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13th Meeting of the 46th SRC
7:00pm, Monday, January 20, 2018
HCH, Room 5

Attendance Record

| Position | Name | Present | Regrets | Absent |
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| 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 | Manvi Walter | | X | |
| Holy Cross House Representative | Darian Trevors | X | | |
| Rigby Hall Representative | Dillon Caldwell-Bezanson | | | X |
| Off-Campus Representative | Sydney Shelley | X | | |
| Off-Campus Representative | Nathaniel Box | 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 | Leanne Hudson | X | | |
| 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 | Julia Evans | X | | |
| Student Senators | Laura Wade | | | X |

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

AQ Representatives: N/A

Guests Present: Dane Rose, Hannah Moore



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Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Brianna Hill at 7:03pm.
Quorum is met with 15 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda from last meeting were presented to council.
It was moved Tyler M to approve minutes as presented.
Seconded by Leanne.
The minutes were approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 12th Meeting

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

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report – Husoni Raymond

Hello everyone. Welcome back. So, this week again, my report will be a bit short because I was a way last week for Moot Court, but while I was away, and today, I did do a couple of things. So, first I had the NBSA board meeting while I was away, I still called in. I'll ask Ailish to touch on anything important that came from that meeting. I had a meeting today with the UNB Facilities Management to discuss the trail that connects UNB and STU. We've been trying to meet with someone from UNB since over the summer, but we were unsuccessful in getting a meeting. We reached out to someone else, and we were able to discuss the trail. Mainly getting the lights fixed in the trail and also getting the trail renamed, and the meeting was very successful, and they said that they'll be looking into the lights sometime this week. They'll be sending someone to see what's up with the lights and hopefully get them fixed, and then they'll be following up in a couple of weeks about getting a name for the trail. I think UNB now has like a President Advisory Committee of naming things, like, naming buildings and trails and pathways. So, they'll bring that to the committee, and she'll also look into what the process is to get somewhere named. I did recommend having it named after me, I don't think that's gonna happen, but I can dream. But, yeah, I was really happy to see that some progress is going to be made on that, and I'll be sure to follow up within the next few weeks to see if we can get any updates.

I also met with Cindy today, who is our Director of Communications, as usual, and we discussed the newsletter that's coming up this Wednesday, and also my monthly update video that I'll be shooting next week. I don't know what idea I have for that yet, but I'll sleep on it and hopefully it's cringy as usual. I had a meeting with Ashlyn and Dorcas this morning to discuss Black History Month planning, and I'll ask Dorcas to expound on what she sees fit. I followed up with Mark Walma, per our last meeting, to request that he comes in and do a presentation to the SRC. He did agree that he would come in. He's busy for the next two weeks, but sometime in February, he'd be available to come in. I proposed February 3rd, so I'm waiting to hear back from him. He's going to give a 20-minute presentation on the policy and leave some time for a Q&A, and he also had a few other questions, so we're gonna work those out and hopefully we will have him in on the third, or if not, the following Monday. I've been working



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with the NBSA on the pre-budget release campaign with the NBSA executive, so I wrote the letter that we will be sharing across institutions in New Brunswick. So, students can send that to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Trevor Holder. We will be launching that campaign within the next few weeks, so look out for that. It will have our advocacy priorities in it as well and some things that we advocated for during Advocacy Week, and hopefully we will get students engaged in that campaign, so they'll know more about what the NBSA is doing to advocate on their behalf. I reviewed some emergency bursary applications and then for the remainder of the week, I'll be taking a lot of meetings that I scheduled for this week because I wasn't available last week, so wish me luck.

