



The Students' Representative Council
Le Conseil Représentatif des Étudiants
Students' Union of St. Thomas University, Inc.

1st Meeting of the 46th SRC
7:00pm, Monday, September 9, 2018
MMH, Room 201

Attendance Record

Position	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
President	Husoni Raymond	X		
Vice President Administration	Matthew Oram	X		
Vice President Education	Ailish Mackenzie-Foley	X		
Vice President Student Life	Sarah Kohut	X		
Harrington Hall Representative	Tyler Dupuis	X		
Vanier Hall Representative				
Holy Cross House Representative	Darian Trevors			X
Rigby Hall Representative				
Off-Campus Representative	Sydney Shelley	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Megan Cormier			X
Off-Campus Representative	Kathleen Jones	X		
Social Inclusion Representative	Dorcas Tshimenga			X
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Tyler McGee	X		
Indigenous Representative				
Member at Large Representative	Megan Gibson	X		
Member at Large Representative	Gracie Young			X
International Student Representative	Sydonia Chandon			X
Grad Class President	Brianne Durant	X		
First Year Residence Representative				

Staff Present: Brianna Hill (Chair), and Madi Geldart (Recording Secretary).

AQ Representatives: Diana Chavez

Guests Present: N/A



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Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Brianna Hill at 7:06 pm.
Quorum is met with 9 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.
It was moved by Sarah Kohut to approve agenda as presented.
Seconded by Tyler McGee.
The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Executive Reports

2.1 President's Report –Husoni Raymond

Hello, everyone. So, what have I been up to over the last week? Welcome Week; that was the main thing, but apart from being at the events and helping Manuel and Chole and all the volunteers. I had a couple of interviews. I think around 3 with the Aquinian about our budget, the bus pass, and...something else that I don't remember...tuition increase. I had an interview with CBC about our Get Out the Vote campaign, and it was on this radio show, I think, in one evening. And I also did an interview with the Telegraph Journal about GOTV, as well, because of the launch on last week, the fourth.

I did a speech at the Academic Orientation day, at the beginning, along with Dr. Kim Fenwick, and I helped set up STUSU backdrop for like a spirit festival at the Academic Orientation day ceremony at Rigby, at the Commencement ceremony at Rigby. So, that was really cool to see everyone using STUSU branded things on their social media. Also been helping out with GOTV, so the pledge table and at some of the events during Welcome Week.

I had a meeting with a student about creating a sustainability representative position on council. I had a Senate committee on Indigenous Reconciliation meeting, so that is a committee I sit on that's formed through the University Senate and we basically come up with initiatives to indigenise the curriculum and promote reconciliation on campus. We had Jennifer Brennan come in two weeks ago and we did a strategic plan for the committee, and the last meeting we were discussing having a blanket exercise on campus for students to attend. And planning something for Orange Shirt day coming up.

Today, I attended the 203 volunteer training, so I'll be volunteering at the room 203 in the SUB throughout the year. So, I attended the training today which is very informative, and I'm looking forward to being there throughout the year, and I had a NBSA board call earlier today, where I took the minutes, and that is my report.

2.2 Vice-President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hi everyone, so I haven't been as busy as Husoni the past couple weeks, but I've had some things and some upcoming things that are kind of important. Clubs and Societies Fair is coming up on Thursday, so that's from 10:30 to 2:30, and we have about 20 different groups that have confirmed that they will be there, so that is looking like it will be a fairly good turnout. That's including our Community Food Smart table and Get Out the



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Vote tables, so Wasiimah and I will probably be sitting at that, and also the NBSA will have a table there. So, if you guys are interested in going up to that it should be good.

Also, on Sunday...it's on a Sunday, it had to be because Saturday's STU Cares, but the Club and Societies training will take place between 10AM and 3PM on Sunday. There's a couple employees from the school coming out to present at that, so hopefully all the executives from the groups are able to make it because I did say it was mandatory, but some have mentioned that they aren't able to go, so we'll see about that.

Also, the Student Advisory Committee...I don't know if you guys saw on the STUSU Facebook page and Instagram, but still looking for at least one or two more people for the Student Advisory Committee. I have three at this point, but if you want to pass it on your friends or people you know, if they're interested. It's a good opportunity for first year students especially but doesn't matter what year you are. I did it last year, it's not much work, but it is still good because you get introduced to University policy and that kind of stuff.

