



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

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 46<sup>th</sup> SRC  
 7:00pm, Monday, September 30, 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	Dillon Caldwell-Bezanson	X		
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 MaGee	X		
Indigenous Representative				
Member at Large Representative	Megan Gibson	X		
Member at Large Representative	Graci 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:** Jessica Brown



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### Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Brianna Hill at 7:02 pm.  
Quorum is met with 13 voting members present.

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.  
It was moved by Husoni to approve agenda as presented.  
Seconded by Darian.  
The agenda was approved as amended.

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

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

#### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Sarah: Okay, so, back on this again. For our new faces here, just to preface what this is, so basically every year the three campuses – I'm pretty sure it's tri-campus...for sure UNB and STU, and might also be NBCC – share the Women's Centre which is located down in the SUB (Student Union Building). Every year STUSU appoints/elects – whatever word you want to use – a liaison between STUSU and the Women's Centre. So basically, what this position entails is that you attend their meetings. They meet once a month and you just sort of update them on what STUSU's doing, you update STUSU on what they're doing down there. Any event that STUSU and the Women's Centre want to collaborate on then you'd be responsible for liaising between that. Like I mentioned, they only meet once a month so its not a super strenuous position. So basically, what happened is last meeting is I put forth a motion to elect a Women's Centre liaison for this year and then it was recommended that we table the motion so that all the councillors had an opportunity to think about it, if they wanted to fill this position or not. That's also open to you two as well, but basically, now we're revisiting it, and would anyone like to put themselves forward as a liaison for that position?

Tyler M: I would totally love to be put forth for that.

Sarah: I love it. So, now you guys are going to hate me, but Graci also sent me an email and said that she was interested in putting herself forward for this position as well, and she asked if I could read her little blurb that she gave – just why she wanted to be in the position – on behalf of her because she can't be here. However, she never sent it to me, so I'm going to give her the benefit of the doubt and table this motion again so that she...and its fine because the Women's Centre meetings isn't until I think the second or third week of October, so we have time to table it again, just because I want everyone to have an opportunity to be here and make the appropriate decision, and yeah, also to give Graci the opportunity to sort of speak on behalf of herself. If that's okay with you, Tyler?

Tyler M: Oh yeah, that's totally okay.

*VPSL Sarah made a motion to table the motion that be it resolved that \*Blank\* be appointed as the Women's Centre Representative for the STUSU.*  
*Seconded by Dorcas.*



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*The motion was approved, and the appointment of the Women's Centre liaison was tabled.*

### 4. Executive Reports

#### 4.1 President's Report – Husoni Raymond

Howdy y'all. So, this week this is mostly what I've been working on before I left for California on Thursday. So, during the week I was at the wall of debt. We had almost 200 people write on bricks and put on the wall which was really great participation. And it was featured on CTV News, so they came on campus and they featured the wall and they also interviewed some STU students, so that was really exciting and rewarding, and it's still there some if people want to pass by and look, but we'll be taking that down probably tomorrow to put back up to the pledge-o-meter. Apart from that I've also been volunteering at the pledge table getting people to pledge to vote and walking around JDH collecting pledges and the OC Lounge.

I had lunch at the Wabanaki Centre which was really great. They have really good food. So, if you're ever free on Wednesdays at 12:00 PM, every Wednesday they have free lunch at the Wabanaki Centre, and you all are welcome. We also discussed having an Indigenous Representative. So, we have a few of the Indigenous students interested in the position, so we'll have an Indigenous Rep by the time our fall byelection concludes. So, that's really exciting, and we also have people interested in joining the Senate Committee on Indigenous Reconciliation. And I probably will be cooking there next week Wednesday. So, if you want to have some of my cooking please join.

We had a SEC meeting last Wednesday as well. The candidates' debate was on Tuesday and that was really great as well. We had a great turnout. I'd say over 200 people were there and the candidates had really good feedback on the organization. We also had some media there. I did an interview with the House and I think they are CBC's national radio station that reports on politics and stuff. So, that was really good and then someone heard my interview and they reached out to me because they want to include me in like a book or something. They want me to comment on a book they're writing. So, that was really interesting. I was like "oh, cool, sure." So, I might be famous in a few years.

