



The Students' Representative Council  
 Le Conseil Représentatif des Étudiants  
*Students' Union of St. Thomas University, Inc.*

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 45<sup>th</sup> SRC  
 7:30pm, Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
 HCH, Room 5

**Attendance Record**

Position	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
President	<b>Brianna Workman</b>	X		
Vice President Administration	<b>Husoni Raymond</b>	X		
Vice President Education	<b>Emma Walsh</b>	X		
Vice President Student Life	<b>Bibi Wasiimah Joomun</b>	X		
Harrington Hall Representative	<b>Tyler Dupuis</b> (Proxy: Laura Wade) (Proxy: Tanner Anderson)	X X		
Vanier Hall Representative	<b>Megan Gibson</b>	X		
Holy Cross House Representative	<b>Madison King</b> (Proxy: Darian Trevors) (Proxy: Sara Jade Russell Richards)	X X		
Rigby Hall Representative	<b>Jenicca Jean</b> (Proxy: Gabby Kennedy)	X		
Off-Campus Representative	<b>Katrina Amos</b>	X		
Off-Campus Representative	<b>Marlyne Vanderlee</b>		X	
Off-Campus Representative	<b>Sarie Durelle</b>	X		
Social Inclusion Representative	<b>Sarah Kohut</b>	X		
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	<b>Sara Nason</b>	X		
Indigenous Representative				
Member at Large Representative	<b>Nikita Spencer</b>	X		
Member at Large Representative	<b>Hannah Moore</b>	X		
International Student Representative	<b>Diana Chavez</b>	X		
Grad Class President	<b>Anisha Romany</b>		X	
First Year Residence Representative	<b>Pamela "Graci" Young</b>	X		



Faculty of Education Representative	Stewart Corbett	X		
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**Staff Present:** Jarrod Ryan (Chair), and Recording Secretary (Brianna Hill)

**AQ Representatives:** Halay Stairs and Cassidy Chisholm

**Guests Present:**

## Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Jarrod Ryan at 7:33 pm.

Quorum was met with 13 voting members present.

### 1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.

Motion to amend the agenda by addition of a letter of resignation was moved by Brianna.  
Seconded by Emma.

The addition of the amendment was approved as amended.

It was moved by Wasiimah to adopt the agenda as amended.

Seconded by Diana.

The adoption of the agenda was approved as amended.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented was moved by Brianna.

Seconded by Wasiimah.

Minutes are approved as presented.

### 3. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from minutes.

### 4. Executive Reports

#### 1. President's Report – Brianna Workman:

Hello everyone, first of all for those of you that are new to council this evening, welcome, really really happy to have you. It's exciting to see a super full table. If I hadn't had a chance to meet you yet my name is Brianna, I am the president of the students' union this year. I use she/her pronouns and I'm super happy to be here. That's all I got to say and so I'll just go through a couple of things that I've been up to this week but if anyone that this is your first time hearing this I might use acronyms and gibberish so, if there's anything that doesn't make sense definitely just throw up a hand after I'm done and Jarrod will let you ask a question to clarify anything that doesn't make sense.

So, couple things this week, I met with Clara Santacruz who's a new addition to Jessica Hughes' office of experiential learning here at STU and she is our internships coordinator. So, I was working really closely with the government with all the new experiential learning funding that I've been talking about a little bit over my reports to coordinate external internships that happen off campus and things like that. Just because I was involved with the government advocacy we just kind of touched based on some of the little nitty gritty details of actually implementing that funding and what it looks like at STU and stuff like that, so



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that was great. I also had a meeting with Yana, who is from the Mount Alison's students' union about a couple priorities I'm working on with our provincial advocacy group with is the New Brunswick Students Alliance. Her and I are working together on combating sexual violence on campus which has been a priority for the NBSA for, or a big priority, for the last two years. And so, we're working on just making some minor amendments to our policies to bring forward some similar advocacy asks this year on that. And then, also, we're working on, it's called in our annual plan Acknowledging Intersectionality, but its basically the NBSA wants to take a very intersectional approach to policy development and recognizing that the students we represent often face a variety of different barriers depending on their position and things like that. And so, implementing some really solidified structures in our policy development to make sure that we are acknowledging for all the diversity of students we represent and all the barriers in which any individual student may face and just to develop really good policy in that way and just function with that lens. So, that's something we're working on as well and just to touch base on that and kind of some next steps moving forward.

On Saturday I had a meeting with the board of governors at the university which was great. It was the first time we've met since May and I provided a report on everything the STUSU has been up to. But other than that, everything that does happen in a board of governors meeting is confidential, so I can't really report on a lot of it or any of it really, but it was really really excited to have Rebecca Kingston and Brandon Case join me at that meeting as the new students' representatives on the board of governors which was exciting. I was also really happy to just see the by-election results and see that wrap up. I attended the flag raising ceremony on Monday morning or Monday afternoon as many of you did and I think we can all agree that was a really really nice ceremony and it was really enjoyable and yeah, loved it. Also, met on Tuesday with the senate committee on reconciliation and I just thought I'd mention the senate committee on reconciliation does have the first event in their film series for this year coming up this time next week on Wednesday and so Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> is the first installment of the film series. The film being shown is called "Trick or Treaty" and it's from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock in the Kinsella Auditorium and it's a documentary by a woman named Alanis Obomsawin and she's actually coming to campus to view the film and to also lead a discussion about the film after it's shown. So, I think a pretty cool way to see a documentary. So, if folks are interested definitely head to Kinsella next Wednesday at 4 and then there's going to be a number of other films throughout the course of the next few months so if you can't make it to this one, there'll be other opportunities as well.

I also had a meeting with a working group that is working again on some experiential learning stuff but the student experiential learning fund and just again, ironing out some of the details and kinks of actually implementing that funding into universities. So, that was good to get some clarification on some things. I met with the NBSA Get Out the Vote committee and we kind of had a debrief of just how Get Out the Vote went on all of the campuses, things that can be improved, things that went really well and it was a really excellent discussion. And then last night Wasiimah and I just chatted quickly about the retreat which I'm sure we'll talk about later, so, that's all I got.