I also received three or four different amended constitutions from different Club and Societies. They were just asking for help on different aspects, what they could amend and that kind of stuff. Also, I sent out to all of you the bylaw adjustments that were made. I don't know if everybody had a chance to review that, but it was just to the referendum section. So, basically in terms of referendums being brought up by students, it just kind of changed some aspects of that make to make it more formal, I guess. And, lastly, me and Tina, and also Husoni, have been reviewing a couple funding applications from different groups and clubs and societies, such as that. So, yeah, that's pretty much it for me. Besides email responses, but that's just usual.

2.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Ailish Mackenzie-Foley

Hi everyone, so what I've been up to in the past week is, obviously Welcome Week, but Get Out the Vote, that officially launched on September 4th. It's been huge, we have a pledge table set up in JDH all the time. We'll get more into that later on in the meeting but Get Out the Vote has been huge.

All the Senate committees have been filled now which is awesome, so all the student positions are sent in. So, they'll be getting any moment in the next few days what they need to do and when they will be meeting with their Senate committees. I also wrote the Senate report and Senates meeting this Thursday. I can't make it because I have class, but we'll have our two student Senators there, along with Husoni.

So, with CASA, our federal advocacy partner, I am in the Federal Policy Committee. We have a have a meeting coming up on Friday. We were supposed to have one last week, but with Welcome Week happening all over campuses, we decided to push it. I also have a sustainability committee meeting with the NBSA coming up on Friday. Yeah, Get Out the Vote and Welcome Week, I haven't many meetings between then, besides my meeting with KJ, who is the executive director of the NBSA. We just talked about NBSA, STUSU, and the sustainability priority, and yeah, I think that's it.

2.4 Vice-President of Student Life's Report – Sarah Kohut:

Again, I'm going to state the obvious. Welcome Week has taken up all of my past week. Besides that I have been volunteering at the Get Out the Vote table which you've probably seen, and you guys have probably done. I also collected Community Food Smart orders last Thursday. We have 22 people ordering bags this month which is great. And, then for next month, you'll probably be seeing a lot more posts about, like on our social media and stuff, just saying "hey, order a bag!" And, if you're curious about Community Food Smart and want to know what's in a bag, at the Clubs and Societies fair on Thursday we will be raffling off a bag, so I'll be sitting there at the table with the bag. You can go leaf through it if you want. Be my guest.

Also, just a couple of things I want to flag for this week are the Clubs and Societies Fair, like Matt already mentioned, there's also – I'll be posting it probably tomorrow or Wednesday – but the Credit Union is having a student, like, welcome barbecue. The Credit Union basically is the STUgenda's biggest sponsor every single year, so they



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reached out to me and wanted to invite STU students over. They're having tons of free food. If have you have banking questions, they'll also have, like, their bankers they're just milling around, and you can ask them questions informally. That's also happening on

Thursday. Unfortunately, it overlaps with the Clubs and Societies fair, but if you want to visit the fair and visit the barbecue, you can do both. That will be happening from 11AM to 2PM, but I'll also be sharing it on our social media if you don't remember right now which is okay.

More things that I will be doing this week. I have a sexual assault prevention team meeting tomorrow, so that's with all three campuses: STU, UNB, and NBCC. So, I'm looking forward to that, and also if you guys want to volunteer at the Helpdesk, I'm pretty sure Sam still needs a couple more slots filled. The Helpdesk training is tomorrow, so if you're interested in that, it's super easy, super fun. You get to see a lot of faces in JDH. Reach out to me or Sam Arthurs because the Helpdesk opens on Wednesday, and I think that's all for me.

3. Employee Updates

No employee report available.

4. Representative Reports

4.1 Harrington Hall

Hello, I feel so fancy with "the Chair recognises Tyler." I hope you all had a restful, exciting, and rejuvenating summer. For once in my time at Harrington, I saw something which I did not think was possible, and it was silence. Harrington Hall, because I ended up moving in early, was filled with RAs and lost souls, including myself. I'll be honest, not much has been going on. I feel like we're just slowly kicking off the year. Like, today we have an info session on house committee, so we'll be holding our house committee elections really soon, which is really exciting.

And, am I missing something? Oh yeah, we won the Cheer Off! Thank you, I feel like this now gives me...and I'm sorry for all of you, but you're going to have to suffer through holding bragging rights all year, so that's great.

And I don't see Holy Cross Rep here, but for the record, on behalf of Harrington, I want to thank Holy Cross because after the Cheer Off they ended up bringing us smore dip, and I thought that was the sweetest, nicest thing, like, Holy Cross every could have done, so I want that in bold in the record please. And that's it.

4.2 Vanier Hall

No report available.

4.3 Holy Cross House

No report available.

