



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

11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 45<sup>th</sup> SRC  
 2:30pm, Friday, January 18, 2019  
 MNMH, Room 204

**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)	X X		
Vanier Hall Representative	<b>Megan Gibson</b>	X		
Holy Cross House Representative	<b>Madison King</b>	X		
Rigby Hall Representative	<b>Jenicca Jean</b>	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	<b>Kyanna Kingbird</b>	X		
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	<b>Stewart Corbett</b>	X		

**Staff Present:** Jarrod Ryan (Chair), and Recording Secretary (Brianna Hill)

**AQ Representatives:** Haley Stairs

**Guests Present:**



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## Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Jarrod Ryan at 2:34 pm.  
Quorum was met with 9 voting members present.

### 1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.  
Motion made by Emma to amend the agenda by doing Representative Reports before Executive Reports.  
Seconded by Stewart.  
The amendment was approved by council.  
The motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Emma.  
Seconded by Nikita.  
The adoption of the agenda was approved as presented.

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

Jenicca: Just where I talked about the curling team that Wil Robertson is trying to put together. He is looking for any athletes who have prior competitive curling experience, not just any athlete.

Motion to approve minutes as amended was moved by Emma.  
Seconded by Megan.  
Minutes was approved as amended.

### 3. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from minutes.

*(Brianna arrives at 2:40pm making quorum 10)*

### 4. Representative Reports

#### 4.1. Harrington Hall (Tyler)

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and survived it, like me. So, we've had a really busy week for the past two weeks. We were supposed to have our Harrington party last week but due to a miscommunication we're having it tonight. So, it's going to be a great opportunity to bring everyone back together. Everyone's really looking forward to it. Other than that, for the past week we've also been doing House Clothing. So, that's been selling really well and all that. And, we started sign ups for Intra-Murals for volleyball season, which is going to be really exciting. We quickly started planning out and jotting ideas for the year and we're looking forward to Washburn later in March.

Emma: Thank you so much for your warm wishes, I'm sending warmth back.

#### 4.2. Vanier Hall (Megan)

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a great break. Our House Committee met last Sunday and we're currently planning Vanier Day events which are going to be happening the first week of February so, there are going to be a lot of events for Vanier Hall residents.

Emma: Is anyone able to participate in Vanier Day? And welcome back!

Megan: I think it's just Vanier residents, but I can ask.



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### 4.3. Holy Cross House (Madison)

Hey everyone, like the other Houses, Holy Cross House Committee is getting back up and running, planning all the events for second semester. We've changed our meeting time to Wednesdays, so this Wednesday we planned the whole semester, basically, and one of the highlights, one of our new events this year we're planning on having a house wide Muk Bang. If you don't know what that is, we're going to order a bunch of food and the way we're going to do it, I think since most events you spend like \$10 per person, just the ratio for our House, since there's only about 50 people. We're just going to spend all the money and get all food and sit and eat and bond. The name that we're calling it is Feaster, so we're feasting for Easter. So, that's the highlight, everything else is staying the same like Wing Bonding and everything like that.

Emma: What an amazing initiative and also, I want to say thank you because I was walking to Holy Cross and I said can we go in.

### 4.4. Rigby Hall (Jenicca)

Hello everyone, I also hope everyone had a great Christmas break. In the works, right now, for Rigby is House Clothing and also, we already planned to do House events from here on out. So, we're not going to have anymore parties. That's just, kind of, what we decided as of now. Also, on Sunday evening, if we're not all snowed in, I'm going to be attending the Relay on the Hill meeting. So, I'll keep you all posted and updated with that.

Emma: I hope you had a great break as well.

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

I would like to first apologize for my lateness and disruption. And secondly, Happy New Year, I'm happy to see everyone, again. So, OC has been, kind of, busy actually starting up. We met with Karina earlier today concerning the Housing Fair, which we're hoping to get going early to mid February. So, keep your eyes open for that, we're going to be asking for all the Houses to promote that and ask Autumn to share it on the STUSU page. But yeah, that's one exciting thing that we've got going on. Another is we're starting up Intra-Mural volleyball, which I'm sure other Houses are starting too. We have, so far, a good interest in a team. We might end up having two, we're not sure yet. But I'll let you know. We are hoping to host our first OC Committee meeting soon, in the next few weeks to start get going on events.

So far, for events, we are looking at doing an outing to Mactaquac Provincial Park where they have cross country skiing and snowshoeing, and they actually just put fat bikes there which are they those big tire bikes for the winter. So, that's just, kind of, to get everyone outside and a little bit active where no one is in January, usually. Another thing that we're doing to implement a little more physical activity, a health-oriented activity, I guess, is we're looking at having a step-a-thon, which is where everyone can compete with their Fitbit or even a phone app to see who can get the most steps in the month of February. Then we're going to have a health-related prize, maybe a Sobeys gift card or something that can be useful. So, that's something to look forward to, as well.

Emma: Do not apologize for being late, we're so happy you are here. Thank you for your update. Happy New Year.

### 4.6. Social Inclusion Representative (Sarah)

Hello everyone, I hope you guys had a good Christmas break. I don't really have much to say. I had a meeting with Wasiiimah yesterday about starting up a Social Inclusion Committee and we just talked about what that would look like. Basically, the next step is, I'm going to schedule a meeting with Autumn to have her, sort of, draw up a little infographic for me to put out there and then we'll go from there.



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Emma: Happy New Year, welcome back!

Sarah: Thank you.

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

There was no report available.

