



The Students' Representative Council
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11th Meeting of the 47th SRC
5:00 pm, Sunday, January 17, 2021
Via Zoom (Online)

Attendance Record

Position	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
President	Sarah Kohut	X		
Vice President Administration	Matthew Oram	X		
Vice President Education	Megan Cormier	X		
Vice President Student Life	Kyle McNally	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Sydney Shelley	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Kathleen Jones	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Ravtej Singh	X		
Rigby Hall Representative	Jonah Simon	X		
Social Inclusion Representative	Andie Amaya	X		
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Tyler MaGee	X		
First-Year Representative	Lauren Hayes	X		
Member at Large Representative	Victoria Young	X		
International Student Representative	Alex Nguyen	X		
Indigenous Student Representative	Tiger Levi	X		
Grad Class President	Alaina Mejia	X		

Staff Present: Brianna Hill (Chair), Minahil Fatima (Recording Secretary)

AQ Representatives: Hannah Rudderham

Guests Present: N/A



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Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Brianna Hill at 5:04 pm.
Quorum is met with 11 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.
It was moved by Sydney S. to approve agenda.
Seconded by Sarah K.
The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 10th Meeting

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.
It was moved by Kyle M. to approve minutes.
Seconded by Kathleen J.
The minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Discussion on 2-Spirit and LGBTQIA+

Tyler: I hope everybody had a great break. And it's good to see everyone. So just to provide a little bit of an update, and then I'll pass it over to Sarah. The executives and I had a meeting to just further discuss the details of the focus groups and where we're going to be taking this. So, and that's kind of just a little update, just to give everyone where we are right now. So, I will pass the floor over to Sarah to take on the rest.

Sarah: So as Tyler said, we met Jonah and Tiger and Mason as well. I will be in contact with you, sometime in the very near future to kind of discuss what we talked about and stuffs moving forward. But aside from that, that's where we are. And I just because this will be an ongoing thing. So, there's not necessarily something that will need to be talked about each week. I would like to motion to take this agenda item off the table. So, I'll just elaborate, I guess a bit more on what this means. So basically, taken off the table is me saying that we won't need to talk about this each week. However, when things arise and this process moves along, and there's stuff that needs to be brought up to SRC, or just updates to be given to SRC, then we'll just put it back on the agenda as an agenda item. But yeah, this is basically just taking it off, so that we don't talk about it every single week when there might not be something to mention. But nonetheless, it won't be forgotten. It'll be put back on the agenda when there's things to be told or mentioned.

Tyler: Yeah, again, I'm just gonna echo what Sarah said. And we also still have like our reports and stuff. So, we still have opportunities to talk about this stuff as well as we go forward. And if anyone has any, like questions or like would like their own little like mini update as to what's going on, feel free to email any of us and we'll do our best to update you and answer questions and stuff as they arise. So again, just because it's not reflected on the agenda doesn't mean that we aren't still talking about this. So please use any avenue that you would like.



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Motion has been moved by Madam President to take agenda item 3.1 off the table.

Seconded by Tyler M.

That motion has been approved by all present 11 voting members of council.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President 's Report – Sarah Kohut