4.4 Rigby Hall

No report available.

4.5 Off-Campus – (Sydney/Kathleen/Megan C.)

Sydney: Alright, so we're going to do this...can we do ours together? So, we're going to meet with Megan (Cormier) on Thursday to talk about off-campus events. We're really excited to do stuff with Halloween this year. We're really planning something different, so not the usual pumpkin carving.



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Kathleen: Yeah, like a classic horror movie night potentially, where we get people together, and like potentially around the world chocolate day, as well, to hand out free chocolate in OC. We just want to get off-campus a lot more involved this year, with student life in general. We were busy at Welcome Week this past week, trying to meet all the new students, and get previous students to come back and get to know the first years a little bit more and get more involved. We just want OC to get more involved this year.

4.6 Social Inclusion Representative – (Dorcias)

No report available.

4.7 Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative – (Tyler M.)

I hope everyone had a good first week of classes and a good summer. So, I've been fairly busy, I guess, for me. I recently started a Facebook page which is called Sexuality and Gender Diversity STUSU, and I did it to provide an avenue for students to connect to LGBT resources on campus, along with, like, different events and some updates about various things we have going on.

Also, during Welcome Week training, Dr. Erin Fredricks gave a talk on Safer Spaces for LGBT students and during which she shared plans to introduce an LGBTQ peer support initiative, through our existing Peer-Mentoring program here. So, I've sent some emails out and we've began to talk a little bit more, so I'm really excited to see how that goes.

I also got a Facebook message from Eric Zundle, who is the LGBT Class Representative for UNBSU. We're talking about different ways we can collaborate throughout the year. And, some sad news, I spoke with the executive for the Q&A Society about their plans for this year, and that group will not be operating for the beginning of this year. It is pretty sad, but I think that it can open up an opportunity to explore some new avenues for us to maintain visibility on campus, so it will be interesting to see how we can go about that, and I'm open to suggestions from everyone. That's all for me.

4.8 Indigenous Representative

No report available.

4.9 At-Large Representative (Gracie/Megan G.)

Hey, everyone, I hope you all had a great summer. I don't really have that much to report on yet, so far, but Gracie and I are meeting really soon to start going over some stuff. I've been helping with Welcome Week, and that's been going really well, so yeah, that's it.

4.10 International Student Representative (Sydona)

No report available.

4.11 First Year Residence Representative

No report available.

4.12 Grad Class Representative (Bri)

Hello, I hope everybody has slept since Welcome Week. Basically, I've gathered a committee together. We have twelve members, pending on thirteen. I've sent out some emails, getting everybody's availability, so that we can have our first official grad class meeting next week.



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Tomorrow I have a meeting with Brian from Coastal Graphics regarding grad class clothing, so I'm hoping to get that up and running really really soon so orders can go in before Christmas, and people can have them as Christmas presents and stuff like that.

I also have a pending meeting with Tina from STUSU, probably on Friday, regarding the budget for Grad Class because Anisha didn't know exactly where the budget stood when we had our first meeting back in March or April...whenever that was. So, I'm going to see where we are there, and then were just going to start moving forward and planning the first event. I'm thinking about doing Grad Class apple picking because I just think that would be a lot of fun.

And one last thing, I've been in touch with the photography company that does our Grad Class photos, so we're now promoting the slots for getting your photos done because they're open now, so Husoni, sign up. I think you're the only graduating person here. Yeah, so that's happening with the Grad Class.

5. New Business

5.1 Bus Pass

So, I just wanted to put that as a discussion item because I know, like, it's a change that happened. Moving from, like, the student ID as a bus pass and now using the digital pass, and I know there are a lot of questions you folks might hear from your peers and whoever wants to rant about the change. So, I wanted to provide this opportunity if you have any questions that you weren't able to answer, or you need some clarification on anything that we could answer now.

Just to give an overview of the pass. This agreement was negotiated since last year and approved by council last year, and it's for a duration of two years. One of the causes was that we switched to using the digital pass, but students would still have the option, if they don't have a phone or their phone isn't reliable, to get a paper pass from Financial Services. The rationale behind moving to the digital pass is that Fredericton Transit did some surveys on campus last fall. They brought a big bus in the middle of the courtyard, and basically students wanted more accurate tracking for buses, they wanted more frequent buses, and, like, notifications when buses were cancelled. The app is a way to deliver these to students. Fredericton transit also had concerns about fraud in the past, where people who graduated still used their student ID and also people would give their ID to other people, so it's also a risk management on their part.