#### 4.8. International Student Representative (Diana)

There was no report available.

#### 4.9. Indigenous Representative (Kyanna)

My name is Kyanna Kingbird, I am from Burnt Church First Nation, this is my first meeting in this official role. We're currently taking names for the Committee, as well. We, kind of, hit the ground running this year. We organized and executed a rally on Tuesday, in a way of shedding light and showing awareness towards what's going on in Wet'suwet'en territory.

Emma: I just want to welcome you Kyanna, we are super excited to have you here. I saw your rally online, I thought that was a really excellent initiative and we are excited to see that energy come to our Council. So, thank you for joining and I hope you had a good New Year.

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

Nikita: I hope everyone had a great New Year. STU Sustainability had their first meeting on Monday and it went really, really well. We enjoyed going to the Clubs and Societies Fair, it was a great turn out for us and we are looking forward to all of those people joining us in the New Year. Some things that we are, kind of, still working on is getting composting on campus. So, that's still currently in the works and we're just working out some small issues before we bring it to campus. We're also working on getting a Speaker Series. So, it's, kind of, what the environmental audit had suggested, that we do it, to have education pieces around environmental issues. So, we're looking into bringing in some speakers to do that. As well, Hannah will talk to us about organizing a conference, possibly for next school year.

Emma: Sounds like you've been up to a lot, I'm super happy to hear.

Hannah: Hello everybody, Happy New Year. Nikita went over most of the stuff that we've been up to but yeah, we're hoping to get a Speaker Series going and starting to think about organizing a conference for next year. Like a Sustainability Conference for the Atlantic Canada schools. We're going to try and organize some meetings probably in the next few weeks to start figuring out logistics for that. But I'm very excited. I'm going to be meeting with Art Zone, again, in the next couple of weeks to start thinking about the Plastic Pollution Art Installation that they're working on. So, yeah, I'm really excited.

Emma: Happy New Year to you too and I look forward to continuing our email correspondents in regard to the conference.

*(Katrina arrives at 2:45pm making quorum 11)*

#### 11. Grad Class President (Anisha)

There was no report available.

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

Happy New Year everyone. Classes have resumed for us in the Education Program and we were pleasantly surprised to receive the money from the New Brunswick Student Bursary Program, about \$1300 for each



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student. Everyone was really grateful, very excited for it and we're planning on drafting a thank you letter to Kim Fenwick so that she can distribute it to everyone who was involved in getting us there. But, for now, I would like to say thank you to Emma and Brianna and anyone else involved with the NBSA that made it all happen. It was awesome, so thank you very much.

I followed up on something that Hannah and I discussed before the break about the GAIA Project and getting the School of Education involved later on. I am now working with Nikita to arrange a date during the summer intersession where we can have that workshop.

Emma: Thank you Stew because you're going to be an excellent teacher who's going to add so much to our society and brighten up students lives. Also, Happy New Year.

Stewart: Thank you.

### 13. First Year Representative (Graci)

Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a good holiday season. So, I've just been, kind of, brainstorming over possible ideas. In the meeting that I had with the other Reps., in December I believe, we, kind of, discussed what would be a good thing to have in January, like back in the semester. So, I think we just guessed, kind of, things that were more active like Zumba or yoga. Free classes for first years. But I had the idea for a free self defense course for first years to part take in. I don't know if that coincides with anything. I don't know if we're allowed to do that, I would assume so. But if anyone knows anything, please let me know. I was in contact with the woman in Fredericton who runs it and she seems interested, so I'm just waiting to make sure that everything is good before I move forward with that.

Emma: I don't know, but I think that sounds awesome and Happy New Year to you as well.

Graci: Who should I contact to find out if that's appropriate?

Brianna: I don't see any reason with doing it, I think just your other challenge might be finding space. In which case, I think a good point of contact would be someone in the gym because they do have some kind of martial arts in there. So, you might want to use their space and maybe they know some people. But it already happens on campus, so I don't see any issues with it. You probably just need to secure the space to do that.

Graci: Thank you.

Sarah: I know they have Japanese Sword Fighting in there, stuff in that area. So, I'm sure it would be okay. I don't really want to speak on it because I don't know. But they do have Japanese Sword Fighting in there because I have witnessed it.

## 5. Executive Reports

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

Hello, again, I am so sorry for being late. Today has been a wild ride, let me just tell you that, in every aspect of my life and I won't even tell you why. Well, I'll tell you some of the why. But, I wanted to begin by welcoming Kyanna. I'm really, really happy to have Kyanna here. She was just appointed right at the end of last semester, kind of in the middle of exams, but really happy to have you here this semester and it's going to be awesome. One thing I did towards the end of last year, kind of after classes ended and going into the New Year, was, the Department of Post-Secondary and Education Training and Labour requested that the NBSA submit something about the Free Tuition Program and Tuition Relief for the middle-class Program. So, if you guys follow New Brunswick politics you may be aware that the PC's, one of the points they talked about all throughout their election was reviewing those relatively new programs in New Brunswick.



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When Blaine Higgs first became the leader of the PC's he did speak very fondly about cutting them and then slowly, kind of, detracted from that into saying they'd like to review them to see if they're effective. That was a commitment they made in their Thrown Speech, which did pass late November, was that they would be reviewing those programs.