Hello, again, everyone. I just want to say again, so happy that everyone's back. And I hope that you had a restful Christmas or holiday break. I guess I'll start with, I believe looking at my calendar, our last SRC meeting was December 6, I think. And so, I'm just going to give a little bit of like the important things that happened at the end of last December before I go into what's happened in the new year. And so on December 8, the Vanier Renewal Committee met, we chatted a bit about fixtures and stuff like not necessarily furniture, but like what we wanted furniture to look like and things like that before we go into like the really nitty gritty of furnishing the place and making it look like a residence and then I think I mentioned this last meeting, but on December 10, the NBSA concluded our advocacy season or month with St. Thomas's senior administration, and that was good. Then on December 16, the NBSA had our last board meeting of the year, it was very informal, just to touch base one last time before the year concluded. There wasn't really anything that we discussed there. And then we had our SRC bonding, which was very exciting. It was nice to see everyone that attended and then moving on to this year. Feels weird to say this year and it also feels like the end of December, the beginning of December was an eternity ago. But as Tyler mentioned, the execs and Tyler met to discuss what we just mentioned, and that was on January 6, and I have attended, I wouldn't even necessarily considered attending the January energiser one day conference that was put on by the Residence Life Office. The reason why I say I wouldn't even say that I attended is because I had a dentist appointment. Unfortunately, that ran really late. So, I essentially missed the entirety of that event. I only really made it to the introduction, which was a little bit disappointing, but you got to do what you got to do. You got to go to the dentist, you can't skip out on that stuff. Also, I will say that I strongly encourage the execs to take the holiday break off and to not do anything STUSU related because everyone deserves a little bit of a vacation. So, we really started working again on January 11, on the first day of classes. So, on January 11, the executives met with Dr. Fenwick and Karen Preston who's a registrar to begin our first of our monthly meetings which will happen over the course of second semester, which is something that came as a result of our pass/fail advocacy we found it was needed to have another avenue to touch base with Dr. Fenwick and to loop in the registrar as well to share student concerns. So, with that being said if you yourself have any concerns or if you have any concerns pertaining to academic related things, online learning, we've mentioned a bunch of different ways that you can bring them up. Megan is a part of the Remote Learning Committee, there's also the Megan's remote learning office hours with Dr. Karen Robear. Different Karen different job, the same name though. But there's those two avenues but now we have this new one as well. So, if you or your constituents have any concerns, please bring them up to the executives and we can bring them to these meetings as that's what they're dedicated for. So that's an exciting thing that will be going on over second semester. And on Tuesday, I had my first office hour of the semester, my new time will be Tuesdays from 3 to 4pm. And obviously, with orange phase, we put out some social media stuff, but the helpdesk is closed. So, we'll only be having our office hours virtually, but you can still find the link in the same place @studu.ca/executives, and then the Vanier Renewal Committee was supposed to meet but we did not. And then moving on to Wednesday, January 13, the NBSA executives met with a Minister Don. So that's the minister that's responsible for aboriginal affairs, and also population growth. So that's relevant to international students to discuss some of our asks with the NBSA. And that meeting went well, and I'm looking forward to seeing what comes out of that meeting in the future and some action items. And that's always something that the NBSA is really focused on is holding the people that we meet with accountable in terms of what they've promised and what they've suggested to us. So, we'll definitely be in close contact in the future with that, and then I attended a little bit of the Community and Post-secondary Relations Committee meeting. So that's the committee that has the members of the UNBSU, members of STUSU, Fredericton's Mayor, Fredericton council members. David Kuhn is a part of that. And that was good. We went over their strategic



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plan and created some action items moving forward on how to update that so that was good. And then the NBSA executives had our weekly executive meetings. So those are now on Wednesdays from 3 to 4pm. So, I think last semester, they are on Mondays. And then Thursday, I attended the Vice President Academic and research. That's Dr. Fenwick's review committee meeting. So, if you remember from last semester, that's a committee that I was asked to be a part of as Dr. Fenwick's term is up for renewal at the end of this year in April, I believe. So, we had that meeting. Unfortunately, I can't discuss what we talked about, because it's confidential, but it was a good meeting, nonetheless. And then, unfortunately, I had to miss the Retail Review Committee meeting, which was that afternoon as I was flying back to Fredericton, but I'm sure it was good. And Megan attended. So, you'll hear about it in her report. And then on Friday, I met with Ryan Sullivan to have our biweekly meetings again. And that was good. And then I met with Matt and Alex to talk about international student financial aid. And that was a really exciting meeting. And we've got some things going forward and in the very near future we'll share that with SRC very, very soon, we just need to work out the specific details. So, we want to do that before we share anything, but something's in the works and something's gonna happen. So that's really, really exciting that STUSU is in a position to support international students financially this year. And that was a fantastic initiative that Alex brought forward. So, thank you for that. Kyle, and I met with Adriana whose UNBSU VP of finance, I think it's called, but Matt's equivalent at the UNBSU. And then Vishnu who is their VPSL to renew the safe ride contract for the semester. And that was good. That meeting lasted a grand total of nine minutes. It was very straightforward and then I met with Spirit River who is Megan, correct me if I'm wrong EDI representative. Yeah, equity, diversity, and inclusion representative for CASA. So, a member of the CASA executive for our monthly liaison call, and that was good as well and now we're here at SRC.