Stewart: In regard to the experiential learning fund, are the discussions about when the funds will become available or accessible to students and will that become available to everyone or will that still be later on?

Brianna: So yeah, it's weird because it's government and that's it. The funds were announced in June, but the funding hasn't been allocated to the universities, but it's approved, it exists, it's supposed to be coming within a matter of weeks. So, the government has been telling folks like Jessica, for internships specially, to start setting up internships and start doing all those things and yeah. So, the plan is we were finalizing some of the details of that one program, the student experiential learning fund, and then that needs to be approved by the staring committee which will hopefully happen within the next few weeks. So, their looking at 4-6 weeks for the funding to become available and on your run, Stewart, particularly that involves the student bursary program which is the money, it's a \$1500 bursary that's supposed to go directly to education students during their longest practicum of their degree. So, I know we've had a social



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work student, in particular, asking about the funds because it's available to both, so yeah if you have folks that are asking either send them to me or send them to Jessica Hughes and as soon as the money is in the hands of STU then they can distribute it to students from there.

### **2. Vice President of Administration's Report – Husoni Raymond:**

Okay, awesome, yeah, I'd like to say congrats to everyone who won the election and I'm happy to see so many faces on council and I speak for all the execs when I say we're happy to have you here and we look forward to working with you throughout the year. So, this week or last week since last exec meeting I had my office hour in JDH. I've been working on getting some new club emails created for the sustainability club, women and gender studies club. Some password reset, some people were having some password issues, accessing their accounts. We had our exec meeting, elections. So, the voting website, there was some technical difficulties with the elections, so we had to do a separate ballot so that's the only major issue that happened with the election. We did have one complaint, so I had to meet with Erickson a couple times and some of the other candidates a couple times throughout the election period to discuss those. We had an elections results viewing or what do you call that? Get together at the Cellar on Friday night, that was pretty fun. Yeah, so, I got to read out the results, I was nervous, and I wasn't even running. Good times. I had a phone call with a representative from Bridge to Capital Markets which I will be talking about later on. I'm not really sure if this relates to my report but I went to a soccer game for STU and they won so, the men's soccer game on some day of this week, Sunday? Saturday? Yeah, one day, it was good. I got to cheer along. I went to Harrington's party, that was pretty fun as well. You know, got to show my support. And I've been taking to Autumn about rebranding the clubs and societies poster board in JDH so that's my next major project that I'm looking into.

We had the final training for the student advisory committee this Friday so I'm really excited to have everyone trained. Initially we had 9 people and now we have 5 because some people couldn't attend the training on Friday which is unfortunate but I'm really looking forward to seeing how this works out. This is one of my main priorities for this year. We had Brock from student services, the Director of Student Services. Come in and gave a really good presentation and Megan from rez life to talk about policies relating to living in residence. I created a Facebook group for clubs and societies just, so they'll be able to share their events with us, so we can share in on our social media and if we're available we can attend these events. I went ahead and looked over my retreat presentation for the Chair, for Robert's Rules because Jarrod won't be attending the retreat. I also went to the flag raising ceremony with these other beautiful people, that was pretty good, really enlightening and seeing President Dawn Russell and just a milestone in the University's history and then we had a little lunch, which was also good. I took a lot of cheese. I also had a finance committee meeting and a governance committee meeting. For the governance committee we mostly went over the amendment to our clubs and societies policy and that's outlining a process for recognition for clubs which we'll be discussing later, and I'll be passing around that policy amendment later on. For the finance committee we approved a charitable assistance request from Tina, our general manager, and it was for the walk for, some type of cancer, I don't want to misquote it. I was a really good cause and we gave \$150 towards that charitable assistance request. We approved reimbursement for one person's campaign for \$20 and I'll be going through some motions later on to transfer some funds. But I'll just briefly mention we discussed transferring money from the STUgenda line to SRC general or the possibly of sponsoring the UNB winter carnival and paying for the rainbow cross walk that we partnered with the UNB students' union over the summer.

Nikita: I have a kind of question, but we can also talk about it, about this event later on but I was just wondering are STU students allowed to go to UNB's winter carnival?

Husoni: Yes, well, potentially if we sponsor the event. Which we hope to do that.

Wasiimah: We can discuss that later when that comes up and I can give you more details.



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**Vice President of Education's Report – Emma Walsh:**

I want to say hi and welcome to everyone as well. I'm so excited to have such a nice big group of pals here. The body temperature has risen so that's great. Also, just a little fun fact, not STUSU related just for everyone who was here last week if you remember my voice cracking, yeah, I had laryngitis so I haven't been able to speak for like four days and if you know me that was tragic and it also affected some of the work that I could do because it was really difficult to take meetings when I couldn't talk. So, we'll talk about that. On Thursday we had the executive meeting as my colleagues have already addressed. It was a great meeting, we talked about the retreat and some funding requests and great stuff. I also met, last Thursday with Carrie, Diana and the president of STUISA, who is Manuel, to discuss the Hall of Flags unveiling. However, I was really passionate this year about creating a whole international week and it just so happened that there is such a thing called an international week in Canada and it perfectly aligned with our schedules and so with very very carefully advocacy on my end we are planning an entire international week for the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>, so mark it on your calendars. On November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be doing the unveiling of the Hall of Flags and on the 15<sup>th</sup> we'll be having the international opportunities fair which I am also planning right now, I've reached out to all students who were here on exchange, students who've gone on exchange and professor who are offering exchanges for students, so that will be held in JDH. That's fun because one of the first times I ever worked with the STUSU was in my second year helping to put that particular fair on, so I'm really passionate about studying abroad. I want to make sure students feel that as well and so there's going to be other events that are, hopefully, going to be planned for that week beyond just those two events. That's going to be a great time.