This app will give students instant notifications when the buses are cancelled. For instance, if there's a snowstorm so students don't go to the bus stop and then not see the bus and it's a storm. It will also provide more accurate tracking for the buses, so you can see exactly where the bus is. That is still being worked on as of now, but that will be something that will roll out soon. And also the app will also give us some insight onto what route students use most frequently, so when we go to renegotiate the agreement we can ask for more buses on those specific routes. For instance, if students travelled to the mall a lot and we have the data to support that we can say "we'd like to see more buses on this route because a lot of our students travel this route."

So, those are just some overviews. It does not require any credit card information. At first if students had, like, the older version of the app then it would ask for a credit card, but if they update the app, it's not supposed to be asking for any credit card information. If students have any issues with the app, Hotspot has people on the line to answer any questions. So, students can either call in or send an email. I posted the phone number in our Facebook group, but if you wanted, I could give it to you. But, yeah, just direct students to Hotspot, and they're quick to respond and resolve any issues. If anyone has any questions about the pass, or you heard any concerns that you'd like to share, this is also an opportunity to do so.



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Diana: Does it require data?

Husoni: So, once you download the app you won't require data to pull up the pass, so if the app is downloaded already, like, if you're disconnected from Wi-Fi, you can still access the pass.

Tyler D: I'm asking because I've had a few people ask...well its two questions. If people want the paper edition, where do they have to go for it, and second, are people actually able to track the buses on the app, like, can you see where the buses are?

Husoni: So, if they want a paper pass, they'd have to go to Financial Services. And, the tracking for the bus is not in the app as yet, but that's something that's going to come, but yeah, you will see where the bus is exactly. The previous app that we currently use, ReadyPass, it's not very reliable, like, sometimes the bus shows up and then sometimes it doesn't, then you're like did it pass? Like, what's going on? So, this is supposed to be more accurate tracking, and it's also called STUSU bus pass with our logo on it.

Kathleen: I found during Welcome Week, getting the first year students to download the app was a little bit difficult, with the WIFI and everything, but once they had the app, getting the pass was fairly easy and it was a lot simpler when we were going around town. They didn't have to fumble as much with their bags or wallets or anything. It's really good, just to end on a positive note.

5.2 NBSA Campaign

Husoni: So, the NBSA launched a campaign some time this week, I'll pull it up, but its basically opposing the cuts to financial aid that happened in the spring. So, when that happened, it was in the middle of exam season, so the board at that time did not see it fit to organise anything really. We did organise a social media campaign, so we had a lot of success with the video that we released and also people participating in our campaign online. We had people sending their MPs and the Minister of Post-Secondary Education emails which they received a lot of emails from student, so we did get a lot of online participation, but we saw the need for students to be more engaged within the advocacy process.

So, we are still continuing to put pressure on the government to provide free tuition for low and middle income students, so increasing the grant amounts because with the new tuition bursary, they decreased the amount of each student was eligible for, so no student would receive free tuition. So, we're basically asking to reverse those changes, but also informing students of what those changes were. And, we'll be having a campaign, which was launched three days ago, so that would be Friday. So, if you look on your social media, you will see the video that we did, and if you folks are comfortable, you can share that on your social media as well to get the word out, but we will be doing some mobilization on our campus, so we're going to have a March downtown in late September. I believe September 24th.

Ailish: It's the 27th.

Husoni: 27th. So, we'll partner with UNBSU. Probably organise like a march down. I'm thinking we could have, like, a poster making campaign on our campus as well, and just doing a demonstration downtown and getting students engaged in that. So, we'd really like your help with sending the word out and engaging students in the campaign. Do you have anything to add?

Ailish: You'll see more, like, campaign things rolling out leading up to that date, and even after that. Like, we'll be releasing different posters, even putting them up everywhere. Just getting everyone in the know about it, and we'll marching on to the legislature building as well. I don't think – correct me if I'm wrong – but I don't think they're sitting right now, but still just like the point of going down there is really strong. So, yeah, it should be



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really good. We're planning to have it at either 4PM or 4:30PM. Just so it gives some people enough time to actually get out of class and go down. Some people won't be able to because they'll still be in class, but yeah.

5.3 GOTV

Ailish: So, Get Out the Vote! For those of you who don't know, there's a federal election coming up on October 21st, so we, along with our federal advocacy partner, CASA – Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, we've launched a Get Out the Vote Campaign nationally. So, all of our schools that are partnered with CASA, are doing the exact same thing, so there's gonna be events. We have pledge tables every week. Some on Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Some on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but it's always set up in JDH. We've ordered, like, buttons, stickers, we have a huge pledge meter that we need to fill out. Just so we can show students the value of pledging.

