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12th Meeting of the 47th SRC
5:00 pm, Sunday, January 24, 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 5:05 pm.
Quorum is met with 11 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.
It was moved by Tyler M. to approve agenda.
Seconded by Sarah K.
The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 11th Meeting

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

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

No agenda item available.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report – Sarah Kohut

Hello, everyone. I hope that you had a lovely weekend so far, and you are managing to make the most of this red phase situation. I didn't do anything on Monday, which is pretty exciting. And I had a day off. On Tuesday, I met with Megan to have our second semester check-in meeting, like I mentioned, I would be doing last meeting. And that was great. And I also met with Megan and Laura and Julia, our two student senators to discuss something that was on the agenda for senate, so we met on Tuesday, that senate meeting was on Thursday. And we were just discussing about the software Turnitin. And I'd be happy to answer any questions on how that discussion went and senate after the end of my report, but we just met prior to kind of touch base and make sure that we're all on the same page going into that discussion later on in the week. And then I had my office hour, nobody showed up but that's okay. I would love to have some visitors some time. And then on Wednesday, I met with Megan Costan, who's the co chair of the Sexual Assault Prevention committee to discuss the I believe you campaign which I'm going to be talking about later on this meeting. And then I got the chance to interview Dr. Fenwick for her contract renewal with the Vice President Academic and Research Renewal committee. I think it's called. Again, those meetings are confidential. So, I couldn't discuss what was talked about in this interview or in the meeting itself. But it was really interesting to be a part of that. I don't think when I went into this position, I would have ever thought that I would be interviewing one of our senior admins for their job but it's another feather in my cap. I guess a really interesting experience I got to be a part of and then the NBSA executives had our weekly meeting and that was good. We discussed plans for NBSA's final conference of the year, which is our AGM, much like STUSU has an AGM, the NBSA also has one, it's going to be virtual, no surprises there. And it'll happen in mid March. And then we also discussed, which is really exciting. And I think I'm going to take this on as kind of like a personal project slash in my role as NBSA's Vice Chair.



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We discussed kind of revamping what that conference looks like in order to make it better for the incoming people that will be elected for next year. So, I think typically the AGM, the incoming people that fall in the Megan and I's positions or equivalent at both UNB St. John and Fredericton, and Mount Allison are invited to the AGM and we kind of get a chance to see what the NBSA is about and stuff. However, because it is the AGM, they're usually wrapping up stuff at the end of the year. So, we're not allowed to be present, we meaning the incoming people. I'm speaking from my experience last year, aren't allowed to be present for all the sessions. So even though it's a really great opportunity, when it's a person to kind of meet everyone and mingle in terms of like getting to know the NBSA, it's not as beneficial as the transitions conference that happens in May once the new folks start their term. So, with that being said, we're going to do some revamping and invite the incoming executives or incoming people to kind of like a separate session outside of the AGM like a, I don't want to call it networking, but kind of like a meet and greet, get to know each other like a bonding thing. And just an opportunity like for those incoming people to get their feet wet before they actually begin their terms. So that'll be really exciting. I'm looking forward to planning that alongside Patrick and Wasiimah. And then later on that evening, the NBSA had our board meeting, there wasn't much to talk about. But now that we're at the start of the semester, and advocacy month or week is finished, the NBSA's committees that Megan and I talked about sometimes are looking to start back up again and get some things done over the course of the semester. So that's exciting, that those will be starting up again. On Wednesday, I attended Megan's Sustainability committee meeting. And that was good. We looked at some priorities for the year, which was great discussion. And then on Thursday, I had my check-in meeting with Matt, which was also good. And then I attended Megan and Dr. Robear's remote learning office hour, which was also good. And then we had Senate, as I mentioned earlier, which was also good, there was a great discussion around Turnitin, really robust discussion. So that was great to see. And then later on that evening, the executives had our exec meeting, which is also good. And then on Friday, I attended the SDGs conference in the afternoon, which was really great. I actually attended that conference in my first year, I think that was the first time it was brought to STU, so I attended that three years ago, my goodness. But it was really great to see how much that conference has come since then, and how much it's improved. So, it's a really great experience to attend that. I also attended that on Saturday as well. And then on Friday, I met with a student who is looking to get involved with STUSU next year. So that was really, really exciting. That warms my heart, I love meeting with students and talking to them about STUSU, especially those that are interested in getting involved. So if you have any friends that or anyone you know, that's interested in getting involved in STUSU next year, and they want to learn a bit more about what we do, what it looks like to get involved, how they can get involved in different ways, whether it be running in the election, committees, volunteering, all that jazz, feel free to send them my way, I would happily meet with every student under the sun if I could, because I absolutely love chatting with students, which is my job. So, it's good that I enjoy it. And aside from meetings and whatnot, I reached out to the Black Students Association, just extending our support for any initiatives that they're planning for Black History Month. And they said that they're very enthusiastic to have us on board and so we're going to be looking at ways that we'll collaborate with them for Black History Month, which is coming up. I wanted to make sure that, obviously it's assumed I guess that we were to support them because they are a society on campus and the Students Union supports all clubs and societies. However, in the past Husoni was very involved with planning Black History Month and kind of, by virtue of that STUSU was very involved. And now that Husoni has graduated, I wanted to make sure that the Black Students Association knew that the same level of commitment and involvement was still there. So, I'm looking forward to working with them on that. And I also sent emails back and forth to a couple of companies that do sweaters and stuff for STUSU merchandise, STUSU council sweaters, I didn't forget about that, it's still happening. I'm just waiting on the final price breakdown. I sent a couple mock-ups to Coastal Graphics, which is the company we're going to go with. So, I sent a couple mock-ups to them. And I'm just waiting on the final price breakdown. And then once I get that, just keep your eyes peeled, I'm going to be putting or from what I found in the past, it's easiest to figure this stuff out over Facebook and our Facebook like SRC group. So, I'm going to be putting the different pictures of like the different sweaters that you can get and the prices in the Facebook group. And then people can let me know their sizes or what they want to get in that group or via email. So just keep your eyes peeled for that. And I also can send an email as well, because I know Facebook groups don't