On Friday I was supposed to have a meeting with Emma Miller from the MASU about sustainability but again I couldn't talk so we had a very vivid email exchange for 15 minutes and just did a little bit of an update on our sustainability research which is one of our priorities at the provincial level and, again, just because you don't know we're looking at sustainability at each campus, it's part of the NBSA, so that is STU, UNB Fredericton, UNB St. John and Mount Allison University and we're kind of making it a joint publication from all of our areas. On Monday we had a New Brunswick Students Alliance board call bright and early, Brianna is such a great chair because she has lots of energy, I do not. But we just talked about the provincial cannabis forum which is going to be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at Mount Allison. Us four executives and some representatives from residence life, some of the RC's are going to be heading up there and having a quick chit chat because today is October 17 which means that weed is officially regulated and legalized in Canada. Wild, because I'm from the US and that's just like. We also talked about one of the awareness campaigns that we're going to be running in second semester and a little bit about the strategic plan that we wrote back in the summer for the New Brunswick Students Alliance we're going to do a fun media release on our social media so please follow us. I need follows, I will tag it, you follow it, it's going to be great. But also, we're going to talk about the strategic plan and hopefully make than more accessible to the students that we represent.

I wrote up a nice little senate report and sent that off to senate committee. We will be meeting, the senate, for the month of October tomorrow, so can't wait for that. And we also have a new student senator her name's Emily Williams so I'm really excited to introduce her to senate. We also talked about, on that particular board call, we talked about the post election conference that the New Brunswick Students Alliance is holding on October 28<sup>th</sup> which is the day before the cannabis forum so we're just going to be all hanging out for two days. And that's going to be to debrief about the recent provincial election that we all just went through, look at both the GOTV efforts that we did to the NBSA and also what does the crime government mean for the student advocacy we do with provincial government. How do you advocate to a government where there's no clear majority and just how do we adapt to that particular circumstance? So, looking forward to that. As they've also mentioned we went to the flag raising which was excellent because the sisters of the drum were there are they are some of my favourites because I love the music that they do. And it was also just gorgeous outside. Right after that I met with Aden Pluta who works for UNB sustainability and it was again part of the research that I'm doing, and we had a really really good chat



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about food security at UNB and the different efforts that they've made through their campus garden and food markets and other stuff like that.

I also met with Yana who is the vice president external from the Mount Allison student's union to talk about our international student priority at the provincial election or provincial level. Yesterday we just set some markers and plans that we have for the year. We've already written a policy with regard to subsidized international students photo identification from the government, but we just want to talk more with international students and see if with the new government there's more movement that we can make and look at different areas with that. I had my office hour today which I actually got some questions so that was amazing. They had nothing to do with mu portfolio, but I was really happy to help people out. One person asked about the campus health plan that we have and if they can opt out. Unfortunately, if you've already missed the date you cannot opt out and another student was just looking for information that I directed them to Trenton Augustine for so that was really good. Wasiimah held a lovely mental health committee meeting this evening which I rolled into after a little bit late with Moot Court and that was a really good time to talk about Students Lets Act which is the mental health campaign that I will be running in January and I went to the lovely meeting with the committee to talk about how those two portfolios are really going overlap and, hopefully, this would going to be a good vessel to see that into fruition. In terms of CASA it has been a more quiet week because I haven't had any board calls. I've sent my feedback for the Quebec student union membership, which is a provincial partner that we have at the federal level, to our chair because we're renegotiating that in the coming months. And I've been reaching out to some additional partners on that mental health campaign.

### **4. Vice President of Student Life's Report – Bibi Wasiimah Joomun**

Okay, so to echo everyone, I feel like all my reports start like this. I would like to congratulate and welcome everyone of you, I'm so happy to just see a table full of people. It makes my heart happy. So on to my report. On Thursday I picked up 45 community food smart bags, I did it, was a journey but I did. I also met with Trish to discuss the date for the career fair. We're still waiting to hear back from the president's office about the location because we are juggling between the Great Hall or the OC Lounge so it's pretty tricky, but we are getting there. We had our executive meeting on Thursday, that was pretty good to just kind of touch up on somethings. I also had a call with Taylor. Taylor and I, our activities coordinator, had a call with Matt Curry from meal exchange. Meal exchange is located in Toronto and meal exchange is an organization that works with campuses from across Canada to increase food security on campuses and trick or eat is a program that they put forward. So, it was really nice to talk to someone from their office and to kind of have answers to my questions because personally I've never taken part in trick or eat so I just wanted to get some details, so that was pretty good. I also attended the elections results get together, gathering, at the cellar. It was really fun. On Monday I also attended the flag raising ceremony, it was really great, the weather was beautiful, the food good, great chat with people. Taylor and I went retreat shopping at Costco on Monday, I thought I would put that here because I don't like shopping and I did it because of the job so. Then I had a meeting with Taylor about trick or eat on the Tuesday morning, STU is now officially registered. Taylor is currently working on making a Facebook event for that and you should be seeing posters around campus pretty soon, so that will be happening the night of Halloween and we are currently looking for people to volunteer and help with that. So, Taylor will be the one reaching out and all of that.

I met with Brianna, as Brianna mentioned, about the STUSU retreat planning just to kind of finalize and wrap up some last-minute things. I went shopping for retreat round 2 on Tuesday, I also finalized rides yesterday and distributed the agenda. So, hopefully everyone who is attending the retreat should have their agenda by now. I also had my helpdesk hour today. I actually got a question about the emergency bursary which was great. And then I also had a mental health community meeting as Emma mentioned. So, we just kind of threw some tentative dates for mental health awareness week, a self care series and a panel. So, my plan is to meet with Kelly to see if things are overlapping because we don't want to be doing the same thing so I'm going to meet with Kelly and finalize the dates then confirm the dates in my next report, hopefully. And I will soon be in contact with Jessica Griffin from Mount Allison about the student



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panel which I will be sitting on at the cannabis forum as STU representative. The executive decided to go with me since I'm also on the executive and an RA, so they thought it would be great for me to sit on that panel, so I've been in contact with Jessica to see what I need to prepare and things like that. So, overall, it's been a busy week but yeah, that's all for my report.

