



The Students' Representative Council
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15th Meeting of the 47th SRC
5:00 pm, Sunday, February 21, 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		
Board of Governors Representative	Jason O'Hearn	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 Jonah S.
The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 14th Meeting

Jonah: Rigby was spelt wrong in my report.

Victoria: The date for my Wellness Week event was put on the agenda as the eighth. And it's actually the 23rd. I think I said it wrong last meeting, but just wanted to make that change.

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.
It was moved by Sarah K. to approve minutes as amended.
Seconded by Megan C.
The minutes were approved as amended.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

No agenda item available.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report – Sarah Kohut

Hello, everyone. I hope you had a lovely long weekend and a lovely weekend so far. It's been some time since we met last. So, my report will be a little bit longer just so I get to cover everything. Monday, February 8, Megan, and I went to the Retail Review Committee meeting, which is good as per usual. And then I also attended Megan's Academic and University Affairs Committee meeting, which was good. Matt and I did an interview for the Aquinian about the International Student COVID Relief Fund, which was good. I read the article, it was great to see Alex and Matt quoted in that. And then on Tuesday, I had my office hour, and I don't think I had any visitors for them. But that's okay. On Wednesday, the 10th. I had a NBSA Health and Wellness Committee meeting. And that one was good. We're still going over the two policies that we need to update and then pass which will happen probably in the next like two weeks or so. We're coming towards the end of updating those. And then the NBSA hadn't had an exec meeting and I think we just talked about the AGM which we're planning, which is coming up very soon, all which is the last conference that falls under Megan and I's terms with the NBSA. So, it's bittersweet, because we get to wrap up everything that we've done this year, but also that's our last conference. On Thursday, I had senate with



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Megan and our two student senators Laura, and Julia, which was good. I attended the breaking stereotypes event that the Black Students Association planned for Black History Month. And that was really fantastic event, I'm really looking forward to the part two, which I think they just published today. And it'll be on February 25. So, go and check out their page for the time. I'm not exactly sure what time it will be at. But also, STUSU will be resharing that event tomorrow on our social media, so you can also keep an eye out there. For the time, I highly recommend everyone to attend. The first one is really, really great, and really insightful. And then the executives had an exec meeting, like usual and on Friday the 12th, I think I had about four things planned. And then they all got canceled. So, the only thing that made it through was Megan's Member Relations Committee meeting with CASA, which was good. We're also planning AGM, but for (?) side so that'll be fun to attend. And then, throughout that week, I did the NBSA minutes. I also wrote the Board of Governors report. And I did some research for the NBSA's Health and Wellness Committee meeting that I already mentioned. And then the following week, which was this past week, and nothing happened on Monday, because it was long weekend. On Tuesday, I was supposed to have the ad hoc committee. I think that's the word I'm looking for. And part of the Fredericton community committee, the one that I'm on about, like, student community relations, that one supposed to have that, but it got cancelled, unfortunately. So, I think we rescheduled for this coming week. I met with Hanif and Matt to talk about the election. Matt, Hanif and I have been very, very busy preparing that. There's a lot of work that goes in behind the scenes to make sure that that will run smoothly. But Hanif and Matt are doing a fantastic job planning it so far. I'm just kind of extra hands-on deck to help out with that. And I'm sure as you all are aware nominations begin tomorrow. And I know the executives have also been reached out to by a number of people, just with questions about the election process, you know, questions about various positions and stuff like that. So, if you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to really any one of us. But if it's more about election procedures, I would recommend reaching out to Matt or me. And we'd all be happy to answer your questions. And the nomination period runs until this coming Saturday. So, if you're on the fence about whether or not you want to run for position, you've got plenty of time to make a decision. And again, if you're uncertain, I encourage you to reach out to any of the executives, because we'd be happy to give you some clarity and answer your questions. And so, my office hour, this time, I did have visitors. I had Tyler and Lauren kind of visit me that's very surprising and exciting and made me happy. It honestly made my week. And I told my roommate too, right before I had my office hours like, oh, I'm going to be in a meeting, but no one usually comes. And then I had two people come and I was like, of course I said when no one usually comes and then people do so that was a pleasant surprise. And then I attended the prelaw event, which Megan is the president of the pre-Law Society and it was really well done as a really great event. So, I was happy to attend that. And then on Wednesday, I met with Megan and Matt in the morning just to discuss some internal matters. And then I had the Fredericton Community committee meeting that I mentioned before. And then the NBSA exec had our weekly meeting, which again, we still talked about the AGM. And then we also talked about some of the documents that we'll be putting out in the near future. And then the NBSA board had a meeting, we talked a lot about transitioning the incoming people, and giving them really good transition. Because this year, not only do we have to transition people for what a typical year would look like, but we also need to transition people for what a COVID year looks like. So, there's a lot of a lot of components that need to come into transitioning for this year. Then on Tuesday, Matt, and I attended the President's Advisory Committee on the budget meeting, which was good. Those meetings are always very efficient, and very insightful. And then Matt, Megan, and I moved the Welcome Week kit from GMH over to ECH and our storage. And that was fun. We got a little buggy thing from facility. So that reduced our trips from like, four to one. So those are fantastic. And then the executives had our weekly meeting that evening. And Friday, I had nothing on my plate. And then Saturday morning, I had the final Board of Governors meeting in mine, Jason, and Jessi-Lynn's term for this year. Also, bittersweet. I really liked having those meetings. And it's really cool to see all the people that are involved in the universities, I don't know endeavors that you don't necessarily get to see because they aren't faculty or staff or administration. So, I will miss participating in those meetings. I also did more research for the NBSA's Health and Wellness Committee meeting because we're meeting next week. I emailed people for the I believe you campaign. And I've also started putting that together. And the executives, I did some prep for the strategic plan, which we're going to talk about later on this meeting that the executives talked about in our meeting on Thursday.