So, this is the first stage of the review, asking the NBSA, they asked FÉÉCUM (which is the Student Union at Université de Moncton), they asked Universities, they asked the Faculty Association and some other folks to submit written submissions to a couple questions. The questions were very vague, but we gave them all the information, more information than they probably wanted but really needed. We really don't want to see these programs cut or retracted from in any way, they are really, really solid programs as they stand. And we offered some suggestions, if they wanted to improve the programs, there are some things that can be improved. For example, part time students are not eligible for those programs. That's an improvement that could be made. If they wanted to make the programs better, we would welcome that. So, that was a lot of work but really strong and we had some really great support on that.

I, also, spent some time in exam week doing interviews with the NBSA. We have some funding in our budget this year to hire someone on a twelve-month contract. The board decided in the summer that we would like to hire that person around the time of Advocacy Week because it is the busiest time for the NBSA. So, I'm really pleased that we have hired Morgan McPherson as a non-permanent, full time staff. She's our Advocacy Week Planning Assistant and she started, basically, right after the holidays, in the New Year. She's a STU grad, I believe she did Education, as well and has since been working as a Supply Teacher and is joining the NBSA for a couple months. So, she's been in the office and really killing it and that's been exciting.

Also, right before, I had the first meeting with the President's Advisory Committee on the budget. Husoni sits on this as well, however, he'd already jetted back off to Jamaica at this point, so this first meeting was just me. But, Husoni and I do sit on that committee and it will, kind of, pick up some more steam this semester as the University works through their budgeting process, and so, that'll be interesting. I met with David Coon, which is something I, also, spoke with Katrina and Sarie about today during our meeting. David Coon has put forth a Bill to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, he did so late December. That was something that I saw in a newsletter that I was curious about and so I reached out to him just to get some more information on that and seeing if some of these amendments were relevant and beneficial to students and they are. There's a lot of really, really good amendments. I do have a list here but some that, I think, will be really impactful for students is we would like to see the average heating cost included on the lease. So, when you sign the lease, you know what that is. Early termination of leases for individuals who may experience domestic violence or other types of situations like that. Being able to get out of your lease with a lot more ease. Landlords having to disclose things like bedbugs and things like that. Having to actually do a move in inspection with the tenant. The damage deposit only being half a month's rent rather than a full month's rent, just to alleviate some of that initial financial burden of signing a lease. And then, having rent increases at 3% or inflation which is even lower. So, a lot of these, I think, are really, really relevant to students and many students, of course, do rent apartments.

So, it is something that I spoke with Katrina and Sarie about just because, of course, off campus students are the ones who are doing the renting. The Bill has just been tabled so it will go to Committee and I even had some ideas on how to further improve the Bill. But, it is something, I think, that the STUSU would like to consider supporting and we could put it on the agenda maybe at a later meeting, once we have some more information. But, I think, it is a really, really, great Bill and it would have some impactful effects on students, so that's good. We'll likely be working with Katrina and Sarie on something like that, so I look forward to that.

I met with Autumn, last week, before I went to Moot Court and I also met with Kyanna and Stephanie to talk about the Indigenous Reconciliation Committee which I know Kyanna will talk about later. But that was



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great. Emma and I had a meeting with the President's Advisory Committee on Experiential Learning. STU's really, really killing it with Experiential Learning, I think we have something like 33 students doing internships. There was a ton of internships to even fill for this semester, that's awesome, we love that. This week, the NBSA met with the new Minister of Post-Secondary which is Minister Trevor Holder. We, kind of, gave him a primer on somethings we'll be bringing forth in Advocacy Week and he seemed receptive to a lot of things. Particularly our asks regarding mental health and sexual violence. He seemed really, really, interested in those, so that's awesome.

Bibi Wasiimah and I chatted with the Aquinian today about the new mental health fee that was talked about last year and introduced this year and just the University's Capital Campaign, which you folks are not unfamiliar with that discussion. So, we, kind of, gave a bit of an update on what that's looking like, so that was great. And then, as I already mentioned I met with Sarie and Katrina today about the Housing Fair.

Just as a heads up, something to keep an eye on in the news, yesterday the Ontario government made a pretty significant announcement regarding student financial aid as well as student fees in the province. So, basically, Ontario's model of targeted free tuition is largely what New Brunswick's is based off of. Ontario introduced it and then very shortly after New Brunswick introduced a similar model and they announced yesterday that they are cutting that program and moving money into grants and also moving more money back into loans. Rather than up front grants. So, that's really disappointing to see, particularly where in New Brunswick we have a PC government that is reviewing those similar programs. So, we want to make it very clear that Ontario isn't a good example, but, in fact, a poor example on how to handle this. As well, making student fees voluntary is really, really dangerous for everyone around this table. Making student fees voluntary would effectively eradicate a Student Union, student Newspapers, Club's and Societies, all these things and would make campus life pretty boring. And also, really takes away student's voice, when governments, for example, slashes a financial aid program. Right now, student organizations are very quick to respond, in a situation where you don't have Student's Unions, you don't have provincial organizations like the NBSA, you don't have student newspapers reporting on those things, there's virtually no accountability and no voice for students. That's really, really dangerous. Its not the first one we've seen and talked about in Canada but it's the first time we've seen a government actually do it and that's really, really frightening. So, the NBSA put a release out on that today. That's why my day was so hectic. We were writing a joint press release with students of Nova Scotia and the University of Prince Edward Island Student's Union. But I would urge you folks to keep an eye on that situation and talk about why its important to have the student voice and targeted free tuition because that's good stuff too.

Nikita: Where can we find the press release? Is it going to be on their Facebook page?

Brianna: The NBSA's? Yes, it should be up now. It should be on our Facebook and Twitter and our website.