### 5. Employee Updates

There were no employee updates.

### 6. Representative Reports

#### 6.1. Harrington Hall (Tyler)

Hi everyone, so I don't really have that much to report on this week. We did have our party on Friday. It went really well, Husoni was there. (To Husoni) I saw you there and it was a lot of fun. I could see people were having a lot of fun, so we consider it a success.

Brianna: Can you confirm or deny if Husoni dressed up?

Wasiimah: I can confirm he did.

Emma: Was he a Pro or CEO?

Tyler: A pro.

#### 6.2. Vanier Hall (Megan)

Hi everyone, I am a first year here at STU and I'm planning on doing a double major in International Relations and Human Rights. I have a couple of updates from Vanier this week. So, we're excited to share that we now have a full house committee which is awesome and our committee meeting on Sunday, we discussed the new Vanier merch that's going to be coming. So, in the next week or two we're going to be setting up order forms for that. And then we're also working on a Halloween event in partnership with the transition house which is the women's shelter in Fredericton and we're going to have a trick or treating event and do some crafts and games with the kids. And we're also having a Halloween cookie decorating and movie party as a house and we're doing ghost stories in the pit the next night. We're also starting to plan our house party and we're looking into doing a Hawaiian theme and we're going to have more details to come in the next week.

Katrina: Just out of curiosity, do you know what transition house you're partnering with?

Megan: I'm not sure.

Wasiimah: We definitely can get back to you on that.

#### 6.3. Holy Cross House (Madison)

Hello everybody, I am the representative for Holy Cross. As I said last week we planned and had our service auction and it happened last night. It was super successful. We have raised the most money we have ever raised before, we made \$372, so that's going towards our house charity which is ALS research. We're super proud of that. Very much successful. We also had our house committee meeting after that, all good. Our events coming up are YouTube comedy night which Friday night and that is a within the house thing and everybody is submitting videos. We're just going to sit and laugh at videos all night together and then we'll do prizes at the end, really fun. And then next Friday, as you all know, is our Halloween from 8 to midnight. As usual with parties on campus \$2 sign ins for a way to come in and I'm planning on putting the poster in our communications group chat so maybe everybody could post that in their Facebook groups for their houses and off campus, that would be awesome. And then, also our first basketball game as a house is tonight so I'll be running to that right after this meeting and it's against Vanier, so we hope to win.



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### 6.4. Rigby Hall (Jenicca)

Hello everyone, so, for Rigby this week, we had some issues with bottle pick up and when that was happening, so we made sure to get that all sorted out and our wing reps are going to be picking up bottles, so everyone knows that now. And then, on Halloween house committee is going to do reverse trick or treating so we're going to deliver treats to every resident's door. And then, we're also planning to have a party on November 16<sup>th</sup> and it's going to be a spotlight party, so you wear green if you're single, yellow if it's complicated and red if you're taken. And then, also, we're thinking of doing a house event. We're not sure yet, we're going to see what people would rather, a winter formal like dress up and have a nice dinner or do a floor against floor competition like trivia night or in it to win it. So, yeah, that's everything from Rigby.

### 6.5. Off-Campus (Katrina and Sarie)

Sarie introduced herself as the new off campus representative, she stated which year she was in as well as her educational path at St. Thomas University. She also shared her interest and excitement for being apart the SRC for the remainder of the academic year and she was extremely enthusiastic to get to know everyone at the upcoming SRC retreat this weekend.

Emma: I'm excited to get to know you this weekend as well.

Katrina: Alright, hello new folks, I'm Katrina. This week we're really excited for Sari to join our team. We're meeting tomorrow to do some orientation and catch up stuff. We also have our bonfire tomorrow which we're very excited about, it's at Odell Park at 7 pm. So, you can take the bus down, it's right on the route. If you selected going on the Facebook page there will be smores for you there. The weather is supposed to be nice this week. There might be a little bit of snow I heard like in the morning, afternoon but aside from that in the evening there's going to be a fire, there'll be no snow there and yeah, it's going to be great. Tonight, we have our first intramural basketball game, it's against Harrington. So, that's fun. we also have our Halloween party next week, so that consists of pumpkin decorating and a costume contest, there's going to be gift cards if you feel like you would like to win some free stuff, come on out to that. And we are also in touch with Joshua Salles on behalf of the STU sustainability society which Nikita is also on to form a partnership. So, we're looking at meeting sometime in the future to maybe hold an event together or bring in a speaker to talk about sustainability and we'll probably be partnering with lots of other fun sustainability things going on. Yeah and that's about it.

Emma: Just for clarification, for the Halloween party you have to be OC to participate?

Katrina: No, it can be anyone.

Nikita: The sustainability club is super excited to be partnering.

### 6.6. Social Inclusion Representative (Sarah)

Sarah introduced herself as the new social inclusion representative, what year she was in and what she was studying at STU as well as the fact that she is an RA in Harrington.

### 6.7. Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative (Sara)

Hello, I am also Sara for anyone who is new, so we'll have to fight to the death. My pronouns are they preferably. So, I only have really two things to talk about and I'll try and get them over relatively quickly. But the first thing, which is really exciting, I finally had a meeting with Matthew Sprague from rez life and the meeting was basically going over rez life's current plans to make STU's resident building more trans friendly, trans inclusive, particularly in regard to the fact that Chatham and Rigby will not be rented forever and right now those are their only residence buildings that are completely filled with neutral washrooms. We talked about not only what it would look like but and what they were planning to do but also the costs and, in particular, what I found really helpful was the ways in which to best argue to the powers that be the