4.2 Vice President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hello everybody. hope everybody had a good break as well and a good first week back. So, for my report, as Sarah mentioned, I won't kind of go over that, but with a meeting with Dr. Fenwick then a meeting with Alex on Friday, but for the stuff that was done, just on my behalf, a lot of it was Campus Trust related. Some new students coming into the school had a lot of questions, as well as students that went to part-time at first semester, and then move back to full-time for second semester. So, some of these questions actually might apply to people in here who are under Campus Trust. If you're not, then it wouldn't apply to you. But specifically, for an international student question, I received a question from a student about coverage for mandatory COVID testing coming from my I believe, Jamaica possibly. So unfortunately, our plans don't cover a mandatory COVID testing in one's own country, because it's basically covered by New Brunswick Medicare. So that's something that I had to reach out to Campus Trust about. But that's not covered under our extended health plan. Whereas with guard.me, it could be, I'm not an expert but that's something that may be covered under that. And then I received an email from a domestic student about coverage returning to full-time in second semester. So basically, they just wanted to know, when they went to part time in the fall, and they returned to full time in the winter, if the deductions that they made in first semester would be taken off for this semester, which they will be because obviously, if the plan is renewed, then it would be kind of be bad for our plans in terms of our finances. And then also, I received a question from another student in terms of Campus Trust about coverage for the COVID-19 vaccine once it comes out. So that's something that I hadn't thought about. It's an interesting question. I reached out to Crystal from Campus Trust on Friday to see what the response is. I'm still waiting to hear; I'm assuming I'll hear tomorrow. So, I think that's an important thing for everybody who's under health plans, obviously, because the vaccine will be coming out at some point. And I'll have a concrete answer regarding that sometime this week. So, I'll present that answer at our next SRC meeting next Sunday. In terms of clubs and societies, I sent out a mass email. First for the general January energiser event and second for the winter clubs, society's week, obviously, because of COVID, and the rising case, and all that stuff, we're not able to have an in person as we would have in past years. But I'm looking at doing the same thing as we did first semester. Having a virtual clubs/society where we will repost videos, informative videos for the clubs and societies on our Instagram and Facebook pages. There seem to be a lot of students engaged with this in first semester, I think it was a success. So basically, just for the new students who are coming in, whether international or domestic for



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this semester, I just kind of want to give them every opportunity to engage with certain clubs and societies. So that next year when stuff is hopefully back in person, they already have connections and stuff like that with these clubs. So, we'll be doing that, potentially the last week of January, just waiting on a few more responses from the different clubs and societies. I sent Megan some info, just briefly for her senate reports. Then I also had a conversation with a student about a great appeal from first semester. So that'll be going to the Student Advisory Committee next week, just waiting for my response in terms of availability, but hopefully we'll be able to solve those types of problems. And then I also had my office hour the same as Sarah mentioned, and then mine will be on Tuesdays at 10am this semester. I think that's it for me.

Sarah: Not a question comment or concern for Matt. I apologize. I forgot to say things in my report, and I think Matt forgot to say that the exec like STUSU execs had our first executive meeting of the semester on Friday and we will be meeting on there every Thursday. But now at six I think instead of seven. Which was our last semester meeting time. And so, we did that as well. And something that I wanted to highlight is I've scheduled check-in meetings with all of the executives just to go over, or to debrief last semester and talk a bit about how it went for them personally. And also, to talk a bit about the semester ahead and kind of work together on how each exec is going to fulfill their portfolio for the semester and plan that together. So I wanted to extend that to council members as well, if you would like to meet with me just to chat a bit about last semester and how your experience was or how you felt it was or to talk a bit about what you maybe want to do in second semester, or if you're unsure of what you want to do and you just want to brainstorm some ideas, just send me an email and I would be more than happy to meet with you all to discuss that. And on top of that, something cheesy that I wanted to do that I also forgot to say is when people go around and do their reports, I want everyone to say one thing that they did over the holiday break that made them happy, or it was relaxing, or something that they really enjoyed. Because relaxation and taking time for yourself is important, especially this year. So, with that, I'm gonna turn it to Matt and put you on the spot and you're gonna start it off.

Matt: Something relaxing that I did, I guess was spent a lot of money on clothes and new pants and I got a pair of Lululemon's. So that's all it's all good for me.