Nikita: I read all the articles on the Ontario situation before coming here. But, is there like, in terms of the NBSA here where the government is reviewing our free tuition program, anything that students can be doing to help out with the review. I feel like it would affect a lot of students.

Brianna: As of right now, we're waiting to see the direction the review will take because they said in the Throne Speech, 'we want to review these programs' and then we didn't hear anything for a bit until they reached out and said, 'when can you submit something?' My initial thought was if its just a written submission, who is doing the review, is there a committee. If there is a committee, I would like the NBSA to have a seat on it. We see in Ottawa a lot of times committees do public hearings, for example, CASA, this year, has presented to a variety of committees and have been able to show up publicly and speak and then was able to show the videos of the CASA Chair speaking to why students have this take on it. So, I was initially really curious. I was like do these kinds of opportunities exist, because then we could engage a little bit more and show more students what we're doing. It seems as though the written submission is the preliminary stage and then they're going to evaluate, if they need to, establish a committee and move forward and do more. In which case then there maybe, more opportunities to open it up to involve



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students and get students involved. In the meantime, though, the NBSA's written submission is on our website, so if you had any students that were interested or if you, yourself, were interested in what we had to say you can share that with them and we'll see. I was speaking with Dr. Kim Fenwick today and Jefferey Carleton, STU, for example, submitted something that was very much in favour of keeping the programs, as well. So, it seems as if everyone is on the same page. So, we'll just have to see how government interprets that and responds.

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

There was no report available.

### **3. Vice President of Education's Report – Emma Walsh**

So, I've been quite busy over the past few months working on #StudentsLetsAct, it is the Mental Health National Campaign that I've been working on since the summer time with the Canadian's Led Student's Association. We're getting into the action stage of this because we'll be running it the 30<sup>th</sup> of January and 1<sup>st</sup> of February. So, that is in two weeks. That's going to be in JDH. If any of you are interested in volunteering to be there at that time, we'll just be having a chat with students about why is mental health important to you and having them sign half of a broken heart and then posting them up all over JDH. Then at the end of the week it will be taken down and mailed to the Federal Administrator of Health and what we're asking for is additional financial support for students with mental health issues in order to reduce that fiscal burden. We recognize this really intersectional issue when it comes to student debt and mental health issues that students are going to have to face while getting a post secondary education. With regards to that, I'm running a series of webinars which I will have to run to in about 45 minutes with student leaders across the country, people who are working on the campaign to talk. We sent out a ton of information and materials to them, they have everything they need. Now's the time to really go through it day by day. Do you have all your volunteers; do you know who is doing this. Just going through those tiny, little things and seeing who needs refreshing. So, I ran one of those right before this and I have to go do one at 4. So, those have been going really well and we have people from everywhere, from BC, to Manitoba to Nova Scotia tuning in. We've been having some great chats, so happy about that.

Brianna and I have been working on recruiting students to engage with us with the NBSA Advocacy Week. the application closed yesterday. So, we will be reviewing those over the weekend and making offers to students and that will be in the week of Valentine's Day, in February. We will be down at the Provincial Parliamentary Legislative and we will be advocacy on the priority things that we've set this year for the province. As Brianna mentioned, one of those huge things will be, let's maintain the free tuition program and tarmac for students. It's more important to have students who really have that fiscal need to have that money up front rather than putting the burden on students to provide four years worth of a huge some of cash. So, we could talk more about that policy in a while. Brianna and I had a meeting with the Experiential Learning Committee, it went very well. I've just been answering questions. I've, also, had a couple of students reaching out to me in the past couple of weeks just about various issues. I'm just trying to help them to navigate STU's internal mains. I had my office hour yesterday in the Help Desk, that was great.

*(Bibi Wasiimah arrives at 3:00pm making quorum 12)*

On the CASA level, beyond just #StudentsLetsAct, after our advocacy, we actually drummed up so much hubbub that we secured a meeting with Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau. So, three of our CASA board members were able to travel, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, to meet with them. They had a 45-minute discussion with him. He really picked up on the interest of a financial assistance, specifically for grants for research funding and, also, to help secure work integrated learning opportunities for students. As well as how the Federal Government can help to fund that. At the same time our Chair, Adam Brown, from the University of Alberta, just as Brianna was describing, did a submission at the House of Commons Committee on citizenship because two of our big asks this year were with regard to international students. Both with the



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fact that international students face discrimination when it comes to securing jobs because their work permit takes so long to come through and, also, with the fact that international students have to go through additional burdens to get immigration advice because Post-Secondary Education campuses are banned from giving it unless they pay for one very expensive and high need training program.

Finally, CASA published a paper on additional educational costs, specifically with regard to textbooks and other educational materials that we don't often talk about. We know tuition is expensive, but tuition is only 40% of your total educational costs. So, we wanted to really shine a light on that for Federal politicians about the different ways costs are really cumbersome for students. At the New Brunswick Student Alliance level, I met with Richard Yu from the UNBSU, he's the president, to talk about a campaign that we will be running, probably in February, as well. I love campaigns. I don't know why, I just love communicating with folks. And that would be more of an educational, what is the NBSA type of deal. And, we're really hoping to get them out around Advocacy Week, with the attention that will go to Advocacy Week, hopefully we can also get students to engage with us. Just at the grassroots levels on campus because it is important to note that each and every single one of these are grassroots organizations.