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always give notifications, at least in my experience. So, I also can send an email as well saying like, Hi, everyone, I've posted the merch in our Facebook group, like go check it out and I believe that is it.

4.2 Vice President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hope everybody had a great week. For my report, the same as I mentioned, the last SRC meeting, I'll be meeting with the Student Advisory Committee, hopefully within the first few days of this week just to discuss a grade appeal concern. So, I'm just waiting for availability from a few more people on the committee. And then we should be able to tackle that concern, and hopefully get it figured out for the student. This week, as well, I'll be hosting the clubs and societies week on our Instagram and Facebook. So, for those of you that might have seen the same thing happened in the fall, I'm just gonna be posting the videos and informative videos from the clubs and societies who sent it videos, just to kind of garner student engagement and stuff like that. And it actually worked out pretty well, first semester. Obviously, we would like to have the event in person, but obviously, that's not possible right now. So, this is kind of the best way I found, and we discussed with the exec first semester to kind of garner student engagement and make sure that they students know that they're still able to join clubs as it is, they're still putting on events and things like that. Tina, and I worked on the budget updates. I'll get into that later. There are not many changes from the first time into the budget update. But we'll get into that a little bit. The same as Sarah, had my office hour on Tuesday, nobody came but that's all right. And our exec meeting, we discussed the spring election. So that's coming up quicker than I guess any of us anticipated, because the election has to happen on no later than the second Friday of March. So that's something that we discussed, we chose some dates, and then we'll be releasing kind of the information stuff. Hopefully, a lot of people will be interested in running for positions. Because obviously, as you all know, the entire exec team will be gone next year. So, it'll be a whole new team and stuff like that. So, it's something that we'll be dealing with over the course of the next couple of months in terms of election, preparing, nominations, all that stuff. So, I just thought I'd give you a heads up on that. In terms of Campus Trust, kind of the same as usual, just exchanging emails with students with coverage related questions. There wasn't that much this week, but just kind of a few emails between me and financial services and a couple other people. As Sarah mentioned, I have my check-in meeting with her, that went well. And then for committees, I'll be setting up a Finance and Governance Committee meeting this week. There's actually some stuff that we can do within the committee's right now in terms of funding applications, and maybe looking at some potential bylaw changes that would have to go through the Governance Committee. So, I'll be sending out an email either tonight or tomorrow to check availability for those meetings. It won't take long, obviously it probably won't be any longer than 30 minutes for each meeting. And then I've also been working on updating various parts of the website. One of my priorities at the start of the year was to make academic assistance and clubs and societies funding applications more easy to kind of apply through the website. So, I kind of want to put a Dropbox on the website where students can, who are interested in getting funding can just drop their stuff through websites instead of having to email it and put it into a document all that stuff. So, something that I'm working on, as I said before, I'm not the best at tech. So, Sarah or somebody else might have to help me with that part. But we're getting there. And then and yeah, that's pretty much it.