4.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Megan Cormier

Hello, everyone, I'm going to start off with a fun thing I did. Because I know by the end of my report, I'm absolutely gonna forget to do it. And then I don't want to get yelled at for forgetting. So, one thing I did that was really fun was I went to those glamping dome things. And there was a hot tub, but you had to burn the wood yourself. And the worst thing was it takes three hours to heat up, you really had to dedicate. And then we got too hot, we heated up too much. And then it was just a loss overnight anyway, but it was really fun. We got to snowshoeing and hiking, which I love doing. So that was kind of the highlight of my vacation. So, jumping into my report, starting with what I've done for STUSU, I sent out an email to everyone who's on the Member Relations Committee, about a meeting time. So that time is January 21, at 12pm. So, if you haven't been looking at your emails, just check it out. And if you have issues with that time, I'm trying to get as many people there as possible just to get it going. So just let me know if that time doesn't work. And we can figure it out. It's hard to get so many people in one spot at the same time, especially with a weird schedule year like we have. So, on top of that, I scheduled my Academic and University Affairs meeting. And I'm in the process of working out the times for my other two committees, just because it seems like no one has the same availability on the same day. So, it's been a little tricky, but we're getting there. We're working it down to a few days. Thursday, January 7, Kyle, and I met with the Office of Experiential Learning and Community-based Learning to work with them to publicize the upcoming Sustainable Development Goals launch. So, if you haven't seen that it's on our social media. And it's also on the experiential learning pages. Share it if you see it also, it's going to be amazing. So, go check out the speakers that are going. It's a two-day event at the end of this week. Unfortunately, I can't attend but make sure if you're interested to hop on the website and reserve your spot. For the 9th, I attended the January Energizer, which was really nice. Monday, the 11th as everyone has previously mentioned,



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we met with Dr. Fenwick. The same day I met with David Kuhn and his team, as well as the president of UNBSU to talk about our MLA Mondays. So rather than having them every Monday, we've decided to do the first Monday of every month, just because students weren't really attending. It ended up just being Sean, David and I hanging out. And sometimes Sarah and sometimes Jason, and sometimes random people, but there really wasn't consistency. So, to try to target the day a little more, we're deciding every first Monday of the month, which will be starting I think it's February 1, which is a great, a great date for people to remember. Tuesday, I met with them Remote Learning Committee just to kind of go over last semester and start planning for the future. Wednesday, I submitted my student's senator report for the upcoming senate meeting. Thursday morning, I had my first office hour. So, mine are Thursday at 10am. So, if you want to come hang out or just chat, that's where I'll be, all our zoom stuffs on the website. On Thursday, I also met with their Retail Review Committee, which is a committee between STU and UMB and some of their admin at UND to talk about just how campus is functioning for students, and how we can better tailor what we have on campus to students. So, it's a really heavy conversation. It's tedious conversation, but I think we're making big strides. Directly following that, I had my remote learning conversations with Dr. Karen Robear, which is always great. So, if any of you want to talk about your experience last semester, how it ended up, how it started, or your expectations for this semester, and you really want that conversation, obviously you can meet with me at any time. But if you want to have a conversation and have those brought directly to our remote learning committee, and senior admin, because all of our stuff goes straight to Dr. Fenwick. Be sure to come to Thursdays at three, the zoom link will be on our Instagram every Thursday. And it's a great conversation, it's really interesting to hear about how remote learning is going for everyone, because I feel we all have such a very different story. And it's really nice to hear all those so we can tailor remote learning as best as possible to everyone. And then Friday night, we had our executive meeting. Moving now to NBSA. I submitted my STU report for the NBSA to Sarah, like literally 31 minutes ago. And then we'll be having our first meeting of the semester, Wednesday, I think. And then for CASA, January 5, I attended a CASA board meeting where we approved funding for our upcoming closing the gaps campaign. So that's something we're really excited about. So, it should be coming out at the end of this month or the start of February. So, keep your eye out for that. Right now, I'm in the process of planning my CASA Member Relations Committee meeting for this month, as well as I'm in the middle of my liaison calls. Like Sarah said she had a meeting with Spirit River. So, I also do that. So, I have already met with Chris who's the VP external for OGSA, which is the Old Graduate Student Association. And then Monday, I'm meeting with the president of UPEISU. And then Monday, I'm also meeting with the chair Bryn to do a regular check in just to make sure that we're on track towards the end of the year to accomplish what we had set out in our board action plans. So that is all for me. Thanks, guys.