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

Hi everybody. I hope everybody had a good week last week. Last week, I met with Amber Murrin from Enactus just to discuss their group and kind of their future at St Thomas and UNB. I met with the Finance Committee to review four funding applications from the Woman's Center, Al Cusack and Sara Nason, Sofia Paura, and Black History Month. We'll discuss those later obviously, but that's just kind of a preview. I met with Graci to discuss funding for the first aid course, I believe she wants to put on in March, so we're still in talks about that. I reached out to Erikson, the Chief Returning Officer, and had a few conversations about the upcoming election. Basically, dates and I had to reset his email because it wasn't working for some reason and mostly just about dates and dates for the debates. I also received a proposed constitution and application form from the Caribbean Society and also SAGA's edited version was sent to me today by Steven. So, hopefully the Governance Committee will be meeting on Thursday or Friday with Tyler D there to discuss the Sustainability Committee being implemented into the bylaws. So yeah, hopefully that will be happening Friday, and I'll get back to you next week potentially about that and how it went. So yeah, that's it for me.

Husoni: Who are the executives on the Caribbean Society?

Matt: The executives on the Caribbean Society, I can tell you right now.

Husoni: Or later?

Matt: I'll tell you later.

Dane Rose: Is the Caribbean Society ratified at St. Thomas?

Matt: I think it's a proposal for a new group. They're proposing a constitution and stuff like that to become a new group at St. Thomas.

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

Hello everyone. So, what I've been up to last week/this weekend. We had our NBSA board call, which was great. We got updates from everyone. Everyone seems to be getting super busy again cause that time of the year, but in that call, we talked a lot about what Husoni touched on - the campaign that's dropping this week. So, keep an eye out for that. We have a little schedule of things that'll be going out, so tomorrow is Husoni's letter. So, keep an eye out for that, please be involved in it, share the stuff. That would mean a lot to us. Yeah, so that's great, and we're all doing that because the government is dropping their budget sometime next month we're thinking, so we want to get on top of that to make sure that students' needs are heard and that we have everything ready to go. So, also, with NBSA, I'm working with Julia who is their Public Relations Officer - she actually goes to STU as well - for some sort of like networking event with different student leaders across clubs and societies with UNBSU. So, again, that should be coming in a few weeks, so that's really exciting to be able to get a bunch of student leaders together, if you don't typically get together. The Sustainability Committee with the NBSA is up and running again, and they're actually meeting with the Liberal caucus to make a presentation to them tomorrow. Unfortunately, I can't attend because I have class, but it's really exciting that they get to kind of show them our asks and what we do.



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And then this week, the External Affairs, there's Academic and University Affairs, and Member Relations Committee Meetings, which are happening Monday and Friday. I will flag that if you're in any of those committees, specifically Member Relations, because there is a lot of you that sit on that committee. Please let me know if you cannot attend. Last time no one showed up, so let me know and we can figure out a different time where we can talk about what you missed. I know me and Bri are going to set up time because she can't make it, to just debrief what the committee's talked about, what we're going to do and et cetera. I actually just got the room booking confirmed around five, so I'll send out an email of what room it's going to be in. For those of you that are already here, it'll be an MMH 201. Let me just double check and make sure. So, if you have a meeting with me on Wednesday or Friday, it is in that room. Last week I had a meeting with Ty, Tyler, and Sarah about an event we have in the works. I know it sounds really secretive. It's not - I just don't want to be the one to touch on it. It's going to be great. Hopefully, it's going to go up next month and again, if they want to touch on it, they can, but me and Sarah are just kinda helping out with it and making sure it runs smoothly, and we're really excited for it, and then right now, I'm setting up a meeting with STU Sustainability to talk about some sustainability initiatives I wasn't able to get to last month, so them with us kind of working together, we could tackle a little bit more, so I'm really excited about that. Yeah, I think that's it.

