**10th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: December 4th, 2022**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on December 4th at 3:01pm.

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

St. Thomas University Students’ Union recognizes and respectfully acknowledges that it carries out its work on the traditional unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik, and Mi’kmaq peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which these nations first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of territories, but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik titles and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations. STUSU members and staff pay respect to the elders, past and present, and descendants of this land.

1. **Roll call**

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| Position | Name | Present | Regrets | Absent |
| President | Alex Nguyen | • |  |  |
| Vice President Administration | Minahil Fatima | • |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Julia Evans | • |  |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Anahi Alvarez | • |  |  |
| Indigenous Representative | Stevie DeMerchant |  |  | • |
| International Student Representative | Khanh Hoang | • |  |  |
| At Large Representatives (2) | Lauren Hayes  Chloe York | •  • |  |  |
| Off campus Representatives | - |  |  |  |
| Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative | - |  |  |  |
| First Year Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Harrington Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Vanier Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Holy Cross Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Grad Class President | Madison LeBlanc | • |  |  |

Quorum has been met with 7/8.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Education

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Review of Agenda**

**[5.1] BIRT** motion to add two new items under agenda item 10- New Business titled:

10.1 Budget Update – November (VP Admin) and 10.2 Update on the Vanier Representative (VP Admin)

**Moved by: VP Admin**

**Seconded by: President**

**Motion: Carries**

**[5.2] BIRT** the Board adopt the agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Education

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Unfinished Business.**

No unfinished business.

1. **Executive Reports.**

*Executives provided verbal report followed by a written one.*

**7.1. President report - Alex Nguyen**

**Meetings**

SEC Weekly meeting

* The executive team has our weekly meeting to have progress update and check-ins.

NBSA Advocacy Week

* Julia and I attended some final meetings of the NBSA Advocacy.
* Meeting w/ STU Senior Admin.
* Meeting with PETL.

NBSA Executive meeting

* I attended my bi-weekly meeting w/ the Chair and Executive Director.

Senate Committee on Reconciliation

* I attended the final meeting of the semester of the Senate Committee on Reconciliation.

**Miscellaneous**

* Office Hours @JDH from 10-12PM.
* Attended the Announcement for new Centre of Excellent in OC lounge.

**7.2. Vice President Administration report - Minahil Fatima**

**Meetings**

* I did not have my JDH office hour as I had a personal matter to attend to. The HD Coordinator was informed beforehand.
* I had my weekly SEC meeting to touch base with my fellow executives.

**Campus Trust**

* On Wednesday, Tina (our General Manager) and I had a table at the Mental Health Fair in JDH from 11 to 2. We talked about Student Wellness, a new initiative by Campus Trust for Students that helps access resources, especially mental health resources in a confidential, secure, and accessible manner. If any of you would like to know more, do not hesitate to send me an email.
* A student was having trouble with her billing, and since Crystal, our contact at PBAS/Campus Trust is on vacation, the problem took a little longer to sort out, but we are getting there.

**Clubs & Societies**

* The Finance Committee approved a funding application, so I worked with Tina on transferring the funds.
* The Google Form that I had created for Winter Clubs & Societies Fair closed on Tuesday, so I gave those registration numbers to Anahi and Alex as the Fair will happen during the Winter Carnival.
* Estefania, our Activities and Events Coordinator, reached out to me asking if I could contact clubs and societies and ask for volunteers for the Winter Formal Coat check. So, I sent a mass email to C&S asking if anyone wanted to sign up as they would get free entry into the Formal. I am hoping at least some contacted Estefania.

**Administrative Tasks**

* We finally have our Budget Update which I will be presenting later. This will be our last update before we resume in 2nd semester.
* Vanier Rep reached out to me regarding his position on the SRC. I will also be updating the Council later.

VP Admin: I also wanted to make everyone aware that my email is currently not working, so please contact me through messenger or through my personal email should you require any assistance!

**7.3. Vice President Education report - Julia Evans**

**Meetings**

**NBSA: Meeting with PETL**

* We have been finalizing meetings with our key provincial stakeholders to discuss our advocacy document. Some of these stakeholders include: University administrations, the Minister of Housing, the Minister of Post-Secondary Education Training and Labour, and the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce. We had our last meeting this past Tuesday with PETL, which included the Minister of PETL, the Minister of Housing, and the Minister of Mental Health.

**NBSA: Meeting with Senior Administration**

* We had a meeting with the Senior Administration to discuss the provincial advocacy asks and to see where our priorities align and how we can support each other in advocacy to better meet the student needs.

**CASA: Advocacy Week**

* The member relations officer from CASA, reached out to me to attend a final advocacy meeting, with MP Lindsay Mathyssen, NDP Critic for Gender Equality.

**SEC Meeting:**

* We had our weekly executive meeting.