Jonah: I got a quick question for Thursday's meeting. How long is that?

Megan: Yeah. So, Thursday's meetings for remote learning are an hour long.

Jonah: The membership meeting?

Megan: I'm gonna say like 30 minutes, it's going to be a basic introductory meeting. Because I'm not the chair of the committee. I'm actually just the one who facilitates the first meeting. And then I'll do a rundown of what the committee is or what it could potentially be because it hasn't been something in the past that's been utilized. And then I'll hand it over to actually Victoria, she will be the chair of that committee. So, it'll kind of be a rundown and stuff of that mature. It's okay. It's really easy, but we will talk about it at our meeting.

Jonah: So, it's gonna be longer than like an hour or two after that. Each week or so as it runs through my meal hall hours.

Megan: It only be once a month, probably. And I don't think it's going to be very long just because of what member relations committees are meant to do. It's basically up to the membership. I'm going to say 30 minutes to an hour. I would never say it's over an hour, but it's honestly dependent on the committee and Victoria as chair.



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4.4 Vice President of Student Life's Report – Kyle McNally

Hello, everyone. I hope you all had a great holiday break and a great start to your semesters. I'll try to keep this one short and sweet. To start with something relaxing or fun that I did over the break, and this happened actually right before I came back to Fredericton. On the sixth was that I went to a cottage with my girlfriend and a group of her friends, and it was at New Caledonia mountain, the place in the middle of the woods that had very, very, very little Wi-Fi connection. So, it was very nice and rejuvenating before coming back to Freddy for the semester. To start with my report, so the Emergency Bursary Committee met and approved three emergency bursary applications for students, one on December 22, as well as this past Thursday, the 14th and Friday the 15th. On Monday, myself, and the rest of the executives as they mentioned met with Dr. Fenwick and the registrar, Karen Preston. And those are going to be happening on a monthly basis. Also, on Monday, I reached out to everyone who ordered Community Foods Mart this month, and provided them some details on pickup day, just because the helpdesk is closed. And so, on Thursday, because we're in orange phase, I delivered some bags to students around Fredericton. And that was super nice to do on my Thursday morning. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, this week, and a bit this past weekend, I've helped advertise the upcoming UN Summit conference. And I encourage you all to register if you haven't yet, and if you're able to. There's going to be a couple of great UN speakers. And it's going to be a great experience for students. On Tuesday evening, I reached out to my co-chairs, Megan Costan, and our Social Inclusion rep Andie, just to help me get our committees going this semester by posting some doodle polls in our Facebook group to see what everyone's availabilities are. And so, the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee is going to be meeting biweekly starting this coming Wednesday, from 3 to 4pm. The Mental Health Committee is also going to be meeting this week. However, Andie and I are just waiting for a few other members to fill out their availability. But that should be finalized tonight as well. And the Activities and Events committee is going to be meeting biweekly on Tuesday afternoons this semester, starting this Tuesday at 5:30pm. On Wednesday of this week, I posted the emergency bursary graphic on STUSU's socials just to remind students of the program to be transparent about it. And we have since received a few applications on that. So, it's great to see that students know that this is a resource that they have access to if need be. Had my virtual office hour on Wednesday, and my office hours this semester going to be on Wednesdays from 1 to 2pm. And this week, it was nice to chat with a few students who dropped by to ask questions about emergency bursaries. As well as like what the application process looks like and how that works. So that was nice. On also on Wednesday, sent some follow up emails to AIDS New Brunswick, the Canadian Mental Health Association of Fredericton, and Capital Family Services, to look into having training sessions, as well as to see if they would like to be involved with the virtual STUSU wellness week that's going to be happening later in the month of February. Basically, before the break, I was discussing with all these groups, but then the break came, and they went on holidays and stuff. So, I'm just waiting to hear back from them. And I made a graphic for the meditation session event that's going to be happening on Tuesday morning, from 11 to 12pm. The events open to everyone so that should be great. So, feel free to join in on Tuesday. And on Thursday this week, Brock and I scheduled our biweekly meeting again this semester and they are going to be starting up this Wednesday. Scheduled meetings with Maddie and Valeria. And those are going to be happening this coming week. Valeria and I are going to be meeting tomorrow and so is Maddie and I just to talk about the help desk for Maddie's meeting, because it's closed so we're going to talk about what her position looks like and how we can make the best out of the rest of the year just despite the circumstances. Sarah and I met with UNBSU's Adriana and Vishnu as she mentioned to discuss the safe ride contracts the rest of this year. We had our weekly executive meeting on Friday. On Thursday evening, I created a few Instagram stories, survey stories that I posted on my VP Student Life account just to get a bit more of an idea of what students want to see this semester if there's anything specific that they would like. And that was very helpful. A good chunk of students have actually responded on that. So that's awesome. And then just a little bit of stuff that happened over the break, the STUSU, the Tri-Campus Sexual Violence Committee met, and that we meet on a monthly basis. And we met earlier in the month. I was the only student at this meeting. But I emphasized that it'd be important to have some sort of disclosure training for faculty and students. And ironically, that was something that they were already working on for faculty. And we're currently in discussions with FCMB, to look at doing a student focused one. On Thursday, similar to what Megan mentioned, already, we had a meeting with the