4.3 Vice President of Student Life's Report – Sarah Kohut

Hi everyone, hope you had a lovely week. So, last Wednesday I had my first Activities and Events Committee meeting. It went great. We had a really great turnout, and everyone who came out seems really passionate about events on campus. So, that's going to be excellent. As for the next meeting, or if you're interested in being on this committee, we are communicating through a Facebook messenger group, so if you'd like to be on this committee, just come and see me afterwards and then I can add you to the group. Then you can be posted on when we're meeting next, and even regardless if you're not in the group, I think I'm going to share our next meeting time on a STUSU social media because it's our second meeting, just to get the most amount of people out. So yeah, if you're interested in that, just come and see me afterwards. My Mental Health Committee all also met last Wednesday. That meeting went great as well. Last Thursday, I picked up the Community Food Smart bags. I think they were all taken, if they weren't then someone must have taken one that didn't order one, but anyways, they're all gone. If you're interested in ordering for next month, I'm taking orders. Also last Thursday I had a Sexual Assault Prevention committee meeting that went super, super well. We've got some great events in the works for this semester.

Last Friday, as Ailish mentioned, I met with her and Tyler squared. I'm not going to say what we're working on it, as Ailish also mentioned. Just cause I'll pass the baton over, but anyways, this afternoon I had a meeting for the Career Fair and I mentioned this to my Activities and Events Committee meeting, but we're looking for volunteers for the Career Fair. So, if you're interested, please come and see me. It's on February 5th. Let me just double check that. February 5th, yes, that's a Wednesday, by the way, from 10am until 3pm, and I'm pretty sure I talked about this last meeting, but anyways, I'll reiterate it again. The volunteer hours are flexible, so if you're only able to volunteer for an hour of that time, that's excellent. We will take whatever you got. So, I will be putting something out on our social media - probably tomorrow - about volunteering, so if you guys could share that, that would be amazing. Also, if you volunteer, you'll be entered to win one of four \$25 gift cards. So, that's like free money. Woo hoo. Yeah, so we're really looking for volunteers. Even if you don't volunteer, please come out to the career fair. It's going to be really excellent. We have 25 employers that are confirmed right now - both graduate and summer employment. So, really great opportunities here. I also, this afternoon, had a Campus Events Committee meeting, so we just wrapped up talking about how the winter carnival went and what we're going to plan for the remainder of the semester. Also, this afternoon I had a men's volleyball nationals meeting. So, I'm in a committee with Mike Eagles, Eric Moffitt, Mathias - I don't know how to pronounce his last name, but he works at the gym - Carmen and Brock from ResLife, and myself, and we're just working together to sort just shoot ideas around on how we can maximize that student engagement because the men's volleyball team is hosting nationals here in Fredericton, which is really exciting. There's going to be teams from all across Canada here, so come out and watch those games. It's from March 11th until the 14th, and we'll have some really great stuff going on when the time comes, but anyways, that's all from me for this week.



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Darian: What's the time for the Career Fair?

Sarah: 10am until 3pm.

Tyler M: Where are the gift cards to?

Sarah: I'm pretty sure that they're just the MasterCard, like, anywhere gift cards. I need to double check on that, but I'm like 99% sure they're just like money. I made sure that they weren't for anywhere specific cause that's the best.

5. Employee Updates

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports

6.1 Harrington Hall (Tyler D.)

Hi everyone. So, this week on the sweet life of Harrington Hall. I've been watching a lot of Disney+ this weekend, you know, practicing a little self-care, but other than that, we're continuing our February 7th talent show, so I will be forwarding the official poster in our res chats, and if everyone could forward it, that would be perfect because we decided officially, it's going to be by donation. All proceeds are going to be donated to a local Fredericton charity. We are looking at donating to the homeless shelters, but if anyone else has any great local charitable organizations, please let me know because we're still in the brainstorming process and any feedback is appreciated. So, that's wonderful. Other than that, our contestants we decided are going to get a prize. I shouldn't say this, but I pushed for a dinner date with Bryce Miller. It was not received well. I volunteered to be the waiter. It'd be a wonderful spaghetti cooked candlelit dinner by me. Really was not received well, but if you do know anyone who wants a prize or all that, I would recommend them to contact me because I can forward them to our social rep, but we might be expanding our circle a little bit to the other residents, but we're not sure yet.