Still on STUSU - I had a meeting with Sarah and some people from Fredericton Transit market and also from Hotspot, who is the app that we currently have our bus pass with, and the university today to just talk about some feedback we've received from students about the app and how we can improve the app to better serve our students over the next year and however long our relationship with Fredericton Transit and Hotspot lasts for. I think that was a really productive meeting, and we ended up getting an agreement that we were looking for, in the best interests of students.

I've been helping to promote the Future Ready Focus Group that's happening on campus. So, if anyone participated in an internship, there would be a focus group on our campus. I reached out to the internship office to help circulate the news and we also posted on our social media. I reviewed an Experiential Learning grant application for two students who won funding to attend the conference. I don't remember where the conference is, but it sounded really exciting and both the applications were approved for \$500. Today I participated in the Orange Shirt Day ceremony opening ceremony that happened in the courtyard. Tyler was there as well. So, that was also a really good time to reflect on residential schools and the impact that it had.

Moving to the NBSA, we had an NBSA executive call today at 4:30 PM. That was really productive. We discussed the NBSA Advocacy Week coming up and also the Don't Cut Our Future campaign. Unfortunately, I wasn't here, as it happened on Thursday, but I had to leave that day to attend the Moot Court competition, but I got updated on how it went, and we had a little debrief from that. Overall, I think the sense



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was that we did it and we got a lot of good media attention from it, and I think it sent a good message. Thanks to the rest of the Exec for marching the people downtown and following through with the march – or the rally. I think that's it for me this week.

### 4.2 Vice-President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hi everybody, I hope everyone had a good week, a fairly productive week. For me, I met with people from Gallivan Health and Wellness last Wednesday – I believe it was – at Tim Hortons. They bought me breakfast and stuff, so that was good, but we just kind of talked about – they introduced themselves, they're a program that has health and dental for schools. I took the meeting as a curtesy, they had some interesting stuff, but as we are with Campus Trust, obviously that probably won't be going very far.

Also, the first Governors Committee meeting will be this week, to review the Investment Club's constitution, so hopefully that will be on Wednesday or Thursday. As Husoni mentioned, we also participated in the NBSA's walk downtown. That was my first time doing a protest kind of thing, so it a good experience. There was a good turn out, kind of, from both our schools. Right after that we also had Cellar Trivia. Not as many people came to that for Get Out the Vote, but we still made it work somehow with other people who were already there. I was also at the Get Out the Vote table a couple times getting pledges. We actually got a lot of pledges; last Thursday I think it was. I had my Help Desk office hour and also helped reset a few more emails for students. That's it for me.

### 4.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Ailish MacKenzie-Foley

Bonjour mes amis. So, we had our NBSA board call. Annie from CASA came down last Tuesday – it feels like a month ago – but last Tuesday just to check on us and see how everyone is doing with their Get Out the Vote campaigns. So, she was a ton of help. She helped out with Dotmocracy and the candidates' debate which was also very successful. We had the largest student issue from that activity was student financial aid, and it was actually used as a question in the candidates debate later on that night. So, it was really cool how we got to put the two together. So, yeah, those went really well. We are passed 500 pledges now which was our goal for Get Out the Vote, so we have the most pledges percentage wise in the country which is amazing. We're past Alberta, so we're excited about that. Yeah, so that's awesome, so we're going to keep going too. I don't know if we've decided another official goal yet, but we just want to get as many as we can of course.

I had my office hours too, but I suck at the insta videos, so I'll try to do one of those my next office hour coming up on Wednesday. I also did an interview with the CBC radio show, the Host, as well just about the Get Out the Vote and the pledge table, and he tried to catch me and ask who I was voting for, but I didn't tell him. We had our executive meeting. The wall of debt went awesome, like Husoni mentioned. Then we had the mobilization at the legislature, and myself and Craig Fernandez, the president of the UNBSU, we were at the front with the huge sign. We read testimonials from students across New Brunswick, so at Mount A, STU, UNBF, and UNBSJ. Then we also proofread and presented a letter to our MLA David Coon, who showed up and accepted it. He was super nice about it and had a really good talk with us. I also had interviews there with the Gleaner, the Aquinian, CTV, and all the Instagram boomerangs. We also did Cellar Trivia right after the mobilization, and we got almost every table to participate, which was pretty cool. We gave out three gift cards.

