SENECA STUDENT FEDERATION INCORPORATED
(Newnham) Local Branch Council Meeting Minutes
PUBLIC SESSION

Newnham 1st February 2021
Tele Conference (College closed due to COVID-19) 11:00 a.m.

Student Representatives Present: (Voting Members)

Palak Chawla	Vice President/Chair, Newnham/SSF Inc.
Sonia Hoxha	Coordinator, Newnham /SSF Inc.
Raj Raval	Coordinator, Newnham /SSF Inc.
Ritik Sharma	Coordinator, Newnham /SSF Inc.

Student Representatives Regrets: (Voting Members)
None

Student Representatives Absent: (Voting Members)
None

Guests Present:

Ammar Abdulatheem	Manager, Newnham/SSF Inc.

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1. Call to Order

   This meeting is called to order at 11.01 am.
   - The Newnham LBC Meeting #27 for the 2020/21 term was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Vice-President, Palak Chawla.

2. Introductions/Announcements

   - Palak, Sonia and Ammar met with Student Life as SSF is collaborating with them for numerous events (e.g. Drag Show, International days etc.).

3. Acceptance of Agenda for February 1st, 2021

   It was MOVED by Sonia Hoxha, and SECONDED by Raj Raval, "that the agenda for February 1st, 2021 be accepted as presented".

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4. Confirmation of Minutes for January 25th, 2021

It was MOVED by Raj Raval and SECONDED by Ritik Sharma, "to accept January 25th, 2021 meeting minutes as presented".

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5. New Business

a) Events discussion

- Raj Raval attended the Appeal committee the past Wednesday. The outcomes were successful for both of the cases. VP, Palak Chawla asked to keep in touch with the Chair of the Appeal Committee just to follow up, if needed.
- Sonia Hoxha mentioned that for the Language Exchange there is a volunteer available for Swahili and a professional tutor for Amharic. There is no one for Patwa yet but will research for some tutor.
- Palak followed up with Raj on the Real campus de-stress week talk and art show. Raj mentioned that he is not getting proper reply from the first vendor and would mail him today to confirm.
- Raj also mentioned that the art class was confirmed. Palak asked Raj to send the material list to Ammar and Roel to be added with the event poster.
- VP, Palak Chawla will be scheduling a meeting with Raj and Ammar for International Days discussion.

b) Approvals for Winter semester events

It was MOVED by Sonia Hoxha, and SECONDED by Ritik Sharma, "to approve a budget of $500, tax excluded, for the Language Exchange – Sign Language on Wednesday March 10th, 2021 at 3.30 pm".

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It was MOVED by Raj Raval, and SECONDED by Sonia Hoxha, "to approve a budget of $500+tax, for the Green Mocktails event on Tuesday March 16th, 2021".

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It was MOVED by Sonia Hoxha, and SECONDED by Raj Raval, "to approve a budget of a total of $100, for the Sustainability event happening on Monday, March 22nd at 12.00 pm".

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It was MOVED by Sonia Hoxha, and SECONDED by Raj Raval, "to approve a budget of $500, tax excluded, for the Alumni Career Connection event on Monday March 29th, 2021".

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It was MOVED by Sonia Hoxha, and SECONDED by Raj Raval, "to approve a budget of $100, tax included, for the Language Exchange – Japanese on Wednesday April 7th, 2021 at 3.30 pm".

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c) Advocacy Issues (If any)

- None

d) Other Business

- VP, Palak Chawla announced that she was asked to send some information about concerns regarding international students. Palak mentioned that she has a list already but asked the council members to send her a list of common questions that international students might have and bring hot burning concerns forward. This will ensure that if there are any other concerns, other than hers will be covered in that.

6. Members' Reports

- VP, Palak Chawla informed the council members that the member's report is due on the 10th of February.

7. Assistance needed from Manager

- None

8. Items to be Taken to the Central Level

- None

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Monday February 8th, 2021
Time: 11.00am
Venue: Microsoft Teams Meeting (Invite will be sent by VP, Palak Chawla)

10. Adjournment

It was MOVED by Raj Raval and SECONDED by Ritik Sharma, "that no further business is to be discussed and this meeting is adjourned at 11.50 p.m."

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