



SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED  
Central Level Meeting  
PUBLIC SESSION

Teams Meeting

Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

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Student Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Osheen Gandhi	SSF Vice President/King Campus/SSF Inc.
Fevin Patel	SSF Vice President/Markham SIA Campus//SSF Inc.
Sonia Hoxha	SSF Vice President/Newnham Campus/SSF Inc.
Sara Noviski Rodrigues	SSF Vice President/Seneca@York/SSF Inc.
Akarshannoor Singh	SSF President/SSF Inc.

Guests Present:

Christine Blake	Associate Vice President, Students/College
Steven Budinszky	Registrar/College
Mario Di Carlo	Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Brenda Fairbanks-Smith	Manager, Corporate Administration/SSF Inc./Recording Secretary
Cindy Fong	Associative Vice President, Planning/College
Roel Isufflari	Manager, Member Services/SSF Inc.
Nick Pavlakos	Manager, Finance & Administration/SSF Inc.

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Fees Update

Christine Blake, Cindy Fong and Steven Budinszky attended today's meeting to provide an update on the fees which were approved by the college's Board of Governors in December of 2023.

Cindy Fong shared a presentation on the approved fees.

Discussion and a question/answer period takes place. The following topics were highlighted:

- At this time, no domestic tuition increases have been announced by the government. Should there be a change, the Central Level will be informed.

- International student tuition, depending on the program, will increase in September 2024.
- The government has recently announced a reduction in the number of international students. Details are still to come.

Based on the college's financials, it shows the college has a significant surplus. As the SSF works to support students in areas such as food insecurity, it is suggested that the college be asked to financially assist in supporting initiatives in key areas where students are experiencing difficulties. This concern/suggestion will be taken to Vice President, Marianne Morando who will be asked for input.

Steve Budinszky will ensure all feedback from the Central will be considered.

Akarshannoor will meet with Mario and the Vice Presidents for their suggestions to work towards requesting financial support from the college.

*Christine Blake, Cindy Fong and Steven Budinszky leave the meeting at 9:43 a.m.*

### 3. Announcements

- Moving out of Newnham's offices has been delayed until the end of February, or early March. Currently trying to refresh the Senecentre to host Frost, etc.
- Project at SIA is currently waiting for an equipment refresh.
- Campaign for Students is moving forward. Any ideas for the campaign should be shared.

### 4. Acceptance of Agenda

It was MOVED by Osheen Gandhi, and SECONDED by Sonia Hoxha, "that the agenda for Tuesday, January 20, 2024 be accepted as presented.

Addition to Agenda: Gift Cards for Frost

It was MOVED by Osheen Gandhi, and SECONDED by Sonia Hoxha, "that the agenda for Tuesday, January 20, 2024 be accepted as amended".

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### 5. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

### 6. Minute Approval

It was MOVED by Fevin Patel, and SECONDED by Osheen Gandhi, "that the minutes from December 20, 2023 be accepted as presented".

C A R R I E D

7. Member Reports

a) Newnham

Sonia Hoxha provides her report.

A question and answer period follows.

b) Markham/SIA

Fevin Patel provides his report.

A question and answer period follows.

c) Seneca@York

Sara Rodrigues provides her report.

A question and answer period follows.

d) King

Osheen Gandhi provides her report.

A question and answer period follows.

- Discussion took place regarding the lack of communication regarding the postponement of Frost.

8. Club Committee Report

Roel Isufflari's Club Committee Report was provided to members prior to today's meeting. Roel reviews the report.

A question and answer period follows.

9. Black History Month/Spring Festival

Information was shared with members prior to today's meeting. Black History Month and the Spring Festival are mandatory SSF events.

Since Newnham's financial requests exceed what they are able to approve locally, these items will also go to the Board of Directors for approval.

a) Black History Month (Newnham)

It was MOVED by Sara Rodrigues, and SECONDED by Osheen Gandhi, “to accept the Event Charter for Newnham’s Black History Month”.

A slight adjustment to the cost will take place.

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A collaboration with the college will take place for a movie screening. The college will be providing funding for a popcorn and drink voucher. The SSF will pay for the tickets. It is suggested that the cost of the ticket price be revisited. Sonia is asked to take this back to the LBC to reconsider the cost. This will be brought back to Central. Further discussion takes place.

A reminder to members, that Central’s role is to approve events taking place off campus.

b) Spring Festival (Newnham)

A slight adjustment in costs is required.

It was MOVED by Fevin Patel, and SECONDED by Osheen Gandhi, “to accept the Event Charter for Spring Festival as presented”.

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c) Black History Month (Seneca@York)

It was MOVED by Sonia Hoxha, and SECONDED by Osheen Gandhi, “to approve the Seneca@York Black History Month Event Charter as presented”.

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This approval is not required to go to the Board of Directors.

d) Spring Festival (Seneca@York)

It was MOVED by Osheen Gandhi, and SECONDED by Sonia Hoxha, “to approve the Seneca@York Spring Festival Event Charter as presented”.

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This approval is not required to go to the Board of Directors.

10. Frost

It is suggested that 500 gift cards in the amount of \$10.00 each be purchased.

Akarshannoor will provide members with information on last year’s stats, comparing 2023 Frost and the proposed 2024 Frost.

It was MOVED by Sara Rodrigues, and SECONDED by Sonia Hoxha, “to approve \$5,000.00 for gift cards for Frosh”.

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Discussion takes place regarding the tracking of gift cards.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Osheen Gandhi, and SECONDED by Sonia Hoxha, “that no further business is discussed, and this meeting is adjourned at 10:55 a.m.”

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