We also had the Senate meeting yesterday that Emily Williams and I attended. That was an important meeting for two reasons: first, there was the external review of the Human Rights department. So, they have made some revisions and some motions to go over the curriculum. They've changed the vision. There are, also, some costs motions that were made, but the senate does not have jurisdiction over those. But whether or not the Human Rights department well expand on, I don't know. I had to abstain on questions about Moot Court. There was also breakout sessions on the calls for Truth and Reconciliation. And so, Emily and I sat in on a discussion that was going on about mandatory classes or curriculum for each student and tried to have some helpful conversation on that. I don't know how far that conversation will go. I didn't, personally, find it to be a very open discussion or one that will really result in something that's beneficial for students and to add cultural and empathetic understandings. But, hopefully, we will continue to have that conversation and be part of that and provide the student perspective.

And finally, as Brianna mentioned, Ontario, you know what they say, good things grow in Ontario, not yesterday. I think that we've seen a huge step back in a way that really hurts students. And so, we're doing, at the CASA level, just some research into what is that going to mean and reaching out to OUSA, who is the Provincial organization in Ontario and, also, the College Student's Alliance, who also operates outside of Ontario, just to see where they're standing on that. But we really want to understand what this means, not only just for Ontario but for Student's Unions as a whole because as Brianna stated, whether or not you like your Student's Union is up to you, you all are sitting here, but at the end of the day, Student's Unions are the voice of the students and we're trying to help and having the government choose to, in essence, dissolve them is never good. You don't want the people who you're lobbying to decide you don't get to be the lobby person anymore. So, we definitely are looking for autonomy with respect to that. So that's my update.

I hope you all had a great new year.

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

Hi everyone, so I, kind of, wrote my report before the break and during the break and once I got back. So, before the break, as you all knew, we had the Winter Formal happen. We had about 475 people show up, when I counted the advanced tickets and other people who came on the day of, so, that was about the amount of people who showed up. So, it was very successful. It really turned out great, we had no issues with any students, so that was really lovely. The next day we had a Mental Health Advisory Committee meeting that Brianna and I both sit on. So, the Committee decides on and works around the Action Plan for mental health within the year. So, it was a really lovely conversation where we threw some ideas about engaging mental health and physical health together and things like that. So, hope we will meet pretty soon



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to, kind of, see where to go from there. I also met with Brock, Director of Student Services, to discuss any winter activities that we can put together for new students. It's probably not going to start this year, but hopefully next year because we realized during the summer you have a big Welcome Week and then during the Winter you don't have anything. And the winter semester is the hardest one for most students. So, before that, maybe having something that would be very nice. So, we are trying to collaborate to see if we can have a Committee that does that. Instead of having a Welcome Week, we just have events on campus and engage everyone.

We also had our last executive meeting, which was, kind of, nice to, kind of, wrap up how this semester went. During exams I flew to Toronto for PEP-AH's Advisory Committee meeting. They usually have it every year to make decisions about future plans. So, there'll be really fun and interesting stuff coming our way. I had a phone call with them a few days ago to, kind of, finalize some things. So, once everything is finalized, I'm going to be bringing and start sharing with you all. But there are very interesting initiatives being brought by the CCSA and PEP-AH to keep the talk around substance abuse and alcohol harm, so that is really fun. During the break I had a few phone calls with Christian, who is the Director of Campus Events for the UNBSU, discussing about Winter Carnival. As you probably saw on social media and around campus, the Winter Carnival will be happening February 1st and 2nd. So, we had a few phone calls to finalize the posters, the people that are coming and the dates and things like that. So, so far everything seems really nice. You should all go, its going to be really fun, you're going to see me there.

*(Jenicca left at 3:11pm bringing quorum back down to 11)*

Once I came back we had a Sexual Assault Prevention team meeting. That committee consists of people from UNB, NBCC, the College Community College. So, we, kind of, just wrapped up what we did last semester and some initiatives that we are working on this semester. One thing about FSAC, Hillary is the one replacing Maggie, who is our campus Sexual Assault Advocate and one big thing they are working towards is the Slut Shaming Campaign. So, you probably saw posters around Slut Shaming on campus and they are hoping to have a video release of it in February. So, it's a very good way to start the conversation about the word that we use when we describe women most of the time. So, it's pretty strong. So yeah, that's something they are working on.

Since I came back I've been having weekly meeting, every Tuesday, with Trish about the Career Fair that's happening. So, this is going to be happening on February the 12th. So far, we have around 15 employers confirmed. Some of the employers are Opportunities New Brunswick, Correctional Services of Canada, some employers that we didn't have in the past year and this year we are going to be having it in the Great Hall. We are hoping to have Senior Admin., Faculty and staff really engage with that too, just walking around talking to students. And this year the Career Fair is mostly to tell students that there's a lot of things you can do with your BA because we've realized a lot of times people go to a Job Fair thinking they're going to come out of a Job Fair with a job. But that's not what happens, its just knowing what employers are looking for and things like that. So, we kind of tailored this year's Career Fair towards this. So far, we've been able to get good feedback from employers and from the Senior Admin. themselves, so that's pretty neat.

During the first week of school I also met with my Co- Chair for the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee and Mental Health Committee. I don't think I mentioned last meeting that the Mental Health Committee now has a Co-Chair. Her name is Katie McDonnell, she's the one who manages the STU Let's Talk page and she reached out to me saying she'd be interested to Co-Chair. So, I met with her to, kind of, finalize the rest of our plan for this semester for the Mental Health Committee and the Sexual Assault Committee. So, there are pretty exciting stuff coming our way that we have already started working on. But once everything is finalized again, I'm going to be bringing it back to you.



