



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

ZOOM Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
8:00 p.m.

SSF Voting Board Members Present:

Tina Dhiman
Sadiksha Karki
Travis Liu
Kanishka Sharma
Tara Jane Vargas
Chandan Vij
Paras/Chair

Non-Voting Members Present:

Mario Di Carlo, Executive Director/SSF Inc.
Brenda Fairbanks-Smith, Manager, Corporate Administration/Recording Secretary/SSF Inc.
Osheen Gandhi, Vice President, King Campus/SSF Inc.
Sonia Hoxha, Vice President, Newnham Campus/SSF Inc.
Roel Isufflari, Manager, Member Services/SSF Inc.
Arslan Mahmood, Faculty Representative/College
Fevin Patel, Vice President, Markham SIA/SSF Inc.
Nick Pavlakos, Manager, Finance & Administration/SSF Inc.
Sara Rodrigues, Vice President, Seneca@York/SSF Inc.
Akarshannoor Singh, SSF President/SSF Inc.
Sarvesh Singh, Manager, Human Resources/SSF Inc.

Guest:

Janis Riven, Board Advisor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

2. Announcements

Paras welcomed Mario Di Carlo back from his leave and congratulates him on 30 years' service with the SSF. New members, Tina Dhiman and Tara Jane Vargas, were welcomed to their first meeting.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Paras 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

Item #10 – Marketing Cafeteria Ceiling Repair should be renamed Markham Student Lounge Space.

On motion, duly seconded.

RESOLVED the agenda for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, was accepted as presented.

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5. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

6. Minute Approval – Special Session Minutes from Thursday, September 28, 2023

Minutes are shared.

On motion, duly seconded.

RESOLVED the minutes from Thursday, September 28, 2023, were accepted as presented.

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7. Acting Executive Director's Report

Roel Isufflari provided his report to members prior to today's meeting. Roel reviewed his report.

A question-and-answer period took place.

- The Chief Electoral Officer's report is expected soon and will be sent to the Board members once received. Discussion takes place regarding the recent bi-election and low voter turnout. It was suggested that the college be asked to get the message out to students about elections. As well, it was suggested that the number of polling stations at the larger campuses be revisited.
- Events are now permitted after 5:00 p.m.
- Chandan will be setting up a meeting in November to review the Election Policy, etc.

8. SSF President's Report

Akarshannoor Singh provided his report to members during the meeting. Akarshannoor reviews his report.

A question and answer period followed.

7. Laptops for Marketing

Roel provided supporting material on the proposed laptop purchase prior to today's meeting. It is suggested that four laptops be purchased at a cost of \$2,500.00 plus HST.

On motion, duly seconded.

RESOLVED the SSF Board of Directors approved the purchase of laptops at a cost of \$2,500.00 plus HST.

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9. Markham Student Lounge Space

Roel provided supporting documents prior to today's meeting.

A meeting took place with the college to discuss the costs. It was determined that the amount the SSF is being charged is the portion needed to pay for replacements. The college is asking for confirmation that the SSF will be a part of this project, specifically, the ceiling replacement so they are able to engage a company to complete the work.

An upgrade on audio visual equipment is being considered which could take place prior to the construction. The overall costs to replace all audio visual equipment is approximately \$200,000.00.

Janis Riven leaves meeting at 9:14 p.m.

The cost is roughly \$93,600.00 which includes HST and contingency. It is suggested to approve up to \$100,000.00 including HST and contingency.

On motion, duly seconded.

RESOLVED that \$100,000.00, including HST and contingency fund was approved for the Markham Kickback renovation.

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The funds will come from the Reserve account.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

TBD

11. Adjournment to In-Camera

On motion, duly seconded.

RESOLVED that the SSF Board of Directors' public session move to in-camera at 9:28 p.m..