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And unrelated to the Students Union, I purchased a T-ring and that hurt my bank account. It is very exciting. And Bernie is awesome. And that is all.

4.2 Vice President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hi, everybody. Hope everybody's had a couple good weeks and had a good and relaxing long weekend. So, as you probably noticed, Sarah had a lot of stuff that involved me and her reports. So, I'll just repeat it briefly when I'm going over my report. But as she mentioned, we had the interview with the Aquinian for International Student COVID Fund, and we've been reviewing applications still over the past couple of weeks for that fund. They're still coming in, and we're trying to get the review process out as fast as possible. But the article was good. So, thank you to the Aquinian for that. I also received a few questions about club constitution amendments, just for next year, because as a club/society, usually at the beginning of each year, they would send in a revised constitution, with amendments and stuff like that just to make it up to date. So, I've been getting questions about that. I had a phone call/discussion with Tina about the budget and the funds for the rest of the year. Just looking at the lines and stuff like that in terms of the budget. And I'll be providing another budget update for the month of February, probably next meeting, or the meeting after depending on when the credit card statements come in. I also had a discussion with a few student leaders from STU, who were interested in putting on an event that's related to clubs, societies, kind of the same as a clubs and societies fair. But they wanted to put an emphasis on first year students and making sure that they are able to get involved and have the opportunities to connect with various clubs, societies, that kind of stuff. So that was great to see. And then, as I mentioned, we've been reviewing applications for the International Student fund. It's good to see the applications coming in and I feel like we're doing it pretty efficiently as fast as possible. And that was week one and then this week after Monday, as Sarah mentioned, helped move Welcome Week kits. There was more than I expected but we got it done. Thanks to the trolley from facilities. And then as Sarah mentioned as well, I met with Megan and Sarah just to discuss some internal stuff with the STUSU. And then I also met with the Finance Committee, where we reviewed the Venezuela 180 funding application, which we will be discussing later in the agenda. And then we also proved a small funding application for STUISA, which was around \$68. I believe, that's ballpark, but it was a smaller funding application. So, we'll be getting a check, or a transfer sent to them at the beginning of this week. And then, as Sarah mentioned, as well, I met with an Hanif and Sarah about the election, Sarah already kind of explained the dates and the upcoming stuff for the election. So, don't really need to do that. But like Sarah said, if you are interested in running, you're on the fence. This is the week to kind of get your stuff in. And if you know anybody who's interested in running, we encourage them to run and stuff like that, because competition is good and stuff like that. And we like to see as many people run as possible. And then I also received a funding application from (?) so I will be meeting with the Finance Committee at some point this week, pending, some of my midterms get finished, to review that. And then I reached out to the IT department about fixing the CRO, email account, kind of name, there was a spelling error in it for whatever reason. But that is now fixed. And then I've also answered questions from a few people throughout the week, the same as Sarah mentioned about election, the process, positions, and that kind of stuff. And I'll probably be meeting with people this week, to discuss further and in the same as rest of the executives over the past two weeks, I have had my office hour on Tuesdays. And then we've had SEC meetings on Thursday. So that's pretty much it for me.

4.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Megan Cormier

Hi, everyone. I'm just gonna go based off meetings, because in the span of two weeks, I have a lot of emails, but I don't remember them most, I'll just go based on what my calendar says. So, for STUSU on the 8th, I had a Retail Review meeting like Sarah had mentioned, and directly following that we had an Academic and University Affairs Committee meeting. That same morning, I had my biweekly, weekly, depending on how we feel ad hoc remote learning meeting. On the 11th, I had my office hour, as well as had a senate meeting and an executive meeting. And then on the 16th, I spoke to a handful of students regarding some complaints they have for their online classes. So if anyone ever comes to you, and they have questions or comments regarding specific classes, profs or remote learning