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There were Help Desk trainings happening during the first week of school. I attended both of them to kind of answer any questions that students might have regarding the STUSU. Most of our volunteers this semester are new students, so that's very exciting. And this also shows that they, kind of, know more about the STUSU and what we are doing, so that's pretty brilliant. Exciting news, we have a new printer in the Help Desk, made me very happy, we've been looking forward to that for two years, so that was a new addition that we made to the Help Desk. Had a meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee that we stroke to discuss about composting to, kind of, reconnect and see where to go from there. We are working towards a policy or doing a proposal for Emma, so that's in the process of being done. For this semester we only had five Community Food Smart orders, but I can see it's just beginning of the school year, everyone's just, kind of, settling. So, that happened. I had my first office hour yesterday, so no one came but that's totally fine. I had my Mental Health Committee meeting. That was a very interesting meeting and we learned a lot and threw a lot of ideas. So, one thing that we are currently working towards is having a mental health panel in February. So, the set date that we have, for now, is February 13. We are just waiting for one individual to get back to us to confirm and start advertising that. So, basically the panel will be talking about how mental health and mental wellness is present in everyone regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, and any background they come from. So, we've tried to pick someone from each group. We have someone from the international group, someone from the LGBTQIA+ group, someone from mental health and one professor to actually sit on that panel, so that's pretty neat. So, this is in progress and should be happening on February 13<sup>th</sup> if the last person confirms with us.

*(Nikita and Hannah left at 3:15pm bringing quorum back down to 9)*

We are, also, discussing some ideas about the video campaign to happen in March. I met with Autumn to, kind of, discuss the logistics of that. So, that's something we are starting to work on now, but just in the fresh start. I also met with the Sexual Assault and Prevention Committee and again, with this one too, we are having a panel for Consent. This one, both our panelists confirmed. So, Dr. Karla O'Reagan will be talking and someone from FSAC, her name is Ashley Young. So, they're going to be talking about consent. Karla will probably be focusing more on the legal aspect of consent and the FSAC will be speaking about the social aspect of it and how reporting goes through FSAC. So, the reason why we decided to have that panel was because a lot of students do not realize the legal implications when it comes to consent. And we thought that consent is just thrown around like a good buzz word, but it's not just a buzz word. It's something that we need to have a conversation about. So, that will be happening on February 11 at 6:00 PM location to be decided, but that's something that's finalized, we just need to work out some more logistics and then promote it.

I, also, met with the Long Night Against Procrastination Committee. So, for people who don't know what Long Night Against Procrastination is, it's an event put forward by the University in collaboration with the STUSU and various departments of the University where from five to midnight, students have access to resources and they just work and fight against procrastination and do their work. This year we expanded the event from JDH to GMH. So, we'd be using GMH for like quiet spaces and then JDH for people who would need that background noise to work. It's going to be happening on March the 14th. So, we are still working on the logistics for that and so far, it seems to be doing well, everyone is very excited and, we are hoping for more students now. Last year it was around 500, this time we are working towards expecting 750 students just to, kind of, make sure that we have all the food and resources for that. I, also, met with Michael Eagle from Athletics to, kind of, review gym policies. I guess with what happened last semester, he reached out to me saying that we should get student feedback on it, which was very nice. So, I went over the policy, it's still a draft, it's still confidential, but I personally found no loop holes in this. I ran it through the rest of the executives, too, and we approved that and it seemed pretty okay. All the issues that were raised during the fall were addressed in the policies. So, if students come up to you, you can say that the policy is still a draft and they hoping to release it by the end of January. I also met with Sarah Kohut, the Social Inclusion Rep. to, kind of, see where to go with the Social Inclusion Committee. Sarah had some really nice ideas of how to tackle that. So, the next step would be to meet with Autumn and have the



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infographic and go about that. And lastly, today I had, with Brianna, an interview with the AQ to talk about the mental fee that was implemented last year.

Emma: Thank you so much for your report Wasiimah. I do have to say I have a complaint with the Help Desk's new printer. It does not allow for anyone but an apple computer to print. Yeah and that is worse than the old one.

Wasiimah: Yeah, that's a complaint that everyone has because when the guy came to print he used Sam's computer, and it was not working. But I emailed Tina about that and we are trying to connect with them so that they can come in and fix it.

### 6. Employee Updates

There were no employee updates.

### 7. New Business

#### 7.1. SRC Meeting Time

Wasiimah: So, I know this semester has been a struggle to, kind of, find a time that works for everyone and one thing that happened is at 2:30 on Fridays there's a lot of workshops and a lot of people cannot make it for then. So, we were trying to see if everyone would be okay with moving it for an hour, whatever works best for everyone because during the week we all have night classes on different day so, that's why the week was not an option. But we have Sunday open, Monday morning open and Friday evening. So, whatever works best for everyone and yeah, I think we have this on the agenda, so it gives us the opportunity to, kind of, express how we really feel about the time of the meeting rather than just doing doodle polls and sending emails.