Other than that, sticker tag! We're in week two of sticker tag. I have a wonderful kill streak. I'm keeping it going. I think we're down to top six. Other than that, we have a few different things going on this week. We're talking about house clothing designs, we're looking at revamping our design a little, and other than that, we have other fun things we're planning, which I can't tell you because of reasons. No, I will say this. The activity, it was an idea that came to me from a personal experience, and I don't want to say too much cause as we said, we're still in the planning a bit, but we're trying to tackle stereotypes on campus. That's the main idea of it. We're still in the works of seeing how it's going to work out, how the activity would work, just tiny little details, but maybe next week we'll be presenting all that. So that's fun. Thank you.

Husoni: If anyone is interested, I'd like to offer a dinner with me. Just kidding.

Tyler D: I hope you saw the hope leave my eyes cause that is a wonderful idea, but if any of the executives want to offer the time for a wonderful dinner date, with me cooking a lovely spaghetti meal in the Harrington hall kitchen, come see me.

Tyler M: Can you cook?

Tyler D: That's a very good question. One I'm sure that I have a very, very good answer for. The short answer is probably. We won't know if we don't have the candle dinner, so I would strongly encourage anyone who would like to devote their time. Think about it. I'm really pushing for this idea.

Ailish: If you wanted the exec, you could get the exec, but I don't think anyone else wants the exec. So, hit us up if you want.



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Sydney: May I recommend the good cooking of Kraft Dinner by Sarah. I'm just saying, she aced Kraft Dinner at the retreat.

Sarah: Thank you. I'm telling my mom you said that, and I'm showing her the minutes because she doesn't think I can cook anything, period. And yes, I don't think they want the exec, but we're here. We're ready.

Tyler D: If not the cooking, I'm still looking for a lovely waiter to serve this wonderful dinner date. So, you might be receiving a few emails.

Husoni: I'd be in if Sarah cooked, I could be the waiter.

Ailish: Okay, part one. Don't encourage her. Number two. We will happily be your cook and waitress for the evening. Maybe they can set it up. I don't know. Let us know. We'll talk after.

Tyler D: Last thing I say, I will bring this up to my house.

Ailish: This is actually serious. So, we talked about me going to different houses to present to House Committees and whoever wants to go to know more about the STUSU and specifically CASA and the NBSA. Just to kind of give an overall message, or basically like a Q&A, and then we kind of talked about in the next few weeks, coming to Harrington and then the other house reps I was going to talk to you and see what we can do. Did you ever get to talk to your House Committee about this?

Tyler D: Our meeting last week ended up going to an hour and a half, and I didn't want to push it, but it's the first thing on my list - I'm not joking, it is literally the first thing I bring up at House Committee for tomorrow actually. So, I can let you know probably by tomorrow night.

Ailish: That's perfect, and for the other house reps, or anyone, come see me after the meeting and we can set up some times for me to come in to your House Committee or whoever else wants to join.

6.2 Vanier Hall (Manvi)

No report available.

6.3 Holy Cross House (Darian)

Hi everyone, house committee still hasn't met, but we're meeting this week on Sunday. I'm planning an event this week for my house. I'm going to be hosting a Disney movie event, so that's going to be this Friday. We're just going to lay back in the kitchen and watch Disney movies. That's all.

Tyler D: Can I ask what Disney movies you guys are watching?

Darian: So far, I think we're going to watch Tangled.

Sydney: Moana is really good. Just thought I'd throw that out there.

Tyler M: Lilo and Stich, the classic.

6.4 Rigby Hall (Dillon)

No report available.

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

Kathleen: Hello everyone. As you all know, we've been working really hard on sticker tag. Ours isn't going quite as swimmingly as Harrington's is. We're to the top 17 now out of 22. Only six people have gotten tagged out. We're working on it. If it doesn't make many changes, we'll be changing safe zones next week. I'm also, I got an OC



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intramural volleyball team together. I'll be taking in the cheque that Matt gave to me probably either this evening or tomorrow. So, we're hoping to win that as well as we won basketball. So, that's all for me.