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in general, you can always send them my way, as one thing I have been doing is when I get complaints, I put them into a report and send them directly to Karen Robear, who is the remote learning strategist, and I send them to our committee to discuss because we constantly want to improve, obviously, the atmosphere for students, when it comes through remote learning. And if there are things that can be directly addressed, one thing we've recommended is that students go directly to the Dean of that area of study, because they have been in charge of taking complaints based on faculty. But obviously, sometimes those faculty members are the deans. So that's why it would be one of those instances where you'd have to go a little higher, or if there wasn't any resolution with the Deans. The 17th, I had my office hour, and it has come to my attention that the link online might not be working for me as a student was not able to get in. So, I think I'm going to correct that before my next office hour. I just have to look at it and see maybe if there's a digit missing, as well. We did welcome week kits and our executive meeting, and I've also been talking to students about the upcoming election just answering a few questions. For the NBSA, I had a committee meeting with the Sustainability committee and our Systemic Racism and Indigenization Committee. So, with our Systemic Racism and Indigenisation Committee, I kind of proposed that one thing we could do to finish off this semester, is to create a consultation contact list. So, one thing with the NBSA is we have consistent turnover and sometimes you never know who to reach out to when you need consultation on issues that you don't experience yourself. So, we thought that that'd be really great to kind of keep within the history of the NBSA who you should be reaching out to when it comes to different schools because you don't always know, and you want to be sure that you're reaching out to the appropriate individuals and you are reaching out when you need to. Also, we had an NBSA board meeting on the 17th. And I was lucky enough to give the NBSA execs a little bit of feedback on what I'd like to see at our upcoming AGM because there are only a few of us that actually got to attend the AGM last year. So, it was really good to kind of get our perspective on what we'd like to see for productivity reasons. Moving now to CASA. I sent out the liaison call guide a few weeks ago, and I have scheduled all my liaison calls for this upcoming week starting tomorrow morning with the President of Red River College. I did a liaison report for January and I presented it at our board meeting. I did a report on EDI at the institutional level for all of our members. So, each of our 23 members, I wrote up what they do for EDI on campus, we can make a resource based on that. Like Sarah said, we had a Member Relations Committee meeting on the 12th. And we are planning the AGM gala of sorts. So, we're kind of coming up with fun ideas and themes right now as to how we can kind of make it a fun night, especially when we are on zoom. It feels like after a conference, you don't necessarily want to be on another call. And finally, on the 16th, I had a board meeting, and that is everything for me.

Jason: I just want to add a quick question. The one-on-one session with Dr. Robear, is that happening this week? Or do that already occur? Just for confirmation? I have a few students asking.

Megan: Yeah, so we'll be having it this upcoming Thursday. So, we have converted to the last Thursday of every month. So 3pm this Thursday. The zoom link is on our Instagram in a little graphic, but I will be sharing it again right before the event so you can find it easily.

Jason. Perfect. Thank you.

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

Hello, everyone. I hope you're having a great rest of your weekend and are looking forward to this coming week. And so, this has kind of been what I've been up to since a couple weeks ago last night. So throughout last week, so the 8th to the 12th. I received five International Student COVID-19 applications and two emergency bursary applications. Both of the emergency bursaries were approved that week, that same week, and seven international student COVID 19 fund applications were approved that week as well. So, on Monday, the 8th, I sent an email to all students who ordered Community Foods Mart, just about delivery day and what that was going to look like. Because that happened on that Thursday. On Tuesday, it was a quieter day. But I spent most of the day dealing with those funding applications and scheduling the Wellness Week because that's been taking up quite a bit of time. And on



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Wednesday, the 10th, I held my weekly office hour as usual. On Wednesday afternoon, I met with Andie, we went over the questions that we came up with as a committee for the Mental Health Student Forum discussed promoting the forum a bit more and getting it out there bit more. Thursday morning, I delivered Community Foods Mart, and this was also last week. Highly enjoyed doing that for a little bit. And I always appreciate how prompt students are in responding when I ask for their address and stuff like that. It's been quite a smooth process. So that's nice. The execs we had our meeting on Thursday night. And lastly on Thursday night I completed the graphics for the STUSU Sexual Assault Prevention Committee Instagram story that was posted on Friday morning. And so, on Friday the 12th I posted our sexual violence prevention survey on our Instagram account. On Saturday morning, for this upcoming week I started discussing with Jeffrey Carlson and Ashlyn about getting a student notice email sent out, just to really try and advertise the Wellness Week was coming up this week. And then last Sunday, around last Sunday morning, I posted the Valentine's Day meme graphics that went out onto social media. And that was a nice little initiative, I've been hearing quite a bit of feedback about students really liking those meme Valentine's cards. Well, that's cool. On Sunday morning, I created the STUSU Wellness Facebook event. And that was posted on Facebook. And then throughout the week, this week, I've continued to receive International Student COVID-19 Fund applications. There's currently one final application in my inbox to be reviewed. And then the committee is currently reviewing six applications as well. So that's great. That's coming along pretty well. We received another emergency bursary this week, and that was approved for a lower amount. On Monday, I did the draw for the Valentine's Day initiative on Instagram. And then I reached out to the students who won, McKenna Burrell and I bought the Amazon e-gift card to be shared to her email. The Activities and Events committee met on Tuesday afternoon to finalize details for the digital art class that they're doing during the Wellness Week. And then on Tuesday, I pretty much did the rest of the Wellness Week work. So, I schedule I made all of the zoom link. I sent those out to everyone who doing a session during the week. And then I also posted those in the Facebook event. On Wednesday morning, Brock and I were supposed to meet, but he was sick, so we didn't end up meeting. But we will be meeting again in two weeks. I had my office hour as usual. And then the STUSU Sexual Assault Prevention Committee met this past Wednesday afternoon. And then on Thursday morning, I met with Victoria to finalize things, everything for her event, the affordable cooking workshop that's going to be happening on the Wellness Week. The executive had our weekly meeting Thursday night. And then I will be doing the draft for STUSU's monthly giveaway either tomorrow or the next day and just posting that on our social media. And lastly, I just wanted to briefly update you guys all on AIDS New Brunswick. Unfortunately, they have not gotten back to me yet. And I'm not sure if they will. I've seen on Facebook over the past couple of weeks, that they've had a few positions come open there. So, I'm thinking that they might be doing a little bit of restructuring. However, if you guys do know anyone who was interested in doing a Naloxone training event, you can go on www.naloxonetraining.com. It's a 15-minute training, 15 to 20 minutes, and then you're provided with a certificate at the end of that. And you can bring that to AIDS NB to pick up your actual Naloxone kits if you're interested. So, I just wanted to update you guys on that. But that is pretty much it for me.