Emma: I think the problem with the conversation that we're about to have right now is that the people who can be here right now are here. But we are missing a significant portion, like Katrina, you are the balance right now about whether or not we would have been able continue to have this meeting. And so, I'll just put out there that I think that Friday's a very imprudent time to have a meeting in the afternoons, if we're going to have that. I think 2:30 is the best time. I understand there's other things that go on, but otherwise, Fridays, we're starting to just dip into people's personal time. And so that's the difficult thing. So, my big consideration is governance wise, we always need to have quorum. I think we would be more likely to lose quorum on Fridays because people will go places, be doing things, than we would if we were to have it, like say, on Sunday or Monday mornings because in that respect you'd be coming back. I do recognize that Sundays are an issue for people, in terms of mobility, there are no buses. Hopefully, it was communicated to folks that we would be willing to try to at least do a ride share program or Monday mornings are another solution to that. But, I think Fridays, unless we keep it at the 2:30 time, are going to continue to be problematic for us.

Wasiimah: So, I agree with Emma, having it later on Fridays might be an inconvenience because you are leaving campus and its like your weekend has already started. So, 2:30 seems to be the most adequate time, but it's still not working for some people. So, for me, personally, my best time would be Monday, but that's just me or I can also do Sunday because I live on campus. But that's not the luxury that everyone has. So, it's really up to you and what you feel comfortable with and what time you think would work best for you, whether Fridays or Sundays or Monday.

Sarah: I think that, in terms of like meeting time, like for me, I don't really have a specific day. But I think that sometime in the afternoon or the morning would be best because I found that last semester almost all of my meetings were at night and then I'd try to like do RA duty on top of that. And there's a lot of conflicting times because everyone just wants to meet at night apparently. So, I feel like that, this is just a



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personal comment, not like a group consensus comment, but, and then again, people's personal time at night and that's when people are winding down and stuff.

Brianna: I'll just say Sarah, I super agree, it would be ideal to have a time, during the day. Husoni didn't add afternoon times to the doodle poll, typically, because just with this many people we could try, but I would almost bet that it would be impossible. Someone or multiple people would have classes during the day. So, that's why we usually, for the same reason as everyone else, want to talk to meetings in the evenings, we also want to have meetings in the evenings. And then this year it just got tricky because we looked at everyone, and even between the four execs. and the Chair and Brianna, we all had night classes and so that's scrapped out all of the evenings during the week. So, then we started looking at times where people don't traditionally have classes, which are Monday mornings, Friday afternoons and then like some days or something like on your weekend. And so that's why I agree, I would love if we could have like a one o'clock on Wednesday and then we just go about the rest of our Wednesday. That'd be ideal. But it is really, really hard with this many people to find a time where nobody, or multiple people don't have classes. So that's why we are kind of relegated to those times.

And especially in this semester where it seems a lot of people have night classes on all different nights. So, just also maybe for some additional context, so that was the second doodle poll that Husoni sent out, was kind of looking at those times where we can be a bit more certain that people don't at least have classes, we understand that you folks have the other commitments outside of class for sure. So, it's still tricky, but that's why that second doodle poll mostly focused on like Monday morning times, Friday afternoon, Sunday times. What came back unsurprisingly was there was not a huge excitement for the Monday morning times and maybe that is just us not wanting to get out of bed. I don't know. Maybe it's because you have other things going on. But yeah, so, the more popular times did tend to be later Sunday afternoon or Friday. And then I messaged a bunch of folks this week and I just said, you know, "could you make Friday or Sunday work?" And more people seemed to lean towards this time on Friday rather than on Sunday. But if folks are willing to also look at Monday mornings, that can be a third option as well. But yeah, I would just highlight if we do for Sunday, I wouldn't feel comfortable setting a Sunday meeting time unless we can ensure everyone has their ride to campus because I am someone, for example, who relies on the buses and would have no other way of getting to campus, if it wasn't for Katrina to drive me home after meetings, very kindly so.

Madison: I remember getting your message this week about Fridays and I said, well, if it has to be Fridays, then I guess it would be this, fine. But I didn't realize that you were also thinking about Mondays. And then I know for me, personally, that I would much rather do Monday mornings instead of trying to give up my time on Friday afternoon. Because I know there's lots of people that, on weekends and stuff go home and it's just like I really want to make a commitment to STUSU but, also, like it's a not getting to go home kind of thing. So, like I know there's a lot of people that are, kind of, in the same boat and I think that if I have to do one, it would definitely be Monday mornings because that's the beginning of the week, we're starting to get back into school mode and it's easier that way than, kind of, winding down for the weekend. It would be better to do Monday morning.

Emma: I think that you hit the nail on the head and I don't think that speaks to commitment to STUSU whatsoever because we're all here because we are committed. But I feel you, like I have limits, as well, like boundaries and I think the later we go on Friday, the more that we all lose out on personal time that we need, because we all have demanding positions as student leaders, having the additional stress and stuff and we need that time during the weekends to relax, go home, pet your dog, hug your cat, your pillow whatever you're doing. So, I'm open to the Monday opportunity. Of course, that's me, I totally understand if folks have work, or other things. But I think we should really open that conversation and I just want to let you know that I'm not a morning person, but I will bring the same energy to those meetings and I'll always bring coffee.



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Stewart: I was just wondering if we do go and explore the Monday morning option, at what time frame would that be?

Brianna: Classes Monday start at 10:30, so I would propose a pre-10 :30 time, cause I think if we go later than that then we are going to run into people starting classes and stuff like that.

Stewart: Unfortunately, for our program, our classes start at 8:30. I, along with the other two reps., who you haven't met yet, but maybe one day, they also have 8:30 Monday morning classes. And I know that, as Emma pointed out, the priority is governance, meeting quorum for each of the meetings, and since the Faculty of Education doesn't have a voting position then it's not a huge priority. I guess my main concern is not ever having representation at any meetings. But again, like in terms of meeting quorum that is a priority. So, if it does happen to be our only option, then there wouldn't be problem.