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experiential learning office to talk about the UN summit that is coming up, which I'm really looking forward to. And lastly, on Friday the 8th, so just before the first week of class, the On-campus Events Committee met. That is the committee with Brock, Carmen, Brett, and some other administration on campus, and basically just talked about the midweek motivation series. And unfortunately, because we are in orange, and they are going to be postponed until we return back to yellow. And I believe that is it for me.

Sarah: Again, not a question, a comment. Sorry. I just wanted to say before we go into representative reports, I know the execs had a lot to say. And if you have nothing to say, do not be alarmed. And that's to be expected. I'll tell you right now that most of what happens with the execs is people at the end of last semester will say, okay, we're gonna meet first thing next semester. So that's why we had like a ton of meetings is because every committee we're a part of said, Okay, we're gonna meet first thing next semester. So that's why it seems, not that we're not busy people. But that's why it seems that there's a ton going on. So, rest assured, if you have nothing to say that is completely okay. Because we are just coming back from holiday break. So that is completely to be expected.

5. Employee Reports

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports

6.1 Grad Class Representative (Alaina M.)

Hi, everybody. I didn't do a ton of exciting things over my break. And I think that's what was best about it. In that I spent a long time since I've had like a Christmas break or any break where I haven't done like some sort of job of any kind. So, I guess my highlight was the fact that I didn't work. Very strange, it definitely makes coming back into the school year much harder, but it was a welcome opportunity. Luckily, in the past couple of days, I've been doing tons of stuff for grad class. So, I'd love to share that with you guys. So last Friday, was actually the deadline to submit applications for the Reverend Thomas J. Daily Memorial Scholarship, and to put in your application to win a T ring. So, both that scholarship and the ring scholarship are both offered by the Alumni Association. And as I liaison with them, I took it under my responsibility to kind of show the graduating class that this was an opportunity that was coming up. And in partnering with the Alumni Association for this, not only advertised it, but I also had a lot of conversations with students, mostly around actually how to apply. And so, I think that helped a little bit in our application numbers, at least. I do know regardless that there were a lot of applications that were put in and that they were really strong. And the Alumni Association is looking forward to going through them and they will be reaching out to winners towards the end of the month. So, there'll be a pretty quick turnaround on that and hopefully some really excited grads. Turning just back to yesterday, I attended my first STU Alumni Association Board meeting. Just for context, this is the first meeting that they've had this academic year. And this, of course, since my turn began. So, this is the first one I got to go to. And it was really exciting to hear an overview of all the irons the Alumni Association currently has in the fire. And the board as a whole was really interested in gaining insight not only about what was going on for the graduating class, but what Student Life looked like as a whole with like our first big online term. So, it's really exciting to be able to have that conversation, give them a little bit of my insight, as well as some of the insight of folks that I've talked to along the way. And from here, the Alumni Association, I'm looking forward to having more specific conversations with them about the things that they do on a whole, and then passing that information along to graduating students who will be joining the alumni family soon. The last kind of thing I'd like to talk about is the Grad Class Committee, we are setting a meeting date to hopefully happen very soon now that everyone's schedules have become a little more slim. This is going to be a big meeting that hopefully packs a punch. And ideally, we'll finalize all of our objectives this semester, as well as what kind of events we would want to do and finish up grad class clothing so that we can open that up as an option to everyone who would be interested in that. Well, that's what I've been up to on the grad class side of things.