4.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Megan Cormier

Sarah: I just want to touch on what Matt said that there's gonna be a clean slate, no exec member will be returning. And that's the first time that that's happened in like a long time. So, I think that's neat. I think it's also cool. It's a good opportunity for a fresh start. So definitely, this will be a big election for the executives in terms of making sure that we transition whoever is going to fill our positions next year really, really well. Because they won't have any pre-existing knowledge of being an exec member. Throughout the week, Megan shared information regarding the SDG launch that occurred on Friday and Saturday, as I mentioned in my report, and Tuesday, she met with myself, Sarah, and the student's editors to prep for the Senate meeting, as I also mentioned in my report, and she also met with me, Sarah, to have her check-in meeting, which I also mentioned. I'm just realizing now that I'm going over this most of like a good chunk of her report, I also said in my report, but I'll read it anyways. Tuesday, Megan had a



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Sustainability and Environmental Awareness committee meeting where they decided that their goals for this semester will be to review the university's environmental policy. Yes, we did decide that. And Thursday, Megan had her office hour. And she also held the first Member Relations committee meeting to discuss the purpose of the committee. And Megan says, if you are on the Member Relations committee, please check your emails at the start of this week to ensure you fill out the doodle poll for next meeting. And Thursday afternoon, Megan had her remote learning office with Dr. Robear and directly after that, she attended Senate and then later that evening, we had our executive meeting. On Wednesday, we had NBSA board meeting where we welcomed the new UNBSU delegate Taya. Yes, we did do that. I forgot to mention that in my report. We have a new delegate on the NBSA board. Her name is Taya, and she is the VP advocacy from UNBSU. So that's very exciting. And then for CASA, Megan finished her liaison calls for January. And on Tuesday, she had a CASA board meeting and presented the December liaison report and CASA's policy, and research analyst Phil has last day at CASA on Friday. So, there's a small online gathering to thank Phil for his work. Unfortunately, Megan cannot attend. But Phil will be greatly missed by the entire board of directors and stuff. And that is all.

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

Hello, everyone. I hope you all had a great week. So, this is what I've been up to since our last SRC meeting. So, earlier in the week, I started discussing back and forth with FBNB on potentially doing student focus disclosure training and so on. Given the cost of this training, after hearing back from them, going to be spending the next couple of weeks to gauge student interest to see if this is something that will be attended on a large scale, not necessarily even on a large scale, but just attended in general. On Monday, I met with Maddie to talk about her position as the helpdesk coordinator and to go over what that looks like now that the Help Desk was closed because of COVID. And that was a great meeting. And she's also slowly wrapping up her volunteer schedule for this semester. So, if anyone is interested in volunteering for the help desk, let me or Maddie know as soon as possible. On Monday, I advertised the meditation session events that happened on Tuesday online and do socials. Following that, on Monday, I met with Velaria to talk about the Activities and Events committee, as well as this semester as a whole. And this was also a great and productive meeting. And I'm looking forward to working alongside Velaria and supporting her through that her role this semester. And the Activities and Events committee began planning their first event this semester, thinking of doing something for Valentine's Day. So that's fun. On Tuesday, I held the meditation session event with Brant. But unfortunately, nobody showed up, which is sad, but it's okay because that's definitely the nature of things this year. Student engagement is always something hard, something that's tricky in person, let alone online. But nonetheless, he did agree that he would like to be a part of the STUSU wellness week. So, he will be coming back to give students another opportunity to participate if they wanted. On Tuesday evening, the Activities and Events committee met. And like I said, began planning our first initiative this semester. And later that evening, I did a bit of work for the wellness week again, by reaching out to Jungle House, Dan, and a few other organizations in Fredericton to see whether or not they'd like to be involved in one capacity or another. On Wednesday, Brock and I had our first biweekly meeting for the semester, and mainly talked about the on-campus events committee, and COVID-19 and the impact that that is having on midweek motivation, had my office hour from 1 to 2pm on Wednesday. And that was nice. Jason stopped by and we chatted about student life and politics for a little while. The Sexual Assault Prevention committee met on Wednesday afternoon for the first time this semester. And we'll be meeting again in a couple weeks. And so, during this meeting, Megan Costan talked a little bit about the I believe you campaign while I updated the committee on our initiatives from last semester because we had quite a few new faces that joined from our Instagram account. And then later on Thursday evening, I made some fast fact Friday initiatives to post on our Instagram on Friday morning. Directly after the Activities and Events committee meeting on Wednesday, I made STUSU's Facebook giveaway graphics and posted those on our Facebook account. And so, two winners are going to be chosen for this month's giveaway, feel free to spread the word or share it on Facebook. And the Emergency Bursary committee met and improved an application for a student this week. On Thursday, I made a post on my VPSL account about Community Foods Mart, just to advertise the program to inform students that it's still going to be operating despite being in red, in a contactless manner. And so basically, since making that post there were a few



