

The budget was approved at the Central Level meeting today. The approved budget is shared with members. Launch date is September 1 and will end on the 25th, however, may be extended, if necessary. The purpose of the Orientation Challenge is to orient students to the SSF and our services.

Nick Pavlakos requested a point of clarification regarding HST and if it was added to the budget amounts requested. The budgets presented do not include the HST. Nick informs members that all finances include HST. It was suggested that the budget amount be amended to reflect the full amount including HST. Nick was asked to explain budgets, including HST to the Finance Committee.

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the budget for the Orientation Challenge be approved in the amount of \$23,500.00.

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10. Increasing Spending Limit

Akarshannoor requested that the spending limits be increased. It was suggested that limits be increased by 50%. Discussion has taken place with the Central Level.

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the spending limits be increased by 50%.

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This will be discussed with the Finance Committee. The Spending Limit Policy will be revisited by the Finance Committee. The Board will be informed as to when the change will be implemented.

11. Acceptance of SSF Board of Directors' Public Session Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2023

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the SSF Board of Directors' Public Session Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023 be accepted as presented".

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12. Hispanic Heritage Month

Roel shared the Event Charter and presented the budget which was approved by the Central Level.

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the budget for Hispanic Heritage Month in the amount of \$16,500.00 be approved as presented, including HST.

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13. Carnival

Akarshannoor shared the budget. This event will take place at Newnham and was approved at the Central Level.

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the budget for Carnival be approved in the amount of \$13,000.00 including HST.

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14. Elections Laptop & Partitions Budget

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the budget for the purchase of laptops and partitions for the upcoming by-election in the amount of \$8,000.00 be approved as presented.

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15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBD

16. Termination of Meeting

On motion, duly seconded

RESOLVED that the SSF Board of Directors' public session meeting be terminated at 8:30 p.m. and move to In-Camera.

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