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6.2 International Student Representative (Alex N)

Hi, everyone. So, throughout my break, I make some discoveries. I'm not sure it's fun. But I learned how to make a snowman. But unfortunately, he committed suicide today. And I found out that I'm allergic to alcohol and my mom replaced me with a dog. So, for my report I met with Sarah and Matt on Friday to work on international aid, and we'll see how this going.

6.3 Off-Campus Representative (Sydney S./ Kathleen J./Ravtej S.)

Kathleen: I'm just gonna say, I am so sorry for you, Alex. I'm so sorry. So, something that I did over the break, that was relaxing, I can't really think of it because I was working full time during the break. And my break was a week shorter than everybody else here because my program started a week earlier. I'd have to say probably just chilling with my dogs. So that was pretty fun. On the OC side of things, we finished up our 12 days of OC giveaways. So, we were able to get all of those 12 prizes at least purchased. We still are, you know, in the process of getting them delivered to people who aren't in the city. But we had a lot of participation. We had a lot of people actually join our social media accounts. And we got to see a lot more activation from our OC community. So maybe we'll look into seeing how much we have left in our budget and see what kind of thing we can do along the same lines because we did have a lot more sense of community, which was nice.

Sydney: My favorite part of the, this is gonna sound really stupid, but my mom is allergic to Christmas trees. And so, my boyfriend's family has a real Christmas tree. So, I got to see a real Christmas tree in a living room looking all pretty for the first time and we got to take cute pictures in front of it. So that was really fun. How do I live in New Brunswick and I've never had a real tree, don't know. For me, I've purchased some things for giveaway and that's really it. Not gonna lie. A few students talked to me about them being disappointed about the outcome for the pass or fail option. So, I did talk to them. And I said that this is a good and a bad thing, because it's not the ending of a conversation, but it's a start of more advocacy. And they're like, Yeah, I don't know what that means. And I was like, don't worry, we got this. So that's really all I did. I had a really relaxing break, because my email was turned off and didn't even know it. I apologize again, for not answering your emails.

6.4 Rigby Hall Representative (Jonah S.)

Hey, guys! So, my Christmas break was hanging out with my family and being around those who I haven't been hanging out with, really tough to have a rough year. And as of the Rigby side, there really isn't much report, we have a meeting coming up on Tuesday, and we're gonna discuss what we do for the year. And right now, for the Indigenous Reconciliation Committee, we're trying to figure out what days we're gonna meet throughout the year.

6.5 First Year Representative (Lauren H.)

I just got to spend more time with my boyfriend and friends and family. So that was nice and over the week, I started to get people in to be a part of the First-year Committee. And we have like 20 people interested. And our first meeting is on Tuesday, from 7 to 8.

Sarah: That's really exciting that there's so many people interested. And I just wanted to say I got a few emails about that committee and whether or not people were able to be a part of it. And the answer for every email was Yes. So, I answered some folks' questions and I just encouraged them to reach out to you to get involved. So, I'm sure that they did, because I saw your post on Facebook, but that's really exciting.

6.6 Social Inclusion Representative (Andie A.)



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Hi, everybody, I'm so glad to be back. And I'm sorry for being late. I totally forgot that it was at five, not at six. So, one thing that I did, I went shopping. So obviously shopping in Calgary, so much better than Fredericton. So, and I did a lot of book shopping. So that's my one thing. So, before the semester ended, I did email or actually called, got on a call with Matt, to discuss funding. And then about a few days ago, I need to refresh my memory. So, I emailed him, and he told me that I need to, or I should fill a funding application, which I am now getting started. So just jumping off of that I met with Larissa on Friday to come up with a day and to finalize the topics of what this kind of like q&a and keynote presentation will look like. So, we decided that it's going to be a 30-minute keynote and then a 60 minute, like q&a with around three speakers, two student leaders and one person from the university admin. And we're going to be talking about the topics like indigeneity, blackness, disability, and motherhood on campus which, she intersects with all of these identities. And we decided on March 16, at 6pm our time, so I need to put together everything and then Kyle announced some good news for me, I'm now the co chair of the Mental Health Committee, which I'm really excited. And so, I created a doodle poll to kind of get the first meeting of the semester underway. So that's exciting. And a student approached me regarding the emergency bursary. And I just kind of helped them, like where to find the application on the STUSU website. And yeah, I have also been checking in with the blog that I created last semester. Radio silent, no participation whatsoever in the last month. Which is really sad. But so, I'm thinking we should do something with it for the Mental Health Committee, maybe like do like some sort of giveaway or something, because that's what seems to motivate people. Other than that, that's it.