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higher ups of why this is important which I'm sure a lot of people around this table that was key to getting things done. And so, we hope it's done, for many reasons why, having more dorm rooms with individual washrooms on campus would just be good for a lot of people, not just trans people, which is true. And just some other things that we talked about, sometime soon we're going to get together again to do a walk through of some of the dorms on campus, particularly Harrington and Vanier, so that's very exciting but that's in the future. But Matthew was great, he was super into all my ideas and he seemed really also passionate about what I was asking for, so that was very nice. The second piece is, I'm in a bit of a pickle and I don't know if anyone can help me. I might just have to go to someone after this and ask them their opinion about right now, what's going on is, so everyone knows that Q&A didn't finish their elections last year and originally before I knew that Eli Matheson, who was on the executive, has been on the Q&A executive for a long time. Before I knew that they were still on campus, the plan with me and Erin, me and Dr. Fredericks, had for getting Q&A up and running and was to appoint certain people who were interested in being executive members until there was a point in time where we could hold an actual election. But then I got in contact with Eli and found out that Eli was still on campus and that they were planning to run by-law elections. And so, I was like great, something I don't have to worry about, but they still haven't done that, and I've messaged them about it and they aren't replying to me. So, I don't know what to do diplomatically about the situation because I really want Q&A to be up and running like yesterday but also, you know. So, that's just something that I'm trying to work out. Please offer suggestions if you have any. Thank you.

Brianna: I'm not sure how helpful I can be but I'm more than happy to chat with you after the meeting and maybe I might have some good thoughts. We'll see.

Sara: Yes please.

Husoni: From a policy standpoint I could let you know what options are available.

Sara: Also, yes please.

Emma: As a fellow person who tries to get others just together and to work, I empathize, and I just offer my sympathy.

### 6.8. International Student Representative (Diana)

Hi everyone, congrats to all the new members of the SRC. So, I attended STUISA's meeting last week and they welcomed their new members and they also started planning what events they can have for Halloween. They are looking at maybe combining Halloween with a fall festival event. They are just looking into it, they haven't decided anything yet. Somebody has an idea to maybe have some stations where one of them could be throwing whip cream at the RA's, some people were excited about it, but they have to check with rez life first but from what I've known, they've done it in the past years, so we'll see how that goes. And then, they are looking into doing some pumpkin carving activities and as Emma previously mentioned we had a meeting with Carrie and with Manuel. We're going to have international week in November, I'm very excited about that. And going back to the STUISA meeting they also chatted about their emergency bursary, not like an emergency bursary but they give out bursaries at the end of the year and Manuel mentioned that he had a meeting with Carrie and that they decided that it would be the academic committee, if I'm not mistaken the registrar's office who would decide who gets the money, so, that way the process is way more transparent. And yeah, that's it for today. Thank you, folks.

Emma: Did STUISA end up deciding if there would be an activity during the international week, such as the food fest, do you know? I could also contact Manuel if you don't know.

Diana: On no, yeah, they want to go with the food fest.

Emma: That's awesome. So, there's also going to be a food fest on international week so that's one of the best events ever.



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Diana: And they are also looking at maybe doing international trivia night at the Cellar but that's still in the planning stage, so we'll see.

*(Social Inclusion Representative leaves at 8:19pm)*

### 6.9. Indigenous Representative

No report available.

### 9. At-Large Representative (Nikita and Hannah)

So, I don't know if you guys are interested but I'm just going to tell you anyways because I'm really passionate about it, so, I'm also sitting on, I think I've mentioned it, the presidents environmental advisory committee. So, we're just going over the current environmental audit and looking at how we can change or update the audit so we're looking to partner with the STUSU and start events. And then we're also looking to partner with the STU sustainability club, which I am also apart of, to organize some events and one of the main events that we're looking to organize is environmental/sustainability speaker series. And some professors have messaged us to see if we could go into their classrooms and give them some information on STU sustainability club as well as environmental/sustainability projects that are happening both on campus and some other things that we're aware of that's happening in the province. So, Emma, that would be great work, together with that. Also, looking at parking, in just trying to get some more details to bring to our retreat this weekend.

Hannah Moore, the additional newly elected At-Large Representative introduced herself, shared what year she was in and what she was studying at STU as well as the fact that she was excited to work on sustainability initiatives and environmental awareness initiatives on campus.

### 10. Grad Class President (Anisha)

No report available.

### 11. Faculty of Education Representative (Stewart)

Hello everyone, so for this week all the teacher candidates are back from their observation week and their schools and we're all really excited, it was a great learning experience so we're all excited to get into our schools for our placements in November. We've also begun fundraising for a BEd trip to Montreal which will be from May 17<sup>th</sup> until the 19<sup>th</sup>, just a little social event for the people in the School of Education to get away for a bit. And I also attended the flag raising ceremony on Monday which I'd like to echo sentiments by people already that it was a great event and as President Russell and the Honourable Graydon Nicholas said we have a long way to go but this is a great landmark for the university and more importantly a big step towards reconciliation. So, that was really great.

### 12. First Year Representative (Graci)

Graci introduced herself as the new first year representative, she shared her excitement for working with the STUSU as well as her intended majors.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1. Bridge to Capital Markets

Husoni: Okay, awesome, as I mentioned in my report I was speaking to Roman which he's the founder of Bridge to Capital Markets. He was referred to me by Jared which is our friend at the Acadia student union, I don't know what's the professional term to refer to him as. Colleague, yes. So, basically, we were talking over email and I did some research on the organization and we had a phone call meeting and Capital Market is basically a department within a bank where they deal with trading stocks and assets and advising



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people on how to deal with their assets, etc. So, he wants to have a branch on STU campus, so they are basically looking for the student union to help them establish that branch on our campus which is basically they'll do a series of video presentations and then many assignments and then after those assignments are completed students would apply to be apart of a final class and then each school is guaranteed at least two students being selected. And then, after that they'll go to an event with all the students from the other final class and they'll get to network with people within the Capital Market industry from Toronto and Montreal and all over Canada to get job opportunities. He also said there's a mentorship component to it as well. So, he would mentor people that made it to the final class on how to have a successful career in Capital Market. Yeah, so if any of you are interested in being that rep on our campus, it's basically booking the rooms and making sure the meeting goes smoothly and you'll be guaranteed a space in the final class.