Tyler: I was wondering if there was a cost associated with that link for that course or if that was free?

Kyle: It is actually entirely free.

Ravtaj: Could you share the link, please?

Kyle: Sure. I will put it in the chat.

5. Employee Reports

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports



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6.1 Grad Class President (Alaina M.)

During my report, and all the things that grad class has been up to, first of all, before again, all my dates are a little bit a side tangent. Sarah, I'm glad to hear you had such an awesome experience with Bernie Hogan from Hogan's Diamond Jewelers, I had a really awesome experience with him, too. He's an absolute delight. He did reach out to me in the past week, just to talk about the timelines for actually getting new rings. They're looking a little bit longer than they were like pre-Christmas break. So, you are looking at about eight weeks plus if you were to order your ring right now. So, if anyone's looking to do that, or some people have questions about it, definitely let them know about that timeline. So, if you want to get before graduation, now's the time to do it. Of course, anytime you order your ring, you'll still get it even if it happens after graduation. It is all good. I'm making a post about that on Instagram as well just let information out there and good to be shared. Kind of breaking down other things that have been happening by dates. Way back on Monday, February 8, feels like forever ago, the Grad Class Committee met again, we talked specifically about finalizing items, selections for the items will sell as a Grad Class Committee. And then I had taken that conversation and discussion over to Coastal Graphics. Where's where we're currently at. On Tuesday, February 9, the following day, there were a few questions about grad gown availability, and they're redirected to me from a couple of different channels. So, to make sure we are all on the same page, I did have a couple of conversations, one with Fern from facilities. And then I did also drop into Sarah's office hour to say hello, and just make sure we're on the same page. On Monday, February 15. The Grad Class Committee did not meet we celebrated family day instead by foregoing this meeting. Then on Friday, February 19, I met with Jeffrey Carlton to discuss the trajectory of convocation planning and where that's ending up and excited about how excited the administration is. Unfortunately, I can't share any details. But more information for graduating students is coming soon. It just really needs to be solidified so that everything can be right when we get it, which is really exciting. And last time we met, I mentioned that I'd be attending an Alumni Association meeting later in the month. Somehow this month has come and gone, and that meeting is happening this weekend. So, I'm looking forward to touching base with the Alumni Association again.

Sarah: I apologize Alaina. In my head I thought that our chat was a meeting that I forgot to write down and I forgot that it actually occurred within my office hour. So, I stand corrected. I did have a visitor two weeks ago, my office hour and that was Alaina, and we had a lovely chat about graduation photos.

6.2 International Student Representative (Alex N)

Hi, everyone. For my report, last week on Monday, I met with STUISA biweekly meetings. And on Tuesday, I had an interview with the Aquinian with Hanif and Allie from STUISA on the International COVID Fund and for last week we are still processing applications for the funds.

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

Sydney: So, two weeks ago, I attended Sara's office hour too, just thought I would put that out there. And we had our paint night. I'm not gonna lie to you. I wish I could tell you that there was more turnout. But shout out to Tyler for coming. We all had a great time whether we were little in numbers, or large in numbers. Oh, my goodness, I really haven't been to a lot of meetings this week. I was busy. I bought my first car. So, I was busy doing paperwork and going to meetings for that. I call them meetings. I mean, doing paperwork and stuff. And I also bought a T ring. So that's super exciting. And I really don't have much to say, we're gonna work on planning our next event. I'll turn it to Ravtaj.

Ravtaj: Nothing really.



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Sarah: I am so sorry. Again, clearly, I can't remember anything unless it's explicitly written down. Yes. So, I did have visitors. I lost some visitors in my office over the past two weeks. Sydney came and talked about the OC event. And we talked about just how to put that together and stuff like that. So, I sincerely apologize to both Sydney and Alaina. I apparently need to write out my entire life in order to remember it or else things will just slip through the cracks.