I sent out a Doodle poll for the Academic and External Affairs Committee, and then because I suck at Doodle polls, I forgot that I only did it for this week and not for next week too, so I'll have to redo that one. Coming up this week, we have the NBSA audit on Experiential Learning, so I'll be at STU and UNBSJ, and then Elise



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from Mount A will be at Mount A and UNB Fredericton, so one of us will be at one or the other. And, I think that's all from me.

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

Howdy-do Partners. Tuesday, I peeked my head into Dotmocracy, it seemed to be going well, as Ailish said, it did go well. I also attended the candidates' debate, as many of you did, and it was a little spicy, but it was still a good time, nonetheless. I had a Vanier Renewal Committee meeting, also on Tuesday. We discussed more procedural stuff, like plumbing. I'm not an expert at plumbing, so I kept kinda more quiet during that meeting because I didn't know nothing about plumbing, but anyways Wednesday, as its been said four times, we had an SEC meeting. Thursday, I had my office hour. I had no visitors, that's sad. Please come visit me. As Ailish said, I will also come put a video on our Instagram story this week. VP Administration Matthew Oram takes the cake for Instagram clout. Put a nice little video of himself on there.

I also met with Kyle McNally who's our Activities Coordinator for this year on Thursday. His contract starts tomorrow, so the two of us will be working closely during the year to plan lots of events for fellow students. Also, for those of you who said you were interested in the Activities and Events Committee, that will be starting up relatively soon. Sometime in the month of October, as Kyle's contract is beginning tomorrow.

Also went to the mobilization, Ailish did a good job being hype about student financial aid. Also attended Cellar Trivia, Matt and I should have won, but it would have been biased. Friday, I had a meeting with Brock Richardson, who's the Director of Student Life, and Carmen Law, who's the head honcho in Res Life, and Brett, I don't know her last name, but this is a new position here on campus. It's like super super new, they've never had it before, and when I asked her what her position entailed, it was sort of a wide umbrella of things, but basically, she's focusing on the health of students. So, her role ties a bit into mental health, it also ties into physical wellbeing, it also ties into student events and combatting loneliness on campus and stuff like that. So, she deals with a whole umbrella of things, so I will be working pretty closely with her this year. The three of us just discussed student events for the year.

And then today, I went to the meeting with Husoni that he mentioned, about Hotspot and Fredericton Transit. I was only there for a little bit because I had to go to class, unfortunately. Stuff I want to flag for this coming week, I have a Mental Health Committee meeting tomorrow at 4:00 PM in GMH 207 – everyone is welcome to come. Also, if you guys are interested in ordering Community Food Smart bags, I put the order in on Thursday. So, if you're interested, send me an email. Also, on Thursday, is the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee meeting, which will be at 4:00 PM in GMH 207 – everyone is also welcome to attend that one. That is all for me.

## 5. Employee Updates

No employee report available.

## 6. Representative Reports

### 6.1 Harrington Hall (Tyler D.)

Warm salutations, STUSU acquaintances and friends. I hope you all dusted your fall jackets, I suppose, and got out your pumpkin spice lattes because its really cold out. Anyway, enough with Tyler the weatherman, back to Tyler the Raider. So, we had our first house committee meeting. We just quickly, I suppose, ran through our brainstorm ideas and our expectations for this year. We do have a few new initiatives. We definitely want to take on this year as a house, and I don't want to give off any spoilers early, but just a preview, I want to bring forward a Raiders of the month board. Where we recognize a Raider every month



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for something that they did that was extraordinary or just unique or special. Just sort of get out more Raider pride. So, yeah, we're definitely thinking a lot about our future ideas this year. I know of course we wouldn't be Harrington if we weren't already thinking of our next party, so look forward to that in the upcoming weeks. Other than that, we have a fully elected house committee – like fully now, including our wing reps. So, they're all filled with joy to be working with me – no, to bring such great ideas to house committee. So, other than that, we've had a really slow week, but yeah, thank you.

### 6.2 Vanier Hall

No report available.

### 6.3 Holy Cross House (Darian)

Hi, house committee didn't meet yet. We're still waiting for our wing reps to get elected this week. Yeah, that's everything.

Tyler: Can I move to Holy Cross?

Darian: Sure.

### 6.4 Rigby Hall (Dillon)

No report available.

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

Sydney: Hola muchachos, how's everybody doing? Hope you're all well. So, I don't have a lot to report for myself personally, however we did do a bunch of Instagram polls this week. Voting for our movie night, and our students got really excited about them. We have over 75 responses on each poll, so it turned out really well. In the end, paranormal activity and Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> won, so if you guys really like those movies you should come on out on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the OC Lounge. Yeah, we're really excited to have everybody come, and I believe Kathleen has a lot more information, that will be more useful, so I'll pass it over to her.