Nikita: Can you give us a little bit more information on what a capital market is?

Husoni: Good question. I did my own research on it, which, kind of, sounds kind of complicated. On the phone call he gave me a run down and I had to draw a chart and try to picture what it's like. And unfortunately, I don't have that chart with me that I wrote but it's basically a sector within a bank, asset management and it's just like an umbrella for helping people manage assets and trading stocks, selling stocks, stuff like that. That's all I have for now.

Emma: I'm just as confused but it sounds to me like an investment competition. It's like you learn and then you compete and then you compete to get a certain spot and if you have that spot you get mentorship.

Husoni: Wouldn't be like a competition, it's just like a class so they teach you and then give you assignments and then after that you apply to be apart of the final class. I don't know, it's just like writing something like I'd like to be apart of this because.... And they also do mentorship with resumes and cover letters, etc.

Emma: So, if whoever signs up to be a rep do they have to make sure a certain number of people show up? Just because we don't have a business portfolio at STU so there might be limited interest.

Husoni: Yeah, that was one of my concerns, I did bring it up to him initially that since we are exclusively a liberal arts university I'm not sure if we are the right market or the right people he is looking for and he did mention that he is open to having liberal arts students and he understands that if it's this year, even if it's two or three students that initially take it up it's just a first year. And he wants someone by the end of this week, I already got one name from another club that I reached out to but if anyone from council is also interested I can get you guys in contact with him as well.

Wasiimah: I don't know if I missed that but is there any cost to that?

Husoni: No, it's actually free. The person that's organizing it, Roman, he works in the field and he noticed that a lot of people don't know about the job opportunities in this field, especially within the Atlantic Canada, he's from Nova Scotia. So, after he finished his degree at Mount Allison and working in the field for a couple years, he decided to start this program to help students gain access to job opportunities within the Capital Market sphere. So, that's why it's called bridge to capital markets.

Emma: Lots of question, can we reach out to the economics society?

Husoni: There's no economics society. There was but this year they haven't gotten back to me and I talked to the past president, I messaged him on Facebook and I also messaged the group and I sent them an email and I haven't gotten a response. But I saw the past president in person and he told me that they don't know what's going on, but I did reach out to Enactus UNB which is a club that's similar, does business stuff and



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that's where I got the first recommendation from. Just for the record is anyone interested? Thinking about it? No?

## 7.2. Amendments to Clubs and Societies Policy

Husoni: So, in the spirit of sustainability I only printed six copies because it was sent out with the meeting agenda, so I would hope that people would access that and read that. But for people who might not have access to their emails this would be for you.

Upon recommendation from the governance committee a motion to amend the Clubs and Societies Policy, Part IV, Sections 1 to 4, was moved by Husoni.

Seconded by Nikita.

Husoni: Okay, so within the last week we recognized that there was a gap in the clubs and societies policy. This policy is fairly new, it was something that was discussed last year by council, but it was not implemented. So, this year one of my first priorities was to write this policy and it was approved over the summer after consulting with the clubs and societies and the exec. However, as I said last week, we found a gap in the policy and that's why I wrote some additional phrasing and I met with the governance committee to review it and we got some additional recommendations which I did include. So, I am asking that we approve this policy, so we can have it on our website and good governance.

Brianna: Yeah, so I'll just highlight that Husoni drafted the changes and I sat in on governance this week when we talked about them. This doesn't really change recognized clubs by a means, it just adds some additional language to explain it. So, it's not really a change in procedure, we still had recognized clubs in there with these parameters but just making it a bit more clear for someone who's applying and may become a recognized club just, so you can understand what that process looks like. Yeah, so it's not a massive change it's just adding some more language to really outline that and make that super clear for students who may be new to, kind of, the clubs and societies world and are looking for information on our website and things like that.

Husoni: Yeah, just to add on what Brianna said, it's not anything major, we still only have two classifications of clubs: ratified and recognized. But before there wasn't really a guideline on how to apply for recognized status because we believed that once you're not ratified, you're just considered recognized. But to just make it more explicit and to formalize that we're adding this small section.

Sari: What's the difference between the two?

Husoni: So, ratified means that clubs are able to receive funding and support from the student union and that's when they submit their constitution, list of executive members to the governance committee and then we approve that. While recognized means that we acknowledge that you exist on our campus, but we just don't provide funding or promotional support.

Emma: Not a debate but just friendly question, under Section 2 (a), this is just a grammatical question. Is it correct to put submitting their club or society's, do you need the apostrophe s on possession on clubs? Is it correct?

Husoni: Yeah, it is.

Diana: I just have a question, so, remember we had a chat and it was about some conservative group on campus, you know, trying to form a club. So, with this amendment of the policy would that clear that, if a party wants to have a club on campus it should be something that, I don't know, that it shouldn't not promote very strict views? I don't know how to word it, but I feel you understand what I'm saying.



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Husoni: Yeah, so we won't really limit clubs, that's why we have the recognized clubs, so they would just basically... we know they exist on our campus because students do have the right to join political clubs if they please. So, we'll just make it official that you exist on our campus, but the union just won't provide any money or promote their events. Yeah, so that's basically it but they would be considered recognized, however, the governance committee will have the authority to deny recognized status to a club in the event that we see that they go against our values, I'd say, or our mission and by-laws and our policies. Like if their purpose is to discriminate against a particular group, we wouldn't recognize that club on our campus.

Emma: Just for clarity, Section 1 (a), like the first thing is yes, this encapsulates political clubs so, yes.

Brianna: Yeah, and I'll just say as well that, Husoni says that the existence of, like the most common one that will come up here is political clubs or clubs that are associated with a partisan affiliation and yeah, you'll notice those clubs still come to the clubs and societies fair and things like that. It's still well known that they exist within our campus and they can still book rooms and have events and all these kinds of things. It's really just the funding is the big piece. Because we cannot fund political organizations and also be members of nonpartisan advocacy organizations is the big piece. But yeah, this very much active and doing their thing on campus so that great.

