**2nd Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: September 25th, 2022**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on 5:02pm, at September 25th.

1. **Land Acknowledgements**

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 | Ananhi 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 | - |  |  |  |

Quorum has been met with 6/8.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 1st Meeting of the SRC as presented.

**Moved by: President**

**Seconded by: At Large Representative Hayes**

**Motion: Carries**

1. **Review of Agenda**

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

**Moved by: President**

**Seconded by: VP Student Life**

**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**

**NBSA Executive Bi-Weekly meetings**

* I attended my Bi-weekly Executive meeting with the NBSA Chair and Executive Director.
* I also scheduled meetings and sent out meeting minutes to member institutions.

**NBSA Finance Committee Meeting**

* I sit on the NBSA Finance Committee this year and we had our first meeting on Tuesday.
* Some of the priorities for the Committee this year includes: By-laws review, and Observer/ membership status review.

**SEC Weekly meeting**

* The Executives had our weekly meeting to present reports and progress update.
* The agenda for this week’s SEC includes: Info session, Committee operations and NBCCD Event.

**Meeting w/ VP Finance and Administration James Culligan**

* We discussed student appointments to the Presidential Advisory Committee on Environmental Issues. The Committee is currently having two student positions open for two-year term.

**Project/ Initiatives**

**More Than Tuition Campaign update**

* We are now preparing report based on the result of the survey as we move to concluded phase 1 of the campaign.

**STUSU Election info Session**

* Minahil and I hosted STUSU Election Info session on September 23rd.
* We talked to student who were interested in running for position and were able to answer their questions about the roles and procedures.

**Miscellaneous**

**Policy maintenance**

* I conducted a review on some of our operational and external policy as we will work on a thorough review and update in the upcoming weeks to make sure everything is up-to-date.

**Experiential Learning Senate Committee update**

* The President and VP Education are usually sit on the Experiential Learning Committee along with faculty and staffs.
* This year, however, due to the Committee is looking to reduce the size to make it more efficient, I agreed to step off from the Experiential Learning and Julia will be STUSU main student representative.

**Senate Committee student appointment**

* As discussed via meeting with Dr. Fenwick, I put out a call for student positions on Senate Committees.
* As of right now, we still have vacancy for some Committees and will be filled through appointment in October.

**NBCCD x STUSU x UNBSU Ice Cream Buffet Event**

* As mentioned, I delivered the ice cream toppings for the event.

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

**Meetings**

* The executives and I had our weekly SEC meeting where we discussed our reports and the progress of our initiatives.
* Friday afternoon, Alex and I gave the Election 101 session.
* I did have my weekly office hour at the JDH Help Desk because we had Monday off.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**Clubs & Societies**

* During this week, I worked on creating a doodle poll for the executive training which will be emailed early this week.
* I also received a few emails from clubs and societies regarding funding and where to find the funding application. One of which we will be discussing today.

**Campus Trust**

* I had a few students reach out to me with concerns that they couldn't log into their accounts and that they were having trouble accessing some information. I got in touch with Crystal Baker and we are working on resolving those issues.

**Miscellaneous**

Administrative Tasks

* I have started working with Tina on the monthly budget update and hopefully, that will be presented at our next meeting.

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

**Meeting with Rey:**

* I had a meeting with our communications director Rey. We discussed a plan for MLA Monday promotions as well as a plan to design the Advocacy Report so that the information is both organized and attractive to present to our advocacy partners.

**New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) Health, Wellness, and Sustainability Meeting:**

* I had a meeting with the New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) Health, Wellness and Sustainability Committee. I lead this committee. At this meeting, we decided on a consistent weekly schedule meeting times, and laid out policy priorities ahead of advocacy week. Right now, I am researching provincial mental health contributions to universities and will re-convene with the committee in two weeks’ time to begin the policy writing.

**New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) Affordability Meeting:**

* I led the Affordability Committee for the NBSA, and we re-convened to update each other on our Operating Grant research. We updated the current policy surrounding University funding and once this policy is complete, we will move on to financial aid policy.

**Meeting with Student Senator Megan:**

* I had a meeting with Megan, the student Senator. She has a class conflict with the Senate meetings so we laid out a plan for meeting first semester to ensure she can still maintain active involvement in the Senate.

**Meeting with Indigenous Representative Stevie:**

* I had a productive meeting with Stevie to discuss initiatives surrounding Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day and how the Student Union can help support and facilitate the initiatives. I will let Stevie explain more in her report. I reached out to MLA Coon and MP Atwin to invite them to the Orange Shirt Day opening ceremonies. MLA Coon confirmed his attendance which is exciting!

* I also went through the SRC Advocacy Policy with Stevie. She is going to bring the policy to the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. This is important to ensure that Indigenous voices are consulted on policy at all levels and that we frequently update policies to ensure they are up to date and reflect the needs of all students.

**SEC Meeting:**

* On Friday, the executive team had our weekly meeting, we updated each other on our respective projects and prepared for today’s first meeting.