**Prep for Presidential Search Committee:**

* I am the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee and this week the two final candidates are coming to campus for a public session and a final round of interviews.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**MLA Mondays:**

* Our advocacy at all levels (institutional, provincial, and federal) is guided this year by the value of bringing advocacy closer to students. As such, we have been fostering a relationship with MLA David Coon. We have been in contact with MLA Coon and accordingly, we brought the MLA Monday initiative to campus this year and each session will be centered around an advocacy concern highlighted by students (for ex: sustainability and affordability). The second session took place on November 28th at the SUB Room 103 on the topic of affordability. It was a remarkable success. We discussed issues ranging from the rent cap, food bank access to accessibility on campus for students with dependants.

**Miscellaneous**

**Office Hour**

* I will be having my Office Hour every Tuesday from 1-2pm in the JDH Help Desk. Come visit!

**7.4. Vice President Student Life report - Anahi Alvarez**

**Meetings**

Interview with the Aquinian:

* To talk about the mental health fair that happened on Wednesday.

Meeting with the Mental Health Committee:

* We brainstormed more activities for the upcoming semester, and we were able to talk about the mental health fair.

Meeting with SVNB

* I had a meeting with Hillary to talk about sex week, and the activity that will be hosted with the three campuses.

Meeting with the Sexual Prevention Committee

* I had a meeting with the committee to let them know about sex week, and how we will be working with SVNB.

**Projects and Initiatives**

* We are finalizing the planning the winter formal and logistics.
* I am currently contacting different resources and people who will be interested in joining Sex Week.
* I am still working with Mayday to work to get the STUSU swag for all SRC members.

**Miscellaneous**

* I received applications for the emergency bursary, and questions about the food smart program.
* I had my office hours as usual on Thursday.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports.** 
   1. **International Student Report**

* This week, the international office reached out to me through the international leader award. Right now, we are taking nominations for this award. We are expecting the deadline to be 3:00 pm on December 9th. The award recipient will be announced on December 14th. If you know of any international students who are deserving of this award, please nominate them.
  1. **At-Large Representative report**
* In the best interest of time, our event that was previously planned will be moved to early next semester. As well, we also volunteered to assist with selling winter-formal tickets this week.
  1. **Grad Class President report**
* Last week, we had grad class clothing that was sold every day. On Wednesday, we are having an event with hot chocolate and cookies, partnered with STU alumni as a celebration for the end of the semester. Please feel free to stop by!

1. **New Business.**

**10.1. Budget Update – November (VP Admin)**

**VP Admin:** We had moved funds into the conferences line for last month. For the activities line, there have also been some changes, as well as the academic assistance line, emergency bursaries line. There have also been some changes to the welcome week line from last month. Lastly, there are some updates to the clubs & societies section, since the TST line has now been removed.

**10.2. Update on the Vanier Representative (VP Admin)**

**VP Admin:** The Vanier Representative has handed in their resignation, and they are no longer a member of the SRC. I also reached out to IT to have those email changes made.

**Union Chair:** To meet quorum, the number that is needed for our meetings will now be reduced. So, we will now be requiring 5 members for each SRC meeting.

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**Vice President Student Life:** As a reminder, the STU winter formal will be held that night. We expect all SRC members to attend. We have some positions filled already, but feel free to put your name and the time that you are available.

**VP Admin**: During our winter break, the primary form of contact will be Alex, however I will be the second contact in the case that Alex is unavailable.

**At-Large Representative Hayes:** Could we get an email with the times that we are required to be there.

**Vice President Student Life:** I will make those changes to the excel sheet so that they are reflected.

**At-Large Representative York:** Is this the same excel sheet that had the ticket info?

**Vice President Student Life:** I can send you a link to the spreadsheet.

**President:** As previously mentioned, each person is required. If you cannot make it, please let Anahi know so that we are aware. Also, we have types of wristbands for the event. Please pay attention and make sure that you are aware of which one is which. As well, please show up a half hour before your shift. If you would like to do a specific task, please make sure those are reflected in the spreadsheet.

**Vice President Student Life:** If you are not able to attend, please let me know

**President:** Next week is our last SRC meeting before heading into winter break. Would anyone be interested in doing a get-together before classes start? If this is a good idea, this is something we can organize.

**VP Education**: Is there a specific date in mind?

**President:** We would be doing this online, but do not have a date in mind yet.

**VP Admin:** I will not be able to attend since I will be away out of the country. We can always have an in-person get-together before the beginning of classes.

**Vice President Student Life:** Just as an update for STUSU swag, we decided to do a full-zip jacket. If everyone could send their sizes by Monday, that would be great.

**VP Admin:** Is it a jacket or hoodie?

**Vice President Student Life:** It is more of a hoodie. Also, we can do the logo or the title by the arm sleeve.

**President:** A title by the arm sleeve would be great.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:37pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on December 8th, 2022.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council