It is moved that the Clubs and Societies Policy, Part IV, Sections 1 to 4, be amended as highlighted in the document provided to the representative of the council.

The amendment to the Clubs and Societies Policy was approved by council. However, Nikita, SRC Member-At-Large, abstained from voting because she is apart of Young Green and decided to be neutral as she is neither for or against.

### **7.3. Transfer of Funds**

Upon the recommendation of the finance committee a motion to transfer \$2,231.25 from the STUgenda line to SRC general was moved by Husoni.

Seconded by Brianna.

Wasiimah: So, the reason why Husoni decided to go and move the money from the STUgenda line to SRC general was since we already have agendas and this line cannot be used for anything else we don't want the money to just be sitting there. So, that's why we move it to SRC general so that we can use that money.

Husoni: Yeah, so, SRC general, as the name suggests, is a general line that if we have expenses that doesn't under a specific budget line we can take that from SRC general and of course that still goes through our finance committee and if that's over \$500 it comes to council. But this just allows us more flexibilities and we already have some expenses... the line is actually fairly low. I think it's less than \$200 right now so it would be very useful to have some extra funds go there. And I'm foreseeing some expenses coming from it in the future such as the UNBSU cross walk once we get the invoice from them and we'll pay them through that line. Also, if we move this to SRC general if there are any expenses that come up in the future that we need to transfer money, we can always transfer back such as if there are low funds in clubs and societies or academic assistance or emergency bursaries. We can always go back and transfer the money from SRC general to one of those lines. Just for information.

It is moved that the amount of \$2231.25 be moved from the STUgenda line to SRC general.  
The motion for transfer of funds was approved by council.

Upon recommendation from the finance committee a motion to spend \$2500 from the activities line as a sponsorship for the UNBSU winter carnival was moved by Husoni.  
Seconded by Wasiimah.



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Husoni: So, the UNBSU reached out to partner with the winter carnival that they have coming up which I've seen the schedule and it's a lot of amazing events that we think STU students would really benefit from. So, the exec thought that it would be a good opportunity for partnership and I brought it to the finance committee and they agreed and now it's before you guys to approve it. I'll give Wasiimah some time, if you want, to talk, in more detail. If there's any specific questions about what the week entails.

Wasiimah: So, basically, I was approached by Christian who's the director of campus events for UNBSU during the summer to partner with us about this because if we do not partner or sponsor the event STU students cannot attend that. And since we have a small budget we cannot project to have such a big event and the executive truly believe that STU students will really benefit from going there. So, it started with them asking for \$5000 and I was like no, can you like bring it down. And then they brought it down to \$3000 and then I was like bring it down to \$2500 and they said okay, we can do that. So, I thought, after breaking down the numbers that we used last year for activities, we found that we would be able to afford that because last year Jimmy put on the UNB sustainability conference. So, this year we are not going to have this so instead of using that money to go towards that conference we're using that towards the winter carnival. So, just to assure you that it's not that all the money is being used and you won't get the typically activities that we do have so, I just wanted to clarify that.

Husoni: I think Wasiimah said the UNB sustainability development conference but it's the UN. So, just for the record.

Emma: Nobody's talking about the events here.

Wasiimah: So, basically the UNB winter carnival is a week-long event. So, there will be a synthetic ice rink where, I think it will be up the whole week, where you can get access and just skate. There will be a glow party. There'll also be a concert from the Reklaws, I don't know if you've heard about them but I saw them live, great time. Had a good time. And then some other small events, so STU students would have access to any of these events and overall the whole week would be costing UNB \$20,000 so, for us to pay \$2500 and letting any STU students to have any of these activities is a fantastic idea that I find we won't be able to get that anywhere because if we want to have synthetic ice on campus I don't think we'd have the money for that. So, why not jump on that opportunity and just use it and have our STU students enjoy the winter season.

Emma: I propose an SRC wide ice-skating hour, should this funding go through.

Nikita: I'm so sorry for talking so much, when's the date?

Wasiimah: One thing I forgot to mention. So, they're waiting for us to approve the money and then myself, Taylor, Ben, who is my counterpart at UNB, and Christian will be meeting and having a work force to decide the dates and everything, which one will work and the timeline. They are working for us to finalize the money, so they can go for whatever event.

Nikita: Could we maybe do it in second semester, I'm wondering. Because we have a welcome week for first semester but if any students come in second semester they really, kind of, miss out on that opportunity.

Husoni: It will be in the second semester.

Wasiimah: I was going to say it will be in January, February.

It is moved to spend \$2500 from the activities line as a sponsorship for the UNBSU winter carnival. The motion was approved by council.



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#### 7.4. SRC Retreat Discussion

Wasiimah: So, bright and early this morning the first thing I did is distribute the agenda and a break down for rides so I'm hoping everyone had it. I have a few copies of the agenda here. Just as Husoni said, to said paper I made only six copies, I don't know how that works but yeah. So, if you would like to have a copy of it so you can, kind of, just go over it if you didn't have a chance to do it during the day and we can go through it. And if you have any questions or anything I'll be more than happy to entertain those. So basically, if you're going over the agenda Brianna added a few couple of things of what to expect and what to bring there and we, kind of, have a break down of how the weekend is going to look like. So, if you have any questions about those now is your time. Any questions about the retreat, there's no silly questions so feel free to just ask them.

Sara: Just a quick question, in the email it has a break down of who was going to be driving who and in most of the meetings it says meeting place to be determined. Are determining the meeting place now or?

Wasiimah: If the drivers would like to determine the place now, they are more than welcomed to. The thing is that I reached out to them yesterday and not all of them replied to me about where they would like to meet so, yeah. It really depends on the drivers.

Emma: Would we maybe be able to provide a phone number or Facebook link or something for each driver so that everyone can send a message or something?

Wasiimah: I thought I would leave that to the drivers because it's really depending on if they would like to share their phone numbers. That's why I just sent the whole list and I have a group created just for the rides people so everyone kind of knows everyone.