Sydney: Hello my sunshines - that was really dramatic. So, we're going to be having a committee meeting probably next week, so I'll be posting in our Facebook community page seeing when people are available, which days, which hours, things like that. I have recently joined peer mentors, and I really wanted to say that if you are a representative or executive, I think it'd be really beneficial for people to join. It's an awesome way to get to know our students and just have fun with them, especially first years. They're not all first years, but a lot of them are lost and don't know what's going on. So, it'd be cool if a few more of us could be on that.

Kathleen: I also forgot to mention that I just came from a French Society meeting and we are planning a French board game night, tentatively February 6th. So, anybody you may know, or even if you just want to come and have fun, even if you don't understand anything, we'll be having a French board game night February 6th.

Sydney: Budget permitting. Thank you, Matt – in advance.

Sarah: Firstly, I would like to say that I think I helped sticker tag getting out so early, so you're welcome. Secondly, how does one go about signing up for OC volleyball?

Kathleen: Unfortunately, we only had 12 slots and it was last week, but if there is enough interest I can see if Mathias will let me put in a second OC team, but so far it's only you and a couple other people that have been outside of the 12 person limit.

Sarah: It's okay.

Tyler M: How do we sign up to be a peer mentor?

Sydney: There is a link on the Peer Mentor Facebook page, and as well, I believe, on the St. Thomas University Facebook page. I can talk to you after and get you set up with the link and the email of the director.

Tyler D: In regard to peer mentoring, I was just wondering, is there any way that us as representatives, we can sort of publicize the peer mentoring program, I guess, for any of our residents? I'm thinking about - we have a lot of first years in Harrington, I'm sure some would be interested. Is there any way I can direct them to you guys?

Sydney: Yeah, I will email Fabiana, which is the person who's in charge of peer mentors, and I will get back to you. We can talk after.

6.6 Social Inclusion Representative (Dorcas)

Hi everyone, or good evening. I hope Monday has been kind to you. I don't really know how to move on from that, but I'll just do my humble report. So, as Husoni mentioned previously, I met with Ashlyn in regard to Black History Month. We had just discussed the events for the upcoming weeks since it's next week and try to get everything sorted out and fixed. That's all that, and also today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day! Woo, civil rights activist. So, basically, for my report, I've just been working on Black History Month. There's also an information session that I worked on with UNB's Black Student Association. It's targeted to the BSA and the Pre-Law Society, but it's open to anyone who wants to go to UNB Law, or just anyone who are just looking to go to law school in the near future. It's an info session. If you're interest, just hit me up. It's coming soon, and there's food provided and everything. Yeah, other than that I've just been working on Black History Month and the Black Student Association.

6.7 Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

Hi queens. It has been a really busy week for me, so I haven't been doing a ton. However, I did have a meeting with Tyler, Sarah, and Ailish. We're gonna hold off on telling you what it is until next week. Simply for the reason of what we're still trying to figure out if it's feasible, and then when we find out whether or not it'll work, that's when I will tell all of you guys. So, other than that, I did a little bit more work on the terminology's guide. This Friday I'll be



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down to the 203 Center, so I'll be talking with the execs down there and seeing what their thoughts on it are and making sure that it is 100% inclusive or as inclusive as it can be. Other than that, yeah that's about it.

Ailish: I promise we're not hiding anything or planning to dissolve the STUSU or anything. We're good. It's going to be great.

Sarah: We're actually taking down STUSU. That's the plan. Obliterated.

Husoni: This is being recorded in the minutes, so...

Sarah: I'd like the minutes to show that I'm a sarcastic person and my personality is being reflected in what I'm saying. Thank you.