6.4 Rigby Hall Representative (Jonah S.)

For past two weeks, the House Committee met, still trying to figure out the Rigby swag. And what we're going to do and our last meeting, regarding swag. We're still trying to do a poll and figure out how much people are willing to pay for masks, sweaters, or t shirts. And last week, we met regarding events for end of the year and we're still debating if we're gonna do an escape room or another among us t night or have a movie night. And the Indigenous Reconciliation Committee met. So, we ironed out what we're gonna do in our speaker series starts on Thursday, where everybody's invited, it's 1:30 till 2:30. And I met with the Aquinian regarding the speaker series. And I'll let Tiger go and more in depth with that. And that, and the BIPOC had a zoom meeting together, which was pretty nice. We only had a few people, but we had one international student show up. And we are hoping that more BIPOC students show up to the bi-weekly zoom to get together. That's everything.

6.5 First Year Representative (Lauren H.)

Hi, everyone, for the past two weeks, on the week of the eighth, we did a study session as well as we had our like Instagram story challenge, which is great to see some participation there. And this past week, we did a like breakfast state thing. It was cute, fun. And then I also have my First-year Committee meeting, which is great. And that's all for me.

Sydney: I thought your breakfast thing was super cute, and I admire your ambition.

6.6 Social Inclusion Representative (Andie A.)

Hi, I hope everybody had a really great couple of weeks, and hopefully everybody relaxed, too. So, on February 10, I met with Kyle, to discuss what we could do with the website, the forum. And we agreed that I would make some advertisements to post on the STUSU's Instagram. And so, I still need to do that. And then on February 12, we had a Mental Health Committee meeting. And again, we discussed the forum. And we brainstormed possible initiatives for the Let's Keep Talking event. So, kind of like an extension of Bell Let's Talk. And we could kind of relate it back to like academic stress and stuff like that. And then I wrote up the meeting minutes for that committee. And on February 8, I contacted Penny Grantor, who is the political science assistant. And I talked to her about getting the check for \$75. So that's being made right now, takes about 10 business days. So that's going to be made out to STUSU and as soon as I get word on that check, I'm sending it to Matt. And on February 9, I got an email from Mariah from Future Ancestors. And she just sent me information about how to pay for the event. And then on February 17, I sent Sarah a pitch of the Larissa event, so that she could send it to Brock with some information and we can get some headshots and a bio for her and Brock and yeah. And then on February 17, I also sent Dorcas Tshimenga an email about the headshots and a mini bio that's needed for marketing the event, I think Larissa was going to put together a few like materials that we can put on Instagram, where it features each speaker and then her as well. So yeah, she asked me if I can send that in by March 1. So, she can just give it to me, like all the marketing material on March 1 latest. And then on February 20, I got in contact with Beats by Lauren on Instagram. And she came up with a few ideas on how to or what to give Larissa as a gift within the budget that I gave her and she came up with mini birch bark earrings with a smoke tied on the back, and it's going to be Sage green. So, they're gonna be really beautiful. And I'm very excited to support our local indigenous community here, and I'm just so excited. So, if you ever want to buy some



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beadwork, you should hit up Beats by Lauren. And then today, earlier today sent an email to facilities, to the Director of facilities to inquire about making some space on campus for my chest feeding initiative. I really want mothers or parents who are just feeding to have a place on campus instead of going down the hill and then coming back up with a child just to go feed them. And that's about it.

6.7 At-Large Representative (Victoria Y.)

Hey everyone, hope y'all had a great two weeks. So, this week, I discussed the details of my sustainable and affordable cooking Workshop with Greener Village about what will be discussed in the Workshop. She sent me her notes of what she'll be talking about, as well as an idea for a sample recipe demonstration. So that's super exciting. I then met with Kyle last week just to give him those details from Greener Village. And just the talk over the logistics of promoting the event and what the next steps are. I then created two graphics for the event as well as a Google form sign up sheet and sent those over to Kyle to post on the Facebook event as well as the STUSU Instagram. That being said, please sign up through the Google form in the STUSU Instagram bio. Spread the word to your friends about the event in time to register. Thank you for those who already signed up or spread the word. I appreciate that though. And I'm just hoping for a really big turnout. So, if you could just spread the word more, it'd be great. This week, I also attended the Activities and Events Committee, which is always super fun, as Kyle said, just doing some extra things for Wellness Week and doing the details of the art class on Wednesday. So that's all.

