**3rd Meeting of the 50th SRC**

**Date: Friday, September 29th 2023**

**Location: Holy Cross House, Room 5**

1. **Call to Order**

Elizabeth Namit, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on September 29th 2023, at 3:35pm.

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 | Stevie DeMerchant |  |  |  |
| Vice President Administration | Ahmik Burneo |  |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Emily Boucher |  |  |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Isabella Baralt |  |  |  |
| Indigenous Representative | Tanner J Augustine |  |  |  |
| International Student Representative | Ana Lucía Pavón |  |  |  |
| At Large Representatives (2) | Lauren Hayes |  |  |  |
| Off campus Representatives (2) | Emma Craib  Taylor Armstrong |  |  |  |
| Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative | Emmanuelle Jackson |  |  |  |
| First Year Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Harrington Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Vanier Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Holy Cross Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | Colby Beers |  |  |  |
| Grad Class President | - |  |  |  |

Quorum has been met 7/11 members.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approves to amend the minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 50th SRC as presented to remove the first agenda of 4.1 as that motion was never raised.

**Moved by:** VP Administration

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion** CARRIES

**[4.2.] BIRT**the Board approves the minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 50th SRC as amended.

**Moved by:** VP Administration

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion**CARRIES

1. **Review of Agenda**

**[5.1] BIRT**the Board approves totable agenda 10.1 for the next SRC meeting.

**Moved:**VP Administration

**Seconded:**President

**Motion CARRIES**

**5.2 BIRT** the Board approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

**Moved by:** VP Administration

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion CARRIES**

1. **Unfinished Business.**
   1. **Operational Policy 5 - Students Services Policy – VP Admin (Ahmik) – tabled for next meeting.**
2. **Executive Reports.**

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

* 1. **President report – Stevie DeMerchant**
* Sister of Charity meeting: Sister of Charity has been partnering with STU for years and they are interested in funding an outdoor ceremony space for our Indigenous community.
* Meeting with International representative, VP education & NBSA Executive Director.
* Help Desk Hour
* New Brunswick Student Alliance policy meeting: This is where the board of directors finished accepting the policy for the upcoming advocacy week.
* National Indigenous Advocacy Committee Meeting: during this meeting the co-chairs provided updates, the group provided feedback on our retreat, and we began talking about the upcoming CASA advocacy week.
* Meeting with the Chief Returning Officer to begin setting a timeline for the upcoming fall by-election
* Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Board Meeting
* Orange Shirt Day ceremony & event: STUSU sold mini orange shirts by-donation and all proceeds will go towards Kehkimin Walstoqey language school.
* Student Executive Council Meeting
  1. **Vice President Administration report – Ahmik Burneo**
* Clubs and Societies email: Some clubs and societies reached out to me regarding their clubs’ emails. They were requesting to have OneDrive included with their STU emails, but due to the new contract that the university has with Microsoft, clubs and societies can only have a shared email.
* Health and Dental Plan Opt-out: Some students reached out requesting help to opt out of the health and dental plan
* Health and Dental Plan Information: Carrie – International Student Coordinator – reached out regarding a student currently studying remotely from his home country. She wanted me to go a little bit through the health and dental plan and see how the student benefit can from it as he currently does not have insurance back home and is hoping to come next semester.
* I held my weekly office hours at the help desk this Tuesday.
* I met with the Governance Committee: there are 3 active topics in the committee, but again all the information discussed there is confidential.
* I’ve been working on the operational policy of student services based on the feedback provided. However, this is not ready to be presented until next week.
* Meeting with the executive team
  1. **Vice President Education report – Emily Boucher**

Internal

* Met with International Student Representative to discuss policies and pressing concerns international students face while attending STU. We have decided to schedule biweekly meetings going forward to work together to address and solve some of these issues.
* Got in touch with political science professors to discuss an upcoming event STUSU is co-hosting with UNBSU: Pizza & Policy with MLA David Coon. We are having MLA Coon come into a political science class during the semester to chat with students and answer any questions they may have.
* Had our weekly executive meeting
* Office hours at the help desk on Wednesday
* Fundraiser for the indigenous language school

External

* Had an emergency NBSA board meeting to pass any policies that were tabled at the previous board meeting. All policies were passed and are approved to be added to the Advocacy Document for our upcoming Advocacy week.
  + we are currently looking for volunteers to join us for advocacy week as we meet with members of the municipal and provincial government to discuss key student concerns. Come chat with me to learn more about getting involved.
* Met with the Executive Director to work on and finish the international student ask in one of our policies
* Wrote a press release for the NBSA to congratulate our ED on winning a human rights award
* Met with NBSA ED to fine tune some details for Advocacy Week and begin sending out invitations to stakeholders to meet during Advo week.

**7.4. Vice President Student Life report – Isabella Baralt**

* Meeting with Estefania: I met with the Activities and Events coordinator to starting organizing October and November event, as well as come up with strategies to increase student engagement and participation on events.
* Promotion and orders for Community Food Smart: I have been working with the Director of Communications to increase promotion on community food smart.
* I met with Ryan Sullivan to discuss possible changes and upgrades to the help desk.
* Truth and Reconciliation event and ceremony.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

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

* Met up withs Sydona, Steevie and Emily to discuss international students at STU
* Met with Carrie
* Met with the Canadian liaison of STUISA
* Met with the multicultural coordinator for an event we are planning together. The date of the event and what we are going to name the event which is the biggest problem we are having.

1. **New Business.**

No New Business

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**11.1** VP Administration: This year our executive team has included all employees to give a monthly update, excluding the chair and recording secretary as they are always here at the meetings.

**11.2** VP Administration: Next Friday the SRC will be done remotely

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:53pm.

**Moved by:** VP Education

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion CARRIES**

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on Monday October 2nd at 1:38pm

**Alyssa Ivany**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council