



The Students' Representative Council
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Students' Union of St. Thomas University, Inc.

7th Meeting of the 44nd SRC
 7:00pm, Thursday, November 16th 2017
 HCH, Room 5

Attendance Record

Position	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
President	Philippe Ferland	X		
Vice President Administration	Matthew LeBlanc	X		
Vice President Education	Brianna Workman	X		
Vice President Student Life	Jimmy Beltran	X		
Harrington Hall Representative	Silas Macdonald	X		
Vanier Hall Representative	Beverley Pownall	X		
Holy Cross House Representative	Hailey Frenette	X		
Chatham Hall Representative	Gabby Kennedy	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Taylor Barrett			X
Off-Campus Representative	Nicole Gonzalez			X
Social Inclusion Representative	Rebecca Kingston	X		
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Olivier Hébert	X		
Indigenous Representative	Alexa Metallic			X
Member at Large Representative	Robyn Metcalfe	X		
Member at Large Representative	Nicholas Decarie	X		
Member at Large Representative	Sean Kenney	X		
International Student Representative	Wasiimah Joomun			X
Grad Class President	Leeanne Doxtator	X		
First Year Residence Representative	Dane Rose	X		

Staff Present: Rachel Barry (Chair).

AQ Representatives: N/A



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Guests Present: Nathan Gullison.

Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Rachel Barry at 7:01 pm
Quorum is met with 13 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.
Jimmy Beltran to add Club Assistance of Venezuela 180 and General Information about the Retreat.

The Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes are approved as distributed as there were no changes to be made.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Fredericton Homeless Shelter ran by Jessica Johns provides shelter and other services to homeless people for over 30 years. They are requesting 500 bus tickets as donation. It will be used by the residents of the shelter to get to and from social developments to gain access to social assistance. Also, it will be used to get to and from other important appointments including with doctors, employers, and other appointments. Each bus ticket cost \$2.75.

It was moved by Matt Leblanc to provide \$550 (equivalent of 200 bus tickets) to the Fredericton Homeless Shelter. Beverly Pownall seconds the motion.

Debate on Motion: Nicholas Decarie disagrees because the amount is too little. He would like to provide the equivalent of 300 (\$825) to 400 (\$1,100) bus tickets. Philippe Ferland: In the past, \$1000 was spent on charitable assistance, and any leftovers was directed to Fredericton SPCA. Brianna Workman: In her first year in the SRC, Fredericton experienced a large number of Syrian refugees into the city. The proposal came before Christmas to provide assistance, but most of the Syrian refugees were arriving after Christmas. As a result, the SRC decided to give less before Christmas with the intention to give more in the Second Semester. She is ultimately worried to spend all the charitable assistance too early in the school year.

Nicholas Decarie propose amendment to motion for 300 bus tickets (\$825). Seconded by Brianna Workman. Amendment passed with 12 in favor.

Motion passes with 12 votes and 1 abstention.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report –Philippe Ferland:



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On October 25th, we have the Canada 150 Panel Show. It went well. Not a lot of students attended, this could have been due to the massive storm that was happening. A lot of people from the administration was there including Kim Fenwick, many members of the Indigenous Community.

The Indigenization of the Academy Committee met debrief over the conference, specifically the last day Andrea Bear Nicholas comments on the members of the Conference. It was understood that an apology was not necessary because she did not feel offended by the Communication Department. In the meantime, she sent her PowerPoint Presentation from the Conference.

I met with Kim Fenwick that Friday to update what the school has been up to and what the Student Union has been up to. Legalization of Marihuana was a central topic and how it will work with smoking on campus. If it should be treated like cigarettes, students can smoke it only in designated areas, or like alcohol, students cannot consume it in public.

CASA Trade Meeting – we are getting ready for lobbying week. Our chair was not there, so for the first time, I had to do my vice-chair duties. Also, CASA Review Committee met and we are mostly looking over all internal documents of CASA to get ready for lobbying week.

The Women Centre got back to me, and they were okay for having a person from STUSU on their board. The board meeting was November 7th. However, there will be more board meetings and the person in charge of attending those meetings will start going from the point forward. I have the meeting minutes for the person in charge of sitting in the board.

The SUB Committee met to release the survey. The results so far show that people are interested in food changes and an increase of food services. There was another SUB Committee Meeting today, and a mandate was established. It decided that it is going to be an advisory committee, in which both Student Unions, Student Services at UNB, and the SUB Director will sit in this committee to make changes on the SUB Building. Whatever changes we recommend will be sent to the Board of Governors of UNB for them to get the final approval. The only difference will be that the STUSU General Manager will be part of the Committee.

