

Capturing student insights on Padlet at the Seneca Service Fairs

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At the January 2026 Service Fair, the Student Quality Assurance Council (SQAC) continued its efforts to connect with students across Seneca in a more interactive and engaging way. Building on our previous outreach activities at the Service Fair, we introduced Padlet boards as a simple and creative platform to capture the thoughts and experiences of students.

We asked students a reflective question: *“What are you most excited for this semester at Seneca?”* The response was incredibly positive and diverse, with students actively sharing their expectations, goals, and personal motivations for the term.

A large number of students expressed excitement about meeting new people, making friends, and networking, highlighting the importance of community and belonging on campus. Others shared that they were looking forward to learning new things, improving their communication skills, and becoming more involved in academic and campus activities. Many responses also reflected personal academic goals, such as achieving high grades, succeeding in classes, and staying organized throughout the semester.

Interestingly, several students mentioned enjoying campus life experiences beyond academics, including events, free food, trips, and simply having fun while balancing their studies. Some even shared honest and relatable responses like *“surviving the semester”* and *“surviving winter”* which reflects the real student experience and pressures of the academic term.

Overall, the Padlet activity allowed us to gather authentic student voices in a casual and accessible format. It showed that while academic success remains a top priority, students also deeply value connection, engagement, and a supportive campus environment. The insights collected through this activity help SQAC better understand student expectations and experiences, which directly supports our role in advocating for academic quality and student success at Seneca.

We truly appreciate everyone who participated and shared their thoughts. Student voice is at the heart of quality assurance, and initiatives like this help ensure that programs are shaped with student perspectives in mind.

We look forward to hosting more interactive engagement activities throughout the academic

experience. If you would like to share your feedback or get involved, feel free to reach out to us at SQAC@senecapolytechnic.ca.

Your voices matters.

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