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students who reached out ordering for this month so that was great. Directly following that I confirmed with capital family services on the workshop that they're going to be doing for the virtual wellness week. And fun fact the facilitator of that workshop is actually an STU alumna and we had our exec meeting on Thursday night similar to what the executive have said already. And on Friday, I made a Mental Health Committee graphic post that on socials to advertise our first committee meeting which is coming up on this Wednesday at 2:30. And then lastly on Friday and Saturday, I attended the UN Sustainable Development Goals launch with Sarah, which was excellent. It was so nice to hear from UN officials. And hear the interests and passions of fellow students. So, it was a great weekend. And then this coming week, Sarah, and I have our check-in meeting on Tuesday. And that is it for me.

5. Employee Reports

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports

6.1 Grad Class Representative (Alaina M.)

It's been kind of a quieter week over in grad class, but I think I set up all of our pins to knock them down. So, first off, I did attend the Member Relations committee meeting that we had last week, super great to see you guys all multiple times a week, love talking to people in this new virtual setting. I'm excited to talk more about our plans there and continue that bonding fun stuff. Over the weekend, I did also go to the sustainable sales training, which I thought was really interesting in part because I saw so many first-year students there. And as someone who is primarily focused on like the graduating student experience, it was nice to kind of get back into that headspace and see what students are up to. And they did talk a lot about like the first year programs and supports they have. So, it was kind of nice to get some feedback on stuff I've been involved in without them even knowing that they were talking about the projects I've worked on. So that should be really helpful, then on like what the grad class committee is up to, we have set a meeting date, we'll meet on Tuesday. And for that, I'm drafting up a nice agenda. So, we kind of know where we're going. And of course, I'll ask for feedback from all the committee members for anything they want to add. And also get input from a couple of folks who won't be able to make that time. But I'm grateful to see that so many people will be able to fit it into their schedule. And I'm excited to see what we do from there.

Sarah: I just want to echo what you said about seeing the first years at the SDG conference, Kyle and I were talking about it. And I was almost in tears watching these first years, like, put together their ideas and then like, talk amongst each other and be like, well, I'm a little afraid to speak up, like, would anyone else like to speak up and oh, my goodness, it was like a full circle moment. They're talking about intro to environment society. And I was like, I really felt like that was me a week ago, that was me attending the same conference for my intro to environment and society class in first year. So, I totally agree with that sentiment. It was so sweet.

6.2 International Student Representative (Alex N)

For my report this week, on Monday, I met with STUISA for my weekly meetings. And they asked me to bring forth I guess, more Sarah thing because they want to know, the STUSU positions on advocating for reducing and lowering tuition fees for international students. And on Sunday, an hour ago, I met with Seydona, the International student Rep from last year, we talked about continuing her initiative on International Student Leadership work. And this year, I want to push it further to make it a fixed thing for International Rep. Well, years to come. So, I guess I'll talk to Sarah instead. That's it.