6.8 Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

Hi, Queens, again, echoing everybody else, I hope you all have had a lovely two weeks. I'm right there with you, Sarah, I forgot to write down some stuff. So, I'm probably going to be forgetting half of the things that I did. But that's okay, bear with me. So, last week, as Sidney mentioned, I attended the OC reps, paint, and sip event. I absolutely adored it; it was a lot of fun. I'm not going to claim that my painting was a masterpiece by any means. But I definitely enjoyed the process. It's great. I also had a, I'm going to use the term meeting loosely, it was basically just the like Facebook Messenger chat with the with the Rigby Hall RC's just to touch base and come up with some ideas of events that we could potentially do down there on there every week as I don't have access to the building. So, any events that we would run would have to be in coordination with the with the RC's and RA team down there. In addition, this week, I attended the STU Leads conference, so that was going on. Huge shout out to Seydona as well as Alaina and all the other presenters, I thought they did an extremely good job, it was very well done. I absolutely loved it. And I actually learned quite a bit too. So, it was it was sweet. Definitely worth going. And I recommend next year's, everybody who can go goes. In addition, I actually missed the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee meeting, which I feel really bad about. But I did follow along on the agenda. And I'm very excited with the initiatives that we have going on, they are super cool. So just keep an eye out for those and follow along on the Instagram page. And coming up, I have one this Friday, I have another one at a date that hasn't been set in stone yet. But I have been asked to sit on two panels. One of them is down at UNB with their education program. And I'll be talking about the like my experience personally, but also, in general from representing the people that I've represented and work with the experience of LGBT people within the education system and how educators at all levels, whether it be elementary, middle, high school, and post secondary, can improve their practices, and become more inclusive as an education system. And then the second one, which the date hasn't been determined yet, but it will be coming up I believe in March. And I'm reading an email right now, it is to focus on mental and social health within LGBT communities. And so, I've asked to sit on that one as well. So, I'm looking forward to being a part of that and hearing what the other panelists have to say, answering the questions. And again, you meet people who attend, so that'll be a lot of fun. And I also the final thing was, I have a meeting coming up with Cassidy to discuss an event that I reached out to Sarah to at her previous office hour, we're bringing an LGBT inclusive sex education event to campus, because many LGBT people do not receive any form of sex ed of any kind, which is incredibly dangerous. And as a way of improving not only that safety, but also that knowledge and just to provide a space that you can come and ask questions. Regardless, we are hoping to put that together. And just so everybody knows, as a way of



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protecting people's identities, if they do not want to attend as there is a risk of outing yourself that we don't want anybody to have that as well. We will be recording the event and posting it after the fact. So that way it can be easily accessible. And you can hear all the information without attending the event if you choose not to as we want to respect people's identities and positions. So that is also something that we'll be doing with that event. And that's all for me.

6.9 Indigenous Student Representative (Tiger L.)

Hello, everybody. I had an interview with the Aquinian on Wednesday, February 17, about the upcoming event being held by the Indigenous Reconciliation Committee. I met four times with the Indigenous Students Reconciliation Committee, the first one Wednesday, February 10, and Friday, February 12, then Wednesday, February 17 and then Friday, February 19. The purpose of these meetings was to iron out the details of our first upcoming event date. We also started to weave together the details for the other event dates as well. We have our social media up and running, Facebook and Instagram. And we started to advertise our events and started our first giveaway. You can find us at STU-reconciliation on Instagram and STUdent Reconciliation Committee on Facebook. The details about how to join the events and enter the giveaway will be posted on these pages. The first giveaway is a Google Mini donated by Jonah Simon. The Indigenous Student Reconciliation Committee is pleased to present a four-part guest speaker series on education and awareness's. To begin the series, Ron Tremblay, the traditional grand chief of the Wolastoq will join us through a one hour zoom presentation to teach us about the indigenous treaties, specifically the peace and friendship treaties that were established between 1725 and 1779 between the British and various indigenous nations. This event will require guests to sign up with their name and clickable email. The event will be hosted on 25th from 1:30 to 2:30pm. There will be time for a brief question and answer period at the end of the discussion. Other than that, I believe that is all I have to report.

Tyler: You might have mentioned this, I'm a little slow this evening. So sorry. But is that signup link for the event on the 25th? Is that up now on the Facebook page? Or like when will we be able to find that?

Tiger: To my knowledge, I believe it's Wednesday or Tuesday. I believe there's also going to be a mass email sent out to all the students.

6.10 Board of Governor's Representative (Jason O.)

Normally, the bog rep doesn't have much to say but I guess this meeting I have a just a few quick things to add in. Just to quickly to echo on Sarah report, same thing with mine and my other BOG reps last official meeting with BOG and I advised the board that I will not be re offering my position as I'll be moving on to other stuff within the St. Thomas community and beyond. But I just wanted to mention that I thank the board very much for all their work and relationship that we have. And it was very welcoming and supportive environment. My first meeting that I had back in December, my heartbeat was racing 100 miles a minute, because all these people that I did not know who make the big decisions, but they made it a very nice and welcoming environment. So, if anyone's interested in the BOG position, or you know, anyone interested BOG position, I highly recommend that just to kind of give you a quick little update with Jessie and I've been up to I don't know if she's kept up to date. But in January, I just sent a quick little video out about what BOG is and how we're supporting the students. We understand that a lot of things are confidential, and we can't get into many items or all items discussed on the board. But while our main goal was to let students know what BOG is, and that it is there, and also, we were advised in the last meeting, that two members will be retiring from the board. So, Jessie and I will be sending thank you cards along their way from our positions. And I think that's about it. Oh, also, we sent a Christmas card to the Board of Governors from us, just to kind of give that working relationship a really nice, fine tune. So, I just want to thank the SRC for their help in widening my perspective, for my positions when I had those two meetings. During my time, I was able to attend various events and various things, there was something that I was planning to do, but COVID kind of side swapped all that. But I do



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wish the best of luck to whoever takes over my position. So, I just wanted to make of those few points. So, thank you very much. And I just want to clarify, I said, we were advised during the board meeting, I don't want it to come across. I'm giving information out from the board meeting. So, everything that is in confidential, but the information that it that I did share about those members retiring, that's on our University website, which is public knowledge. So that's the reason why I felt comfortable sharing that, but I just wanted to clarify that I wouldn't have said that permission if it wasn't public knowledge.