6.7 At-Large Representative (Victoria Y.)

Hey, everyone! Highlight of my winter holiday was being able to go home to Manitoba, I wasn't really able to do much. Since there's really extreme restrictions there, you can't buy anything that's not essential or go anywhere. But it was so nice to see family after a long time. And I did some baking, which was really nice, too. So, I've been thinking about my green agenda over the break, and what kind of projects I can take on that might have a direct impact or benefit on students. And since most of all students live off-campus this year and are also not spending much time on campus. I think it's important to have like green initiatives from home. And I think that it's important that students living off-campus in the city of Fredericton have the opportunity to recycle. And this is something that really has bothered me personally and has bothered a lot of students. The environment is something that students obviously really care about. And I think with having a green political representation in Fredericton, a recycling program is something that should be in the works. So, I'd really like to open discussion with city councillors. And David Kuhn about why there isn't a recycling program, obviously, costs would be a major issue. But I would like to understand maybe the more specifics behind that and discuss maybe what options the city might have moving forward. And as I said in the past, I'm going to organize some small green sustainability activities for midweek motivation with the Activities and Events Committee. So, I look forward to talking to them this week about a few virtual/in person ideas I have.

6.8 Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

Hello, everyone. Luckily, because of the way that the phases worked out, I was able to go back home to St. John, which was awesome. I basically just spent the entire time with my dogs because I missed them. And then the second thing was like a big 3D puzzle, so that was like the other thing that was just very fun. But I have no place to put it. So, it's kind of just sitting on my dining table. So here we go, for my reports, I had a meeting with Cassidy over the break to talk about 2-spirit and the acronym as well as coordinating with different community organizations working with 2-spirit LGBT people. This was more so a way to further our own understandings and educating ourselves as we work with these two communities as well as just to see what the background was, what we can do to be more supportive in our own roles. In addition to getting the ball rolling on some of these conversations. In the same meeting, just on a different subject line, Cassie and I also chatted about potential advocacy projects to take on this semester. I love the brainstorming stage of everything. So, I'm looking forward to seeing how some of these ideas develop moving forward, and I will bring the ones that we're going to go through to you all at a later date. And as



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previously mentioned, the executives and I had been discussing 2-spirit the acronym and to conclude I also reached out to the 203 to chat about some of their future initiatives and any potential ways I can help out with that this semester. So that is it for me.

6.9 Indigenous Student Representative (Tiger L.)

Hello. I'm not really, too sure. But I didn't do that much crazy things over the Christmas break. The best thing I did was spend time with my partner and spend Christmas at their hometown. And for my report before the semester ended in December, I was able to hold a pizza party and meet and greet at the Wabanaki Center, which was pretty great. It was a decent turnout. And that was pretty fun. I met with the Indigenous Student Reconciliation Committee and we're working now on a few different projects, just smaller projects, one of them being that we're starting informational tic toc, which is going to be pretty fun. And currently during January, we are just looking to set up a meeting. And I believe that's next week. So next report, I'll have hopefully much more to say. That's everything. Thank you.

Sarah: That is so fun. I was actually talking to my parents over the holiday break about how like, information is so easily shared over tik tok and I follow a bunch of indigenous creators and they produce some fantastic content. So that's a really exciting initiative.

7. New Business

No agenda item available.

8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Sarah: Brianna and Minahil, if you're around, I want to hear what you did over your winter break that was relaxing or exciting or made you happy?

Brianna: Well, I just laid in bed and re-watched The Originals. So yeah, that was it for the whole three weeks.

Andie: Yeah, it's actually a question for Kyle, are we still going to be doing the Narcan training this semester?

Kyle: Yes. That is one of the emails I'm waiting back from AIDS New Brunswick on, but most likely, I'm just waiting to hear back from them.

Jonah: Is there anything going on for (?) Even though it's virtual?

Kyle: Yeah, as of now, not in the works. But the mental health committee will be meeting next week. So, we will definitely look into trying to do something virtually for (?).

9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Kathleen J.

Seconded by Jonah S.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 6:04 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on January 20, 2021.



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