I also, gave a welcome speech for Kindness Day a couple of weeks ago. Last week was lobbying week. I sat on the community and post-secondary relations committee. It went well overall.

Also, we got a presentation from UNB Security and they talked about the Emergency Phone. Apparently, most of the time it has been used for health issues and they are in favor of maintaining it on campus.

4.2 Vice-President of Administration's Report – Matt LeBlanc:

I was MC of the East Coast Student Leadership Conference a few weeks ago. It was awesome, and it was a lot of fun.

I did interview for the Help Desk with Jimy. I also represented STUSU in the Remembrance Day Ceremony. I talked to people on behalf of STUSU.

I went to a meeting with Campus Trust to talk about the Board Structure, The next step is to choose top 5 board structures and vote on the best.

I did some general accounting stuff, and general health-care with the Trust.

3. Vice President of Education's Report – Brianna Workman:

I met with David Coon, MLA of Fredericton South. He presented the idea of the Youth Round Table that happens once month to get feedback from students. He tells what he is working on the legislature.



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A couple of weeks ago, I met with Mandy Richard to talk about a way of working with the Senate to incentivize students to take natives studies or make them mandatory at some point.

NBSA lobby was last week. Philippe, Rebecca, Wassimah, Amy Baldwin, and I went. It was the busiest NBSA lobby since we have 25 meetings to attend. We met with a lot of departments outside post-secondary education. One of our big asks was legislation on campus sexual violence. I got kind of good news. A member of the opposition before the week was over said that he wanted to motion to mandate the government to work on that legislation. It was passed, but the government amended the motion. We are getting the legislation on campus sexual violence, but it might not be exactly what NBSA recommended. Also, Rob left, and Sam Titus would be replacing him as Executive Director until we hire someone for that job.

In a Senate Meeting, we approved new courses in Criminology, Environment and Society, Communications, Public Policy, and Psychology.

On November 26th, Philippe and I are going to Ottawa to CASA Lobbying week. I met with the Director of Advocacy for CASA to talk about some things the committee I sit in is working on.

Question from Nicholas Decarie: Regarding David Coon's Youth Round Table, do you have to be affiliated to his party to attend?

Response from Brianna Workman: No that I know of, I think he just want youth involved regarding their party affiliations.

4. Vice-President of Student Life's Report – Jimmy Beltran:

Regarding the UN Workshop, it went well. Around 260 people attended. Most students were happy about the event. Most of the complaints were related to the food because there was no meat option. Also, people complaint because it was on a Saturday and because one of the presenters forgot his presentation, so he had to improvised it. We sent an email today with an application to have access to the \$2000 Fund. Anyone of the attendees who want to start a project in Fredericton area can fill the application and send it to us. We will review it. There are 3 deadlines, one in December, one in February and the last in April, so that the students have enough time to have access to this fund. We also sent thank you letters to our sponsors.

Regarding the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee, we have our activity for November. People will hang out t-shirts with messages related to sexual assault in the lower courtyard to raise awareness. We got some comments from two professors complaining that it was unacceptable to just mark the "x" in the woman in the banner that we have. They thought it was insulting, but the point of the committee was to highlight that sexual assault is a problem that everyone experience it. Not only women, but also men, and people from other genders, transgenders. We wanted to make that very clear. Tomorrow I will meet with Brock to go over that and see what happens.

We have our next activity in December. It will be a simple fundraiser in JDH since students are busy.

Regarding to Emergency Bursaries, we have received an overwhelming amount of them in the last 3 weeks. Overall, there have 15-20 of them. Philippe and I have spent around 4 hours reading all of them. Most of them are coming from the Social Work Department.

We hire a new Helpdesk Coordinator – Samantha Arthurs.



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Regarding the mental health committee, we had our first meeting yesterday. We just went over the activities for next year.

Regarding the Liberal Arts Job Fair, Opportunity New Brunswick will be coming to the event. They normally offer job employment in the Summer for students.

I had a meeting with Jeffrey Carleton to help me out to reach more companies.

ACA Volleyball Championship is coming to Fredericton. STU is hosting it at the end of February. I am going to be sitting in that committee helping Mike Eagles to make it great. There will also be a logo competition and the deadline will be December 1st.

Winter Gala is coming. It will be December 4th. The theme will be decided this weekend and we will start promoting the event next week.