7. New Business

7.1 Funding Application

Matt: So, some of you may have read the funding application and the letter that came with it. If not, no big deal. I'll just go over briefly, once I share the screen, give me a second. Can everybody see that? Okay. So, some of you that are on SRC and run the Finance Committee would have already seen this funding application. But just for those of you who may not have been able to read it over the past day, this funding application was brought on behalf of Venezuela 180, Alley Nevas and Valeria Boquin. So basically, I don't know if everybody in the SRC knows exactly what Venezuela 180 is, but they're a registered non-profit. They work toward a 180-degree shift in Venezuela, from a country of extreme crisis to a country of extreme opportunity. So, they're a great organization, they came to STU, believe it was last year. Alley kind of requested that they become a club at STU and the Governance Committee reviewed that last year. And they've been doing great things over the past year for Venezuela. And for STU as a whole. So, this funding application, basically, they're working with an organization in Venezuela called ERAK. And they're an NGO working in a part of Venezuela. And they have developed a demographically adapted English course to promote educational levels, encourages animal tourism, and increase their economic development. So, it's all for good cause. And basically, in the same manner, as a lot of other stuff in the world today, they've been affected by COVID-19. So, this funding application is basically it needs support for purchasing a few items for 25 adults in the organization, the NGO to help them out. So basically, the breakdown, as you can see here, is rental space for four months would be \$600. And then books, pencils, notebooks for the 25 would be around \$100. So that would come to a total of \$700. And the Finance Committee looked at the application. And I also brought it to Tina, our general manager, and we saw no problems with it, it's for a good cause, they provided enough information. There's another letter as well, that explains the whole deal outcome and stuff like that. So, upon recommendation, the Finance Committee and Tina and myself as well, we would make a motion to approve the funding application for \$700 total. And I'll stop sharing my screen just to open discussion. I just wanted to say as well, before we kind of vote on is that we were willing to give the requested amount this year, especially because it's obviously been tough for clubs and societies and stuff like that to kind of find interests and stuff like that, from especially first year students who may not have the same opportunities for engagement as previous years. So, we want to do everything we can with the funding we have that is given to us by students and stuff like that, to help these clubs, societies, and especially when it's for a good cause. So yeah, that's just basically what I wanted to say before voting. And thank you in advance.

Motion has been moved by Vice President Administration upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the SRC General Manager to approve Venezuela 180's funding application for \$700 coming from the clubs and societies line.

Seconded by Jonah S.

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

Matt: Thank you everybody for looking at that and listening to me for a few minutes. And I'm sure they'll be happy and grateful from the SRC and stuff like that because it is for a great cause. And hopefully, it makes a difference. But yeah, that's pretty much it.

7.2 Strategic Planning



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Sarah: Hello, again, everyone. So, I'm sure you all remember from our retreat, talking about the strategic plan, and that it is the responsibility of the executives to draft and SRC to pass a new three-year strategic plan at the end of this year. So, in our most recent exec meeting, the executives began having discussions about drafting the new strategic plan. So, before we jump in, I guess I'll just remind everyone of the process of how this will look. So firstly, what the executives decided would be easiest to do is to determine the pillars that are within the strategic plan. So, the document itself and you can find the current strategic plan on our website, if you want something to kind of like reference while I'm talking and put things in perspective. But so, the document has pillars. And then under those pillars, there's a description like a brief paragraph about what that pillar means for the Students Union. And then below that, there's, they called it core objectives, some examples of how that these pillars can be accomplished. So, the executives are still kind of wishy washy on whether or not the core objectives will be included in the new strategic plan, just because also the executives put together our annual plan. There's a lot of plans, an annual plan, and this is something that needs to be published by June 1 every single year. So, the incoming executives, this is something that's worked on over the course of the month of May, when their term begins. And then it's published after the first month in office. And the annual plan responsibility is to really lay out like everything that we're not everything but a good chunk of the things that each executive wants to accomplish during their time. So basically, in less words, the annual plan is more for specific details. The strategic plan is more for broad themes and less specific things. So that's our rationale and why we're kind of unsure as to whether or not we'll include core objectives. But anyways, so we had a conversation about setting the pillars for the document. And so, we've drafted up some pillars that we wanted to bring to you folks just to have a discussion about and get your thoughts on whether or not you think that they're appropriate, if you have any objections to them if you think that they're great. And then once we've decided on those pillars, and also, when I say decided on, nothing is absolutely final until we pass the document, in our last meeting of the year. So, if, say, for example, everyone says, Yeah, the pillars are great. And then like, after this meeting, you're like, Oh, no, actually, I think this would be good, you can still do that, like, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any. And that goes for the entirety of this process. So please feel free to reach out to me if you have any changes. But yeah, nothing is absolutely final until our last meeting. But anyway, so we drafted up some pillars. And also, we're going to present the pillars to you now. Like I said, get everyone's thoughts and opinions on them. And then once we've agreed on the pillars, then the executives are going to take them back. And then we're going to figure out, you know what the description will look like underneath those pillars. And then it'll happen in either our second last or third last meeting of the year, we'll bring the rough draft, the full rough draft of the strategic plan to Council for everyone to discuss, and then we'll be discussing, like, all the contents of the documents and not just the pillars like we're doing today. But all the contents of the document, and then we'll get your recommendations, your opinions will go in and make changes. And then in the last meeting, or if we're extra speedy, the second last meeting of the year, we'll pass the document. So does that procedural wise, does that make sense to everyone, just give me a thumbs up if you understand, if that makes sense. You understand what we're talking about. And this current meeting, I'm seeing some thumbs up. So that's a good sign. So also put them in the chat, as well. Because as we've established this meeting, I'm not very good at remembering things. And I like to read things and helps me remember them. And the pillars that we've decided upon. And some of them come from the current strategic plan, and some of them are new. But we have: Dedicated Advocacy and Enhancement of the Student Experience, Supporting Student Growth, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and Transparency and Accountability. So, these are pillars or themes that we think are integral to the operations of the Students Union. And we think no matter what year, the Students Union should always work towards these things. So that being said, I'll put them in the chat. So, like I said, we're not necessarily like, you can use your imagination and kind of think of like what activities or initiatives, if you will, would fall under these pillars that we currently do. And if you know, if you have some thoughts on you say like, oh, use the example of supporting student growth. One of the things that was identified in our executive meeting was that the current strategic plan as missing experiential learning. So that was one of the pillars that came from that comment was, you know, we think that the student union is very active in experiential learning, we think that should be reflected in our strategic plan. So, supporting student growth came as a result of that conversation that also encompasses other things, but you can kind of see how like, the planning process happens for creating these pillars. But I will open the floor or invite everyone to make comments on how you feel