So, pledging and voting are different too. I've gotten a lot of questions about that within the past few days. So, pledging is saying that you're going to vote, and even if you're an international student or you're under 18, you can still pledge to vote because at the end of the campaign and after the election happens, CASA and us, will be taking the numbers from the pledges and we'll bring them to the federal government in February and actually advocating on behalf of secondary education and the standards that surround them, with those numbers. So, pledging is super super important. If you haven't already, GetOuttheVote.ca, go and pledge. Every time someone pledges, I get an email, so, I'll know if you did it or not. I know that our campaign has been really successful so far. We have over 200 pledges and our public goal is 500, so really good so far since we just launched it on the fourth and it's now the ninth. So that's crazy!

So, we'll have a lot of events coming up, like, we've got Dogs and Democracy because who doesn't love petting dogs. We've got Dotmocracy. We've got simulated voting. We've got a whole bunch of stuff coming up. So, keep your eyes peeled for that. We'll be posting about it as well. We also have a new page on our website, we're going to post about it either tonight or early tomorrow, surrounding Get Out the Vote, so if you go onto STUSU.ca, or if you type STUSU Get Out the Vote, it'll lead you to the page, and it has a whole bunch of resources free to access, like, all the parties that are running in federal election. You can click on the picture and it'll bring you to their website, and eventually it will be their platforms. Not all parties have released their platforms yet because the election hasn't been officially called. The election hasn't been officially called, but they have to call before Sunday, so then they'll be releasing all of their platforms then, so we can have a little bit more information on the website. But as of right now, there's links to the party's websites, there's information, so there's links to, like, CBC podcasts on the election. There's elections Canada, Get Out the Vote, whole bunch of stuff, so I encourage you guys to take a look at it and tell people about it, and I just rambled on, but I think...do you have anything to add?

Husoni: Yeah, so during the election...well overall the STUSU is a nonpartisan organization, but especially during the election period we're going to be asking that everyone refrain from doing anything that might be perceived as partisan, such as posting stuff on social media about one specific party or endorsing a political party because that will kind of cripple our advocacy efforts, if one party thinks that would you prefer or our board prefers another party over them. So, just putting that out there asking everyone to not share any partisan stuff on their social media or comment on anything partisan, and also for your involvement throughout the campaign, so if you see us release a video, you can share it and just hype up your friends, tell everyone to pledge to vote because the school who has the most pledges gets a pizza party, and we want the pizza party and I'm also very competitive. Yeah, so we're looking forward to executing the campaign and it's coming along really well. We'll be putting out a video soon, so look out for that and share it with your pals.



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Ailish: I will also add because today I got a lot of questions about the actual election, so just for, like, your knowledge or if you want to pass it along to your friends, we will have special polling here on STU campus for students to vote. Is it still the 5th to the 9th?

Husoni: Yes.

Ailish: Okay, so it's October 5th to the 9th in JDH, and special polling is essentially, not only the ability to vote earlier, but you can also vote – so if you're from Nova Scotia and you want to vote for your home riding there – you can actually write in the ballot in JDH. So, you'd have to know the person's name that you're voting for, but if you prefer to vote for your home riding instead of the riding in Fredericton, or vice versa, you can do that. You just need, of course, your proof of ID, address, and a photo ID. Yeah, I just wanted to let you guys know that we will officially have a polling station on STU campus.

6. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Tyler D: Happy late birthday, Husoni! I was thinking about you yesterday when I was laying in bed with a concussion.

Husoni: That is so sweet, thank you. Darn, that was so sweet, I forgot what I was going to say. Oh, Random Acts of Green, so I've been working to organize an event called Random Acts of Green, so we're bring in someone from the organization Random Acts of Green, and they'll be in the Ted Daigle Auditorium tomorrow. It's basically...it's from 3-4PM in the Ted Daigle, and basically what they're going to do is talk about small things, like, everyone can do to make a big impact on the climate, or the planet, so if you're passionate about sustainability and climate change, climate action, you should attend this workshop. It's basically, like, a lot of university students on social media have climate anxiety, like, "the world is going to burn soon if we don't take action now", so this is like a positive twist on that by telling people what they can do, instead of just panicking. So, the event is on Facebook if you look on the STUSU page. You folks can share that tonight and invite some of your friends, if you want. It's open to the public too, so your family and friends and everyone can come along to Ted Daigle and let's talk change. That is it.

7. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Husoni.

Seconded by Tyler Dupuis.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:40pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on September 12, 2019.

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