Katrina: My other concern with Monday mornings; I know STU mental health has all their events and support on Monday mornings because there's no class and so I just don't know how that would affect, like, I don't know if anyone here utilizes those resources, but that's something to keep in mind as well.

Wasiimah: So, I'm just looking at the poll that Husoni sent and I think Monday was not made on option, because it only says 4-5:00 AM and 5-6:00 AM. So, I think there was no option for 8/9:00 AM on that poll.

Megan: For me, the only thing about Monday mornings, that's when my only free time is for me to go to my Writing Center appointments and stuff.

Graci: What time do classes on Friday mornings start?

Brianna: 9AM on Fridays.

Sarah: Is there a possibility of exploring an earlier time on Friday?

Brianna: Can you raise your hand if you have a class that goes right until 2:30 on Fridays?

Emma: I don't have a class, but I have CASA board calls.

Wasiimah: Yeah, I have a class until 2:20.

Sarah: What about before that?

Emma: I'm certainly open to earlier in the day. Brianna and I have board calls some point in the day.

Sarah: The only reason that I bring that up is just because, I know I would find that if it was at 2:30, I don't have any classes on Friday, which is usually where I try and put stuff that can't be put in during the rest of the week. So, 2:30 is, kind of, like in that middle of the dayish where if I were to have something else, I feel like I couldn't be able to have it on Friday because I would have to start it and then stop because of STUSU and then come back sort of thing. And then like I'm sure other people have other commitments.

Brianna: So, this seems to me like there's issues with both Monday and Friday afternoons. Do we want to talk to Sunday or is that a no?

Emma: I think granted we are somehow able to do transportation because that's a nonstarter if there's no transportation, then maybe a 7-9 would be, I think, appropriate at that time. That gives, unless we've got Vanier Hall....

Megan: Our House Committee at 8. I can ask if we could change because at one point we were doing it at 9:30 on Sundays.

Emma: Certainly, look into it, we would appreciate that. But we do need to figure out how many people need drives, where they live, how many people have cars and what that would look like.



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Graci: I think Sundays is good with transportation because anyone who lives away and when they come back, like I always try to come back before the night. So, I think everyone would normally be back around that time. So, unless people have to work, though, because I know students who work on weekends. I don't know if that applies to anyone.

Jarrod: I, also, have a car and I'm willing to transport people on Sunday.

Emma: Well my car is back up and running, so I, too, would be happy to drive people.

Brianna: So, it seems as though we have a good amount of cars and not a ton of people that need rides to campus. Let's say Sunday evening. (to Megan) You're going to check with House Committee? So, we don't know what time Sunday evening, but, hopefully, maybe next week we'll move to Sunday evening. I would suspect around six or seven. There was a Sunday six o'clock time in the doodle poll that did come up quite high. It was just when I messaged people this week and said, "Sunday or Friday?" a lot of people came back into the Friday right away. And so, I just thought that, that was the preference. But given this discussion, it looks like Sunday is preferable. So, we could aim for six or seven. I think that'd be nice because as we all know, sometimes we do go a little like an hour, an hour and a half, too late on Sunday night. So, if you're able to move back House Committee, I know a lot of House Committees actually meet Sunday night, so that doesn't conflicts for anyone else. Do we want to say tentatively we'll meet at 7?

Sarah: Can we say 6?

Brianna: Yeah. We'll reconfirm with House Committees and have Husoni send out like a triple, quadruple confirmation. And then I'll, also, do a little post in the group for anyone who needs rides and then we can just coordinate that. But it seems like there's actually more cars than there are people who needs rides. So, we should be able to.

### 7.2. Indigenous Reconciliation Committee

Kyanna: Oh well we're just really getting things off the ground now. At the moment we're currently have a sign-up list that we will be circulating around this meeting. One thing that I've been getting feedback from Indigenous students, in particular, is the term reconciliation within the Committee where, I think you mentioned earlier about words being buzzwords (to Wasiimah). That's starting to feel more like a buzzword and it's losing its meaning. So, if anyone has any other suggestions on how we could have a Committee with the same focus and the same vision but personally without any words that don't feel like they have any meaning towards it.

Brianna: Anyone has any loose leaf and would want to just start circulating it just so if you are interested in joining Kyanna's committee, you just jot down your name and email for her. And, also, Stephanie is going to be her Vice Chair. It is open to both Indigenous and non- Indigenous persons and last year they did some super cool stuff and Kyanna and Stephanie have some super cool ideas for this year. So, it's going to be a great time. So, I would recommend.

Tyler: Do you guys have an idea yet of what time the Committee would meet?

Kyanna: No, we don't. For the most part, a lot of the meetings that do tend to occur happen spontaneously within the Wabanaki Center. So, if anything it would be possibly be 1/12 PM on Wednesdays, which is where we usually gather for meals anyways. So, everyone is conveniently located there, and it's also open to other people as well.

Emma: I will sit on thinking of a fun new name and I will send you an email if I think of any.

Brianna: Just so you know Kyanna Council can amend the name of the Committee any time. Once you come up with a new name, just bring it forward and it's just a regular policy amendment.



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### 8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Emma: As I said, my campaign's coming up. Please feel free to join if you're interested, just need some human power there for these last few days.

### 9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Brianna.

Seconded by Stewart.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 3:42 pm.

### Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on January 21, 2019.

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