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about these pillars. If you think anything's missing, like I said, these are really broad, and they're intentionally broad. So, lots of things can be placed underneath them we can tweak the wording, if you know, you think something is, or there's an aspect of the student union that you think isn't reflected in these pillars that couldn't be placed underneath any of these pillars. And then we can go in and change the wording to make sure that that's reflected.

Tyler: And this is really walking the line. It's like how you will define them. But I was just wondering what the idea behind dedicated advocacy was just because like all of these are kind of advocacy. So just wondering what the thought process was behind having that specific pillar.

Sarah: So dedicated advocacy. I'm not going to read the full paragraph because it's quite long, but I'm just going to paraphrase it. Dedicated advocacy is defined as STUSU furthering its internal and external policy positions and strategies, engaging with decision makers at various levels of government in the university administration. Bringing forward student issues and recommendations to these various levels. Internal advocacy through meeting with university stakeholders and the university's two main governing bodies, which are senate and BOG, and then external advocacy is the NBSA, and CASA. And that all of STU's advocacy endeavors will remain strictly nonpartisan. So that's basically dedicated advocacy is like, you know, having a seat on senate, having a seat on BOG, representing the student positions there, as well as maintaining our involvement with the NBSA and CASA. Because also, with things like this strategic plan, it's easy to think of the Students Union as it currently exists. But like, who knows, three years down the road, the entire SRC could say, we want to leave CASA and we want to leave the NBSA. Like, that's not out of the question. We have absolutely no idea what's going to happen in the future. But that's why the strategic plan is done every three years is to kind of help guide the Union's efforts. And it's a recommendation from the current year of the executives and the SRC that are creating it, saying these are things that are working and that are good right now and we think these things should be continued for the next three years. Does that make sense? I know it's confusing.

Tyler: I just want to say thanks for clarifying that. I know it was like a lot of words and stuff apart. So anyway, thank you. Also, I wanted to say that I really liked the word choice of the equity, diversity, and inclusion, because I find that so often, we like mix up like equity and equality and stuff. So, I just I like the fact you chose those words. That's just like a positive. But I wanted to say for all of you.

Sarah: Thank you, we appreciate that. And that's also something that was found in the current strategic plan. And obviously, the executives felt that that was very important to continue and keep in the future strategic plan, that I think it would be horrendous if we took that out, in my opinion. Yeah, so that's really it. And we just wanted to get everyone's feedback. Like I said, nothing is final until we pass a document more towards the very end of the year. And so, if you have any, like I said, any additional comments about the pillars, or things that, like specific things that you think should be recognized under the pillars, and that you think are really integral to the operations of the Student Union, please send me an email, let me know. Like I said, the full rough draft of the document will be coming within the next, not even month, less than a month for SRC to make comments on and stuff and then I've said this 100 times, so nothing is final until it's passed. And that being said, feel free to give me feedback at any time about anything. I just realized that I'm sitting in the pitch black now. But feel free to give me feedback at any time. We're happy to hear your feedback because even though it's the executives writing it, this is a cumulative effort between us all. So, your feedback is really, really crucial to this. Because not only does this represent the executive's beliefs of the Student Union, but also Council's beliefs of the Student Union and what we should be focusing on, or what the organization should pride itself on. So that was pretty much it. It's strictly to ask for feedback today. And then as I said, we'll be making more official decisions later on in the year.

8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

No questions, announcements, and notices.



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9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Megan C.

Seconded by Sydney S.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 6:21 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on February 23, 2021.

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