Regarding the community food smart, I had a meeting with Mitchell. We decided that we are going to start taking orders in the entrance of Tims starting next semester.

5. Employee Updates

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports

6.1 Harrington Hall

Not a lot of things happening in the house. November 27th, there will be a winter tree coming to the house. Also, sticker tag is still going on.

6.2 Holy Cross House

We played sticker tag and I won. We had our house bonding and it was really fun. We are having our YouTube Comedy Night tomorrow which is a tradition in Holy Cross. We are also still doing really good in basketball intramural. I am really impressed with that.

6.3 Vanier Hall

Our party was very successful. We are having our house bonding some time soon as well.

6.4 Chatham Hall

We make Christmas cards because we are going to celebrate it earlier. We are planning on doing a stress relief event in December. We are not sure what are we going to do yet. We are also going to start our sticker tag eventually.

6.5 Off-Campus (Nicole Gonzalez)

No report available

6.6 Social Inclusion Representative (Rebecca Kingston)

Lobbying week was great! I only got to go to two meetings. I also did my little in JDH and people came to me and ask things like "what is the Help Desk?" I am also taking applications for the Black History Month



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Co-Chair. Please help me spread the word, tell people who are interested to send me their resume and cover letter to su_social@stu.ca. The deadline will be midnight (11:59 pm) of November 24th.

Question from Brianna Workman: Would you like for the Black History Month Co-Chair some social media from STUSU? Would you like me to create some of info-graphic or something visual?

Response from Rebecca Kingston: Absolutely.

Question from Dane Rose: Are you looking for a Co-Chair of the Black History Month Committee?

Response from Rebecca Kingston: Yes.

6.7 Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative (Olivier Hébert)

I was interviewed several times. I spoke with the Aquinian and CBC about getting surgery and some of the good things about the current method. That was cool. It had over 1000 views. Also, Fredericton Minority Group had a fundraiser for the Transgender Ceremony. This evening was the STU Transgender Remembrance Day. It was our most attended one. This is the third year we have done it. It went quite well, despite there was a slight medical emergency. Also, Elijah Matheson was recently awarded from the Red-Cross for his work with the LGBTQ community.

6.8 Indigenous Representative (Alexa Metallic)

No report available.

6.9 At-Large Representative (Robyn Metcalfe/Nicholas Decarie/Sean Kenney)

Robyn Metcalfe: I got nothing.

Nicholas Decarie: I sent an email two days ago to the members of the communications committee. Let me know if there are people who are interested in being part of the committee.

Sean Kenney: I met with Mike Eagles about the proposition about the intramural soccer program. There is actually an opening in the South Gym on Wednesdays from 8:30 – 10:00 pm. He wants me to get 25 signatures and hopefully we are going to be setting up next Wednesday. I also met up with Destiny, she recently gave some interviews wanting to change the parking situation on campus.

6.10 International Student Representative (Wasiimah Joomun)

No report available.

6.11 First Year Residence Representative (Dane Rose)

I have met twice with my committee, on November 2nd and today. We came with ideas for some activities for 1st year students. We currently have 8 members. The committee is planning to have a Christmas tree decoration social for 1st years in the near future. The committee has also established the difficult for first years. It should be beneficial for upcoming 1st years because it will give them what to expect in their first year. It will provide them with tips on how to get good grades while not being socially awkward. This hopefully would be an annual goal for the 1st Year Representative. The planning for the activities will commence tomorrow.

6.12 Grad Class President (Leeanne Doxtator)

Our selling will stop on Monday. There is also a pub-crawl on Friday.

Question from Philippe Ferland: Is there supposed to be a Mystery Bus this year?



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Response from Leeanne Doxtator: Yes. It should be at the end of February. Once we get back we will start going to start to plan this event.

Question from Leanne: Do I have to let you know where we are going?

Response from Brianna: I have a proposition. I am not graduating, but I want to know. So since I am the only one from the Executives not graduating, you should tell me.

7. New Business

7.1. Appointing of Women Centre Board Member

Phillipe Ferland: there is a position open for STUSU representative in the Women Centre Board. For the most part, you will be required to sit and be part of the decision-making of the Women Centre. You will be required to act like a liaison between the Women Centre and STUSU. The meetings are usually once a month. Is there anyone interested in the position?

Dane Rose: I, if I am allowed.

Phillipe: I will ask if males are allowed. But I am not quite sure.

Rebecca Kingston: I should be able to do it, if Dane cannot because he is not a woman.

It was moved by Brianna Workman to nominate Rebecca Kingston as the new Women Representative.