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Sarah: Firstly, that sounds really exciting that you want to continue to Seydona's initiative. And I think that's really great. And I'd be happy to chat with you on that. And then regarding STUSU's position on international student tuition, and I guess, tuition in general, obviously, we're pro students. And we never want to see students be put in a circumstance where they are in financial strain, or in financial need. So that being said, of course, we're in favor of, you know, lowering tuition, not only for international students, but for all students, however, and similarly to NBSA and CASA, we recognize that international students face a significant financial barrier, because international tuition is so much higher than that of domestic tuition. And so, I guess that's a little blurb. If you want it to STUISA or if you'd like me to reach out, I'd be happy to talk more with them about that. But that's generally our stance. And I know that's been the stance of STUSU for many, many years now. And we always work alongside the NBSA and CASA, for financial relief for students. And as you know, currently, we're working together on that COVID financial aid package for international students. So, bottom line, we're always in favor of reducing financial strain on students, both international and domestic.

Alex: I guess I'll talk to Hanif again, and if he wants to meet about that and talk further. I'll send an email to you.

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

Sydney: First of all, I'm sorry, if I'm a little checked out this meeting, I just woke up, I had a nap. It was beautiful. But I woke up for you guys. So, you know, I love you. So, we haven't really done a whole lot on the OC side, I feel like a lot of us are just starting to get back into school like everybody else. So, we're trying to focus mainly on trying to balance life. Life is hard. COVID is hard. But we have discussed a few future events that can happen. I won't give any spoilers yet, because I'll let you guys sit and think about what we might have in our minds. I attended the Member Relations meeting. That was fun. Thank you to Victoria and Megan for hosting that. That's all I did. This week, I'll turn it over to Kathleen and Rav.

Kathleen: I didn't really do much either. I've just been really focused with school; I'm still working on getting out all of our giveaway stuff out to all of the people just because it's a little bit harder right now. Especially since we've gone into red to find enough time and enough resources to get things sent off. I wasn't able to attend the Member Relations committee meeting, unfortunately, I was in class. And other than that, I just answered a couple questions about STU Grad rings, and the T ring. And that's about it. That's all.

Ravtaj: I'm just glad I made it to the meeting on time today. Because I've missed my meetings, like I missed the Member Relations committee meeting, but yeah, hopefully I'll do more.

6.4 Rigby Hall Representative (Jonah S.)

Hi, guys. So, while we had a first house committee meeting this week on Tuesday, and in that meeting, we spoke about the resident concerns, housekeeping stuff such as garbage, and, most importantly, recycling. And right now, STUSU is taking up our storage for recycle. So, we're wondering if you guys want the balls or are willing to give it to us so we could use the money. And we had our debriefing regarding the longest night that we had on December 1st, 2020. And the overall feedback was pretty, it went fairly well, despite some hiccups here and there. With a more than 10 people in a room when it's maximum of 10. And Wednesday, we had our first meeting back for indigenous student reconciliation meeting. We spoke about fundraising ideas and where we should get our gifts for a gift bag for indigenous artists. And on Thursday, I attended a membership meeting along with Tyler and it was pretty great meeting. And that's it for this week.

Sarah: Unfortunately, you cannot take the bottles because those bottles were from the Shinerama bottle drive. So, all that money goes to cystic fibrosis. But the reason that we haven't taken them out yet is because yours truly is in



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isolation. And yours truly drives an SUV that can take a lot of bottles. We need me to be around to use my vehicle to transport the bottles to the bottle depot. However, rest assured your bottles will be out by I think the date was February 3, which is like a few days after I'm out of isolation. So, don't worry, we're putting a priority on that to get them out of there. And it's been a little bit of a mishap thus far with those bottles and the bottle depot and stuff like that. But nonetheless, they will be out very, very soon.

Jonah: I'll pass that along.

6.5 First Year Representative (Lauren H.)

Sarah: Lauren says that she doesn't have much, but she's hosting a study and chat session for the first years on Tuesday evening. So that sounds very exciting. And I'm looking forward to seeing how that goes. And that is all.