**Meeting with UNBSU Policy Director:**

* I had a meeting with Rose at UNBSU to discuss promotional plans and a theme for the upcoming MLA Monday on October 3rd. The theme is sustainability and I am going to be reaching out to clubs and societies on campus to encourage their participation. Rey will be posting promotional material tomorrow so please share with your constituents.

**CASA September E-Plenary:**

* As the primary delegate, I attended the September CASA meeting where we voted on updated policies. We were consulted on the policies last week so, we had ample change to ask questions.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**\*\*same initiatives as last Sunday\*\***

**‘More Than Tuition’ Advocacy Campaign:**

* We are in the final stages of drafting the “More than Tuition” Phase 1 report. Throughout the summer, we collected survey data from students to gain insight on student concern, best methods of communication and how well-versed students are in STUSU services and our advocacy organizations (CASA and NBSA). Now, we are putting that information into presentable and actionable items and information to share with students, the administration and to the provincial government. The next step will be to plan an in-person advocacy demonstration, so students feel immersed in the campaign.

**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 are bringing 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). For this initiative, we are collaborating with UNB so we are rotating between the Student Union Building and James Dunn Hall. We hope this will encourage more participation. The first meeting is **Monday, October 3rd at Great Hall in GMH at noon** so mark your calendars as this is a great way as a representative to learn more about advocacy and share information with your constituents. I am working alongside the communications director, Rey to ensure we can get the word out early.

**Miscellaneous**

**Office Hour:**

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

**President:** We had not yet received a booking confirmation to rent out the Great Hall for this event. Seeing as this event is two weeks away, what would you want me to do in case we haven’t heard back in time?

**VP Education:** Seeing as we are putting up posters and advertising tomorrow (September 26th),

**Director of Communications:** We can put location “TBD” advertised on the posters, and they update the location as soon as we receive confirmation on the Great Hall.

**President:** In the event that we do not receive confirmation for the Great Hall, will we be using JDH?

**VP Education:** To maintain consistency with the notice we gave to MLA David Coon, it would be preferable to use the Great Hall regardless of whether we receive final confirmation. JDH is very loud, which is why the Great Hall would be better.

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

**Meetings**

**With General Manager**

* I had a meeting with Tina to talk about the Shinerama Fundraiser that happened and welcome week, we also talked about the help desk.

**Meeting with Activities Coordinator**

* Estafania and I had a check in to see if everything was ready for the event that is happening on Thursday.

**SEC Meeting**

* We had our executive meeting on Friday, and I gave all the executives an update of my week.

**Projects and Initiatives**

* I contacted Aramark so they can provide us with supplies for our Thursday event
* I am currently doing a poster to advertise the Community Food Smart Bag for the upcoming month, so we have more students in the program
* I am looking forward to working with UNBSU and collaborating with different events

**Miscellaneous**

* I answered emails regarding the bus pass and the Community Food Smart Program
* I had my office hours at the Help Desk from 3:00-4:00pm (on Thursday)

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee updates.

1. **Representative Reports.**

**Indigenous Representative Report**

* Under One Sky will be selling shirts for Orange Shirt Day, and we will be needing volunteers to help sell shirts. Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in helping to volunteer and to sell shirts.
  1. **At-Large Representatives report**
* The At Large Representatives do not have any reports

1. **New Business.**

**10.1.** **Funding application for Venezuela 180 – VP Administration**

* Vice President Administration provided funding application.

VP Administration: There has been a funding of $450 request from Venezuela 180 in order to have a fundraising event. My recommendation would be to table the motion at this time – due to the location for the event being held off-campus at the Cap.

**President**: I agree, ask if there was a reason as to why the event is being held off campus, as the rent cost 200$. As well, it would be beneficial to receive more confirmation on how exactly they plan to use these funds.

**BIRT** the Venezuela 180 funding application be tabled to the next meeting.

**Moved by: VP Administration**

**Seconded by: At Large Representative**

**Motion: Carries**

**BIRT that the motion on agenda 10.1 be amended as follow:** The Venezuela 180 funding application be tabled to the next meeting with follow-up answer to be provided by the VP Administration.

**Moved by: President**

**Seconded by: Vice President Administration**

**Motion: Carries**

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**Indigenous Representative:** Call SRC members to volunteer for Orange Shirt Day and reach out via Facebook or email [su\_indigenous@stu.ca](mailto:su_indigenous@stu.ca) if they have any availability.

**VP Education**: MLA Monday event will be on October 3rd at 12:00PM for anyone who would like to come and join.

**President:**

1. PAC on Environmental Awareness: We are still looking for two more students for the committee. It is a very low commitment committee, and meetings are only held twice each semester.

2. Representative report (at large can have join report): for SRC members who have the same title, you are able to submit the same report in what both of the members have worked on in the week.

3. Post minutes on website: It will be important to be checking the meeting minutes for each week to ensure that they are accurate. Approved meeting minutes will be available on STUSU website at stusu.ca.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 5:41pm.

**Moved by: President**

**Seconded by: Vice President Education**

**Motion: Carries**

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on September 29th.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council