Kathleen: That's a little bit of an overstatement, but for the date and time I'm still waiting on a response back from facilities. They haven't answered me yet. I've called and emailed, but I will get in contact with them. I'll probably go to their office tomorrow. Also, I've sent an email to Matheus from the athletics department in regard to intermurals. I know OC is very competitive with intermurals, so I want to get that going as fast as I can. And as well, Sydney has sent an email to the mental health organization, and they haven't answered her in seven days, so I left a message with them as well to at least call me back, and hopefully we can get in contact and do some collaboration between STU mental health and OC. That's about it.

Ailish: Did you email facilities or room bookings?

Kathleen: I emailed Cathy. I don't know, I found the email in the past emails.

Husoni: Is it Cathy Buck? Yep, she's the right person for the OC Lounge.

Kathleen: Thank you. I'm glad I emailed the right person.

Husoni: I can follow up on that if you want?



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Kathleen: Its okay. I'll wait for her response and if she doesn't respond in a couple days then I'll contact you, and hopefully get you to get that rolling.

### **6.6 Social Inclusion Representative – (Dorcas)**

Good evening, so for my report the first thing is last week I volunteered at the Get Out the Vote table for a while between my breaks. Second thing is I have finalized the draft schedule for Black History month events and I'm going to present this to the Black Student Association at our first meeting, which should be happening in a few weeks from now. My last point is a lot of students have brought up about WIFI – the eduroam WIFI doesn't work at the library which I agree doesn't work for me either, so I don't know if there's something the executives can do for it, or if this is something we have to bring up to facilities or something.

Sarah: I've been telling students that I would just take it upon myself to just go and ask IT. Just because a lot of students have been coming up to me personally and being like "it doesn't work!" and I'm like "okay!" But, yeah, we'll probably be going to visit or emailing somebody from IT just to sort that out soon because there's a whole plethora of things it could be. Like, it could be on UNBs end, it could be on STUs end, it could be on eduroam the networks end, so hopefully we'll get to the bottom of it because I too am pissed off.

Dorcas: Yeah, and that's the problem. It's only towards STU students, so I feel like it probably our eduroam or something.

### **6.7 Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative – (Tyler M.)**

Hi queens, so a few things from me, I held my office hours last Wednesday, I had a couple students come in, so I like that I'm still getting people. Its awesome. In regards to the rebuilding of the Q&A, I had another meeting with the students that I've been working with on that. We're in the process of setting a deadline for the rebuilding, so that the society will be up and running as soon as possible. Again, still not entirely sure when that's going to happen, but our goal is to get it up and going by the end of the semester, so that would be awesome. I visited the 203 centre last Friday to introduce myself and meet with some of the volunteers and the organizers down there. They were really great people and they provide a safe space for LGBT students from both UNB and STU, so it would be great to see more STU people down there. They're really awesome. I attended the NBSA's Don't Cut Our Future march on the legislature and it was great to see both UNB and STU there, along with the executives. It was great, I loved it. We had some really good media coverage as well as good student support too, so that was awesome to see. I went to the candidates' debate, it got really heated which was really entertaining and made it so worth going. I love it when the politicians get into that kind of back and forth, I think its really good. And, I did an interview with the Aquinian last week about the rebuilding of the Q&A, just updating students on the progress that we've made, and just some general FAQs about the society, so that comes out tomorrow, so I'm excited to read that. That's everything.

### **6.8 Indigenous Representative**

No report available.

### **6.9 At-Large Representative (Graci/Megan G.)**

Megan: Hey everyone, Graci couldn't make it, but she sends her regrets, and what we're planning...I think you're putting the sticker up tomorrow? So, I believe Ailish is going to put up the questions up on the STUSU Instagram so we can hear what students want this year, and we also had an idea about safety initiatives on campus this year. Not 100% sure, but that's kinda an idea we had, just students supporting students on campus. I went to the candidates' debate, which was really good. I guess I have some questions.

Ailish: Go ahead tomorrow at 10:00 AM.





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Megan: I also had a question for Sarah.

Sarah: I have a response for you first. Graci also asked me to put it up today and I told her I'd put it up tomorrow.