6.6 Social Inclusion Representative (Andie A.)

Hope you all had an amazing second week back at school. So, this week, I had ongoing discussions with Kyle regarding the Mental Health committee and trying to set up a meeting, which has been incredibly difficult, because there is a lack of participation. And then I got an email from Shannon Brooke Murphy, asking if I could join a focus group by the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation. So, I accepted, and that is a focus group focused on student leaders in Canada, and that is scheduled for Tuesday. So, it'll be very exciting. I also was just throughout the week researching university policies of anti-discrimination, harassment, and all of the social justice stuff. And just to prepare for Larissa's presentation and to actually give her material to work with as well. And then I filled out a doodle poll for next month's Women's Center monthly meeting. And that is about it.

Sarah: That's really exciting to hear that you're sitting on that focus group, Andie. The NBSA board was reached out to over the weekend by John, the President of Mount A Students Union, specifically asking UNB Fredericton, and St. John, if they had any students to sit on that focus group, and he was like, STU already has people and I was like, oh, that's great. That's news to me. But that's fantastic. And then he said, your position title. And I was like, Oh, that's awesome. So, I'm glad to see that you'll be a part of that. And I'm glad to see that we've got student participation.

6.7 At-Large Representative (Victoria Y.)

Hey, everyone. So, besides Member Relations committee, of course, this week, I reached out to Greener Village and Hayes farms to inquire about a possible online virtual webinar type workshop for students on gardening, sustainable cooking or like cooking on a budget. And I did not get a response from Hayes farms. But I did get a response from Greener Village. Who said they would be talking to a person who usually runs the workshops on Monday. So, I guess tomorrow. So, the details and logistics of that can hopefully be worked out in the next few days concerning like costs, as well as a date. I think it would be nice to incorporate it as a part of wellness week. But if not, it would just be an event on its own. So yeah.

Sydney: I think that is a great initiative to teach people how to cook on a budget because I'm learning how to cook. I can't cook. So, I would love to learn how to save and cook at the same time. So good job.

Sarah: I just want to echo that I think that's really exciting. Some of you may know that I cooked chicken breasts for the first time yesterday in my year and a half of living off campus. So, I think that event or that initiative would get good reach with students, especially now with red phase and people have some more time on their hands. So, they might have the opportunity to try some new things and some extra time cooking and whatnot. So, I think that'd be really great.



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Tyler: Yeah, I'm gonna echo what everybody is saying too. And like, I can cook I love cooking. But one of the hardest things is knowing like, is balancing know the meals that are nutritious with your budget as well. So, I think it'll be really good for everybody. So, like, if you can cook, you can't cook, you know, whatever it is out there. I think it's gonna be awesome. So, I would love to attend that it would be cool.

6.8 Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

Hi queens, hope everybody is doing well. One thing that I am going to say I've started to greatly appreciate it about the red phase is the fact that I can wear sweatpants every day and nobody judges me. So that's definitely the highlight of the week. So, I had a just kind of like email correspondence with Cassidy, just going back and forth, again, about some of the events that we're planning for later in the semester, just a lot of them are quite logistically challenging, just because of, you know, the uncertainty of the phases and so on going on there. So that's more so why I'm not really announcing what we're planning yet. Just because we're trying to figure out the ins and outs of those before we say, Oh, this is happening. Anyway, I also attended the Member Relations committee meeting, I actually quite enjoyed that because it was no word of a lie, the first like, person to person interaction I've had in the last like week and a half. So, it was great to see everybody and I did like conversation that we had. So, thank you, Victoria, and to Megan, for running that meeting. And I'm looking forward to the next one. Apart from that, there's not really much else I got up to this week, just because of the nature of everything that's been going on. So, I'll just leave it there.