Motion passed 12 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

7.2. Club Assistance for Venezuela 180

Jimmy Beltran: I am requesting club assistance for \$800 for a project I initiated 3 weeks ago called Venezuela 180. It is an initiative I created in association with journalists bases in Caracas, Venezuela. We have 2 goals in this project. The first goal is to transfer 1 ton of food and medicine to Maturin, Venezuela (East of the country). Venezuela is going through several humanitarian crises. There is small support from international organizations; at the same time, the government has been denying our humanitarian crisis, although 80% of the population is at the edge of starvation. There are shortages of medicine as well. Our second goal is to shed light on the histories of people in Venezuela that are having a positive impact in the country. In the past years, media coverage was mainly focused on the negative stories, only portraying unrest and hunger is all that exist in the country. We hope to change the way both Venezuelans in the country and outside the countries see Venezuela. To complete this, we will require \$11,000 for medicine, food, transportation, rights for the website. By supporting with \$800, you will help us by paying for 100 kilograms of food and medicine that will be sent to Venezuela and paying for the rights of the website for one year. We have created a website and you are welcome to look at it (www.venezuela180.org). We have sent 180 kilograms of food and medicine in the month and a half. Also, STUSU will be recognized as one of our donors and partners.

Jimmy Beltran moves a motion to provide club assistance of \$800 to Venezuela 180.
Nicholas Decarie seconded the motion.



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Debate:

Question from Nicholas Decarie: What is the current amount of money in the club and society line? Also, does Venezuela 180 have any political affiliations?

Response from Jimmy Beltran: There is no political affiliations connected to Venezuela 180. The ultimate goal is to prevent further divisions.

Response from Matt Leblanc: it is over \$5000.

Question from Sean Kenney: are we allowed to increase the amount of money or is \$800 all that you need?

Response from Jimmy Beltran: Well, \$800 is all we are requesting just to pay for the 100 kilograms of food and medicine.

Question from Dane Rose: Is the (\$800) enough to buy what you want?

Response from Jimmy Beltran: I don't want to put a higher number because of the limited budget. More is always better. As I said, to run the project we need \$11,000 at this point.

Sean Kenney moves a motion to amend the amount to \$1,500 instead of \$800.
Olivier Hebert seconded the motion.

Debate:

Sean Kenney: It is my understanding that the budget for club and societies is not always used completely.

Phillipe Ferland: It has been getting used more and more over the last few years.

Sean Kenny: it is very rare that we get an opportunity like this. Jimmy is working closely with the organization and we know that it will go to the right people. That's why \$1500 is an adequate amount.

Nicholas Decarie: I am concerned with giving \$1500 because it is a lot of money to give in the very beginning. Additionally, I am not opposed against the idea for Venezuela 180 to ask for more money later. Also, where does that leave us in providing to other STU's clubs and societies?

Question from Matt Leblanc: Is this like the homeless application that we can give more over the year?

Response from Jimmy Beltran: I mean yes. If there is enough money, absolutely.

Matt Leblanc: I would be in favor of maybe \$1000 now and see next semester how much money we have.

Vote on the amendment to change from \$800 to \$1500. Amendment fails.

Brianna moves to amend the initial amount of \$800 to \$1000.
Seconded by Dane Rose.

Motion passes to provide club assistance of \$1000 to Venezuela 180.

7.3. Retreat

Jimmy: We are leaving tomorrow to Alma. It's a pretty nice place. We have our cottage. Just bring your own clothes and your toiletries. Most of the cars will be leaving at 4:00 pm in the Vanier Hall parking lot. I have created 4 groups: blue team, green team, yellow team, and red team. We have 3 volunteers to provide



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their cars for the trip: Morgan Matheson, Nicole Gonzalez, and Phillippe Ferland. We will be providing food and just check the itinerary. There is also wifi.

Question from Rebecca Kingston: Can you read the teams?

Response from Jimmy Beltran: Yes of course. Blue Team: myself, Andrea Lopez, and Brianna. Green Team: Dane Parks, Gabrielle Dumond, and Morgan Matheson. Yellow Team: Nicole, Olivier, and Philippe. Red Team: Rebecca, Robyn and Taylor.

Dane Rose: I cant make it to the retreat anymore.

8. Questions, Announcements and Notices

Dane Rose: Can I speak to Rebecca after the meeting?

Brianna Workman: To all house representatives and OC, I put some posters for you in the Help Desk so pick them up and post them in your respective houses. Thank you.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16.