Brianna: Also, this week I added all the new folks to the SRC group, if for whatever reason you're not in the SRC 2018-2019 Facebook group definitely come chat with me but I think everyone's in there. So, for drivers if you would like to touch base via Facebook or phone, whatever works best for you whatever you're comfortable with you should be able to find everyone by going to the members of that group and then just working from there.

Sarie: Whoever's in my car, I was actually going to mention this before you mentioned it (to Sara). I'm willing to just meet you there (point to HCH parking lot) probably just Holy Cross because there's more parking there on Fridays at around 2:30. There's less traffic up there than it would be at the gym. So, at 2:30 I will meet everyone up in holy cross parking lot and I have a white Toyota corolla.

Wasiimah: Also, I don't know if all of you saw that I created a Facebook group, Retreat Fun time in the Maritime. So, this is a really informal group where if you have any questions or for some reason you cannot find your ride, this would be the way you would be communicating with everyone who is at the retreat, so just make the Facebook group a fun group.

Husoni: Just to follow up on what Brianna said about the Facebook group, if any doesn't have access to their emails let me know. I think I was able to reach out to everyone over the weekend to give you access. Harrington is having some trouble, I'm working on that, still haven't heard back from IT. But anyone of the new people that don't have access to their emails just let me know and I'll get that sorted out for you.

Emma: I'm guessing I shouldn't bring my bathing suit because it's not going to happen?

Brianna: It's on the agenda to bring your bathing suit and towel if you're brave, you clearly didn't read the agenda is all I have to say.

Emma: I have laryngitis. I can't go swimming.



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Brianna: Well then, you're not brave.

Wasiimah: I feel like people might not be comfortable to say if they didn't read the agenda, but I would like to point out that it's a retreat but feel free to bring your comfy clothes. You don't have to dress up because me, I would have dressed up if I didn't read the agenda but it's like clearly bring your own comfy clothes. So, don't worry about anything it's just going to be a fun time where we just get to mingle with each other and just learn about each others role and plan for the next three years.

Brianna: I would straight up encourage sweatpants cause that's what I'm going to be wearing all weekend. So, don't feel like this is formal in any way, please come with whatever you're most comfortable in and whatever else you need to be comfortable for the weekend.

Emma: Let me know if you need any fashion inspo, I'll send you some selfies.

Wasiimah: I was going to message the Facebook group just to say that, but I'll just mention it here. So, the cottage accommodates for twenty people, but you might have to share rooms with someone else. So, if you would like to have someone that you would rather share rooms with just message me. A group of us will be going earlier to, kind of, arrange everything so if you would like to stay with someone then let us know. If you wouldn't like to stay with anyone just let us know too and if you don't care, that's good too. Just so that you, kind of, know that and expect that you might be sharing a room with someone.

Brianna: The other thing I was going to mention, under the what to bring I would just like to highlight the last bullet point that says any games or entertainment you think the rest of the group may enjoy. I'm no fun and own zero games, therefore, if anyone has fun things like cards against humanity. If anyone has a jackbox.tv account that they are willing to share with the team, I'd be so grateful cause that's so fun. But just, in my first year the VP Ed at that time played guitar and she brought her guitar and we all jammed out so anything like that that you want to share, if you have fun games please please please bring them because there is some time in the evening to just hang out and do some fun things like that.

Wasiimah: I also got a couple of people mentioning that if they'll have time to do homework or not. Personally, I would say do not leave anything big, you might find a few minutes do a little thing here and there but don't leave any big projects and things that you need time to do until then because that might put pressure on you. And we also want this retreat to be learning but also for you to get to relax because it's literally in the middle of nowhere with a small set of people. So, I'm going to use this occasion to just kind of relax from my school work while doing STUSU work. so, you'll have like a few minutes of free time to do little things but don't expect to be sitting down for hours working on a project that's due on Monday.

Emma: You do have two hours on the way there, if you're not driving and I would recommend, like I would be doing work during that time, because cumulatively that is about 4 hours during the weekend and that's how much I was going to commit anyways to homework. So, as long as you can work in the car that should be good. Also, does anyone have a jackbox.tv account because it's so much fun and if you don't I will splurge and treat us out of my very small bank account. That looks like a no, so I'm going to get that.

Wasiimah: I hope you are all very excited because I am very excited, if you all can't tell.

Brianna: Does anyone have, you can just raise your hand, cards against humanity and/or what do you meme? Okay, good, that's all I wanted to know. If you wanted to bring those I'd be super grateful.

## 7.5. Letter of Resignation

Brianna: Yeah, so just for you folks, the way, typically, resignations work, someone just submits a letter of resignation to Jarrod, our Chair and then I'll just read it out loud and then Jarrod will declare the position vacant and then we just move on from there. It doesn't require a vote or anything from you folks but just to



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acknowledge that this person has resigned. So, last Friday Jarrod received, from Emilie Hanlon, who was a At-Large Representative, who was elected last year and then just since decided that she would like to resign from her position. So, the letter is as follows:

*Good-Evening Jarrod,*

*After a chat with Brianna and a lot of thought I have decided to resign from my position on the STUSU. I want to thank you guys for the opportunity and hope to see the continuing success that the team brings to St. Thomas University. Thanks again. Have a great rest of term.*

*Emilie Hanlon.*

Jarrod: As per Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 1 of our by-laws, I declare the position vacant and I'll ask the secretary to remove Miss Hanlon's position from her official record.

### **8. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

Emma: So, with the meeting that I had with the representative from UNB sustainability I hope we've all seen we've been plugging the UNB sustainability week that's going on right now. Tomorrow there is an essential oils workshop, 12-1 in the SUB and lights out coffee house, 7-9. And on Friday there's a lunch and learn which really cool. It's going to be about vegan and vegetarian cooking. So, it's just a cool event and it's open to STU students, so if you're looking to go on down. Go on down.

### **9. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Husoni.

Seconded by Stewart.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 8:58 pm.

### **Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on October 20, 2018.

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