7. New Business

7.1 "I Believe You" Campaign

Sarah: This used to be Kyle in a sense, or I started this when I was VP like last year, for those of you that are returning you might remember me talking about this. But unfortunately, it couldn't happen because of COVID. And, of course, lots of things got put on hold last year because of COVID. But nonetheless, still very dedicated to making this happen in my term as President even though I'm not VPSL anymore, but for those of you that are new this year, and might not have heard about this, the I believe you campaign is something that myself and Megan Costan, the last year's co chair of the Sexual Assault Prevention committee with me and is the co chair again this year, as Kyle and I have mentioned a few times, but that's something that we put together with last year's committee. And basically, the premise of the video campaign is just to get clips of various people on campus, just saying the words I believe you to demonstrate that survivors have support across the board, within our institution, with students, faculty, and professors, everyone. So, we started filming last year. And then, as I mentioned, COVID hit and we only got a few people. But on the bright side, COVID is going to work in our favor and make it much easier for us this year, because everyone's accustomed to recording themselves. And that's common practice now, and it wasn't common practice last year when we started this. So, we're picking up again, it should come together really quickly, just because of COVID, doing us a favor, and teaching people how to record themselves and making people comfortable doing that. So, we've put together a list of professors also, I will say that this campaign is more geared towards professors and faculty. But we do have students in throughout, the various student groups on campus, which I'll get to a little bit later on in the video as well. But we do have a pretty extensive list of professors that we've identified that should be in the video, ranging from almost every single department at STU. But with that being said, if you have a particular professor that you feel like, really, really passionate that should be in the video, please let me know, chances are, we've already included them in our list. But if we haven't done it's great for us to know and to include. And if you could do that, like there, if you have someone in mind, do that, like right now in the chat or like right now via email. And the sooner the better would be fantastic just because we will be emailing these professors over the course of this coming week to kind of set the deadline for recording themselves, and then get this project going. So that's one aspect of it. But the other aspect is last year for those of you who are returning from STUSU, you'll remember we recorded SRC saying I believe you last year, I still have that recording. And I still would like to include it in the video



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just because we recorded it and it never got a chance to be included in the video. But I'm sure you'll see where I'm going with this. I would like to record this year's SRC to be in the video. So, this is I guess me giving you your fair warning to please do whatever you need to do to make yourself feel comfortable being recorded, if you are comfortable being recorded, as I plan to do this next week in our council meeting. So, I don't know, if you want to like do your hair that day or something, I don't know, whatever makes you feel most comfortable being on camera, or you can do nothing at all. And that's totally okay to as I said. Whatever makes you feel most comfortable. So, we will be recording that next week. And if you don't feel comfortable being filmed or being in this, in this video, just send me an email, let me know in advance that way. Like, say someone has their camera off, and I say so and so turn your camera on, like we're recording, if you're not comfortable being in the video, like I already know in advance, so I won't call you out for it, whoever wants to be in it can be in it. And that includes every single person on this call. Or if you don't want to be in it, you don't have to be in it. And this video will be posted on STUSU social media. So that's like the kind of reach it's getting. And also, Tyler will remember this from last year, I'll just send you folks an email separately, but we did isolate last year, Tyler, the International Student rep, which is Seydona, the indigenous representative and I think we had social inclusion as well. Just because those groups of individuals experience or those groups of individuals that you represent experience higher levels of sexual violence than the general population. So that was our rationale and filming isolated clips of just you folks saying I believe you like standalone videos not you all with SRC. So, with that being said, I'll send you all an individual email just reminding you of what I said. And also send all of us in SRC or reminder email that we'll be filming next week. But yeah, if anyone has any, like concerns about this, or I'm not making myself clear, please let me know in advance or feel free to send me an email. And this is my first time speaking today. So, my brain is very fried because I live in an apartment by myself. So, I don't, I don't need to speak unless I'm on a meeting. So, I might not be making myself clear. But if I'm not, like I said, please let me know. And I'll be sure to send reminder emails so that everyone is aware. And also, we have people that are on SRC that aren't on are a part of the meeting right now. So, I have to notify them as well, like that is pretty much it for that.

Andie: So, would it be possible to have like an ASL clip as well?

Sarah: We didn't think about that last year. But that might be something that would be worthwhile to put in there as well. I know how important ASL is. The video will be closed captioned, but I do know the importance of like seeing ASL. So maybe we'll reach out to the student community and ask if anyone is fluent in ASL but that's a really great point. So, thank you for that. And I'll definitely bring it up to Megan Costan, as well.