Ailish: I told her 10:00 AM.

Megan: We also had a question a couple people brought up for the Vanier Renewal Committee. We were wondering if current Vanier residents could give any feedback on colours and stuff?

Sarah: So, unfortunately, this meeting is administration that sits on it – not meeting, committee. Its mostly administration that sit on that committee, however as the student representative on that committee I can bring forth anything, any recommendations that you guys have because that committee also deals with the super super specific stuff, like paint colours and whatnot. So any recommendations you have you can bring forward to me, and also Brock and I were discussing getting students together, both from Harrington and Vanier, because they are modeling the new Vanier after Harrington, but yeah, just getting both those different groups of students to give us their feedback. Last year, I know Harrington students were given an opportunity to talk about what they liked and disliked from Harrington, living in a new residence. I'm not sure if Vanier residents were approached by what they'd like to see in a new Vanier, but that is something that I can for sure bring up to Brock and make it happen.

Megan: Thank you so much.

### 6.10 International Student Representative (Sydona)

Hi lovely people, tonight I'll be meeting with a group of international students to help them for, like, job search, on and off campus. That's about it.

### 6.11 First Year Residence Representative

No report available.

### 6.12 Grad Class Representative (Bri)

No report available.

## 7. New Business

No new business.

## 8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Tyler M: I just have a question about the upcoming elections. For the board of governor's position, I had a student asking if it was more than one position for that or if it was just one position for board of governors.

Matt: Its just one.

Sydney: So, I don't know who this question is directed towards, but for the upcoming federal election, we should be non-partisan, correct?

Ailish: Yeah, so it would be awesome if everyone tried to remain non-partisan, especially on social media, it can be hard. Just try and catch yourself because lots of articles can be construed as partisan, and we want





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STUSU – like, the organization – to come off as non-partisan as a whole, so please try your best to keep it non-partisan.

Sydney: Thank you. Another thing, about the retreat. Do you know where that's happening, whether we're all carpooling there, or do we have to drive there on our own.

Sarah: That's an excellent question that Kyle and I will work away on starting tomorrow, but no, it will be sorted out. Last year we all carpoled, but it all varies on, like, how many cars people have, who's willing to drive others, like, who's not, like that sort of thing, like what time we leave. So, there's a lot of logistical things, but that will be sorted out, rest assured. That's a me thing and you don't got to worry.

Sydney: Thank you.

Sarah: I forgot to say, it's at New Horton Lake Inn. Its, like, I don't know where it is. It was there last year. They've had it there the past few years. It's a really cool spot, it's like a massive cottage.

Ailish: Also, going back to your first question, I just want to say I appreciate you asking.

Husoni: It's in Fundy, I believe.

Tyler D: This isn't anything, like, announcement wise or anything, but I just got off a phone call with Graci. She just wanted to say thank you for tabling it next week. She really appreciates it. She's really sad she can't be here to see all your faces and that she sends a lot of love.

Sarah: That's me again. It's two and a half hours away. Outside of Alma, New Brunswick, south of Moncton. That's where it is. I just remember sleeping on the car ride there last year.

Diana: Its one for Husoni and one for Ailish. For the two applications, for the students to go to the conferences, is it \$500 for both or \$500 each?

Husoni: It's \$500 each, but it's not through our funding, it's through the university's Experiential Learning funding from the government.

Diana: When do you have you Experiential Learning audit, like, do you have the exact dates?

Ailish: For STU? Its on...I believe its on the website, so let me double check.

Husoni: It's on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in GMH 301.

Diana: And, it would be like, you will be doing auditing for all the other schools during that week?

Husoni: Yeah, so, the NBSA has been engaged by the government from PETAL (Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour) to conduct an audit of the entire Experiential Learning program, so our executive director K.J. will be going on the different campuses and doing focus groups of students that participate in internships through the Experiential Learning funding, and then we'll be compiling a report and submitting to PETAL as official review of the program in general.

Diana: Can you give me, like, what is the exact date? Like, when it starts, when it finishes? Just the whole process. Do you know?



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Ailish: Are you asking about all the schools or just STU?

Diana: No, like, all the schools too.

Ailish: Starting Tuesday, ending Friday.

Diana: Okay, sounds good. Thank you, guys.

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Sydona.

Seconded by Husoni.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:40 pm.

### **Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on October 3, 2019.

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Recording Secretary

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