7.2 Budget Update

Matt: So, as you probably remember from last time, this is a different format. But we put it together just all the changes all the updates, as currently stands, there's still a few credit card things that are most likely still pending. So, we'll be changing within the next week or so. I'll go through it rather quickly. As you'll see, there's not as many changes as you would expect. If you were on SRC last year, we would have a lot less funds at this point than we do now. Obviously, it's because of a lack of conferences, academic assistance, applications, all that stuff. But to go through the first section in the account section, this is all basically just housekeeping stuff, audit will be done at the end of the year. So that's why that hasn't been removed yet. Capital expense equipment, lease, office supply, postage, telephone, all that stuff is just stuff that comes up every year, we don't usually change the amount that we budget for it, because it's usually the same every year, you will see you'll see that insurance hasn't changed, but the insurance fee will come out towards the end of the year as well. So, we're not going to go into deep into that section. In terms of the next section, catering obviously, we haven't had any events so far. So, there's nothing that would be taken into that. The salaries and the exec honorarium that's custom for every year SRC general, it's a little less than we had last time, but just for a few initiatives that were put on. Conferences is a big thing. Usually, we would use or exhaust the whole line. But obviously this year, nobody's going traveling for it and that type of stuff. So, we still have quite a bit in there. The same as last time, elections went into a \$7 deficit but that can be offset with other lines.



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Team building, counselor activities all pretty much still all there. As I mentioned academic assistance. It's unfortunate this year because usually we would hope that the students would use all of that we actually budgeted more this year, last year, but obviously that COVID hit, so there's no conferences, people traveling and stuff like that. So hopefully next year, we'll go back to that being all used up, again. Charitable assistance, there was a donation made, and they'll probably be another one made in second semester, so we can exhaust that line of emergency bursaries. Still a lot of money in there. Safe Ride, I believe that number will be going down a little bit more. We're actually paying half the price, as per usual this year compared to last year's. And then just the other stuff, Help Desk a couple things been used, campus foods mart, still all there. And then in terms of bottom stuff, it's just memberships, NBSA and CASA and then clubs and societies, we've used a little bit, but the same as academic assistance. There's still a lot of money there, because obviously COVID and stuff like that. So yeah, we do have a few surpluses. We would love to see a lot of money be used for niches and stuff like that. But COVID has had an effect on a lot of stuff this year. So yeah. If anybody has any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

Andie: So, if counselors were to put on an initiative, where would that money be pulled from the counselors' line or clubs and societies?

Matt: So, for the OC reps, they have their own line under off campus. But for like counselor initiatives usually would come from SRC General, just because it encompasses the vast stuff. And it's for SRC to use and we usually budget enough so that all counselors have money allocated for them to use each year.

Sydney: But for all the funds that aren't used this year, will they be carried over to next year?

Matt: Yeah, so usually, we try and budget on the side of the year, it's obviously a budget, it's projected. So, it's not always exact. But when we craft the budget update for next year, it'll be me with the incoming VP Admin and the Finance Committee, and then the incoming, and maybe with Sarah's help as well. So basically, we'll look at our bank accounts and whatever funds are in there, and then we project the funds for enrollments of next year. And then we add that all up, and then we diversify it to create the budget. So next year, this year will be a little different because we might have more money to use next year, most likely, unless we spend it all this semester, which is not going to happen. So yeah, it'll be different. But yeah, that money will get transferred over for next year.

Sarah: Just kind of want to cover what Matt said as well, just because we're in a unique circumstance this year and we have like quite a bit of extra money, it doesn't mean that like next year's SRC is going to be like rolling in the dough, like they're gonna like blow all this money, like we have reserved funds as well that like we hold on to just in case like, I don't know if something crazy happens and we need to spend money or we run into deficits hopefully future STUSU doesn't run into any deficits and they manage their money as well as Matt has managed our money over the past two years. But yes, snap to that. But anyway, so yeah, I know Matt knows this already. But I just wanted to make that clear, too, is that's usually how it works. Like it's not. There's no pressure I guess, to be like, we need to spend all our money so that next year's SRC isn't like crazy loaded, and they've got all this money to blow like it'll still be proportionate.

8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Andie: If any student leaders or if you know of any student leaders who would like to participate in the roundtable for marches event, you could kindly let me know because I'm still looking for one or two people.

Jonah: What event is that again?



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Andie: Oh, Larissa Crawford. She's gonna come in and talk about anti-racism policy and the intersectionality between being a mother on campus, disability and being black and indigenous.

9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Kathleen J.

Seconded by Tyler M.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 6:09 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on January 26, 2021.

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