6.8 Indigenous Representative (Leanne)

Hi everybody, so I'm kind of still off to a slow start, but we're getting there. Today, I talked more with Justice Gribben about him facilitating a basket making workshop on campus. Hopefully, within the next month/month in a half-ish, depending on how easily we can get the supplies for it. So, right now he's working on a budget template for that project because we'll have to source the materials locally, like the local reserves and he belongs to one, so luckily, he's a great contact. Where I'm from Nova Scotia, it's really hard to have contacts in a different province, so we've been struggling with that a little bit, but he's doing up a budget template, then I'll be able to put that into the STUSU budget and hopefully request some support for that, but we're also going to request from the Senate Committee tomorrow to also have some financial support through experiential learning.

I'm also working on a new way to communicate this some of our Indigenous students on campus because I received a lot of people saying they just didn't know about events. I know that seems kind of impossible just because of social media, but there are some students that aren't on some of those pages, so I'm just going to make sure that they're aware that the pages do exist, such as our Instagram and Facebook pages, as well as the individual committee pages. And then try to post things on the Wabanaki page as much as I can, just by forwarding and sharing things. I went to the Wabanaki lunch, which was really quick for me, but I was there and had great pizza. I did talk to a couple of students about Indigenous specific funding for school, but also for extracurricular activities, and I'm going to get them hooked up with some additional funding that they need. Other than that, we discussed having a weekly meeting for a more formal way to communicate, just so I have more direct way of meeting concerns, or just ways to communicate as a group. Rather than all individually and me having to field 50 things all at different times rather than all at once, and that was it.

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

Graci: Hello everyone, I met with Matt a few days ago, regarding the upcoming - hopefully - first aid training. They are booked for January and February. They're really, really tight schedule with the instructors, so it looks like it would be in March. So, we're just waiting now for a little more movement in the financial departments to see what could be covered, what can't be covered, and all that.

6.10 International Student Representative (Sydona)

No report available.

6.11 First Year Residence Representative (Julia)

Hi everyone. I hope you all had a great week. So, last week I had my office hour on Wednesday in the Help Desk, and then also I went to the Activities and Events Committee meeting, which I'm really looking forward to being a part of, but when we're discussing the committee's role though, I noticed that there was, like, Sarah was saying, here's a bylaw saying that the committee cannot assist with first-year events. However, it does work out that I have been working closely with the first-year reps in the different residences, so I had a meeting with them today and we have two events that we're starting to plan. We have one this winter, as well as at the end of the year, so we're just trying to be as proactive as possible, and we're going to meet more this semester. We took time to discuss first year



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involvement, event planning, and general concerns, so overall it went great and I'll provide everyone with more details once we get the ball rolling some more. Thank you.

Dane Rose: To understand clearly are you saying that you were going to seek assistance from the committee?

Julia: If you remember from the meeting, Sarah, when she was going over the constitution, was saying something about how the committee cannot assist with events that are solely for first year students, so that's why I'm working closely with people from House Committee, so that have them to assist me with first year events.

Sarah: For the record, I'm not really sure why that's in the bylaws, but if you're interested, that could be something that we explore as to why it says that in the bylaws, but Husoni knows also. Anyways, I just thought I'd put that out there.

Husoni: We can talk about it after. The reason why the committee can't help with first year events is because the first-year rep is supposed to chair a First Year Committee that plans your own events, but yeah, I'm not sure who put that in place or why.

6.12 Grad Class Representative (Bri)

Hello everybody. On Friday morning I had a meeting with Mike Eagles from athletics, collecting the final donation for our grad class raffle basket, which will be starting probably either this week or next week, and then I also had a pop shop on Friday and was selling clothing, and I will also be there again this Friday coming up.

Husoni: Did I already pay for my shirt?

Bri: You paid in cash. One, I'm sorry if I was sassy, I was not trying to be. Two, if you'd like a receipt, I can write you one as well.

Husoni: No, I just didn't remember if I ordered one or not.

6.13 Student Senator (Laura)

No report available.

7. New Business

7.1 Presentation by the STU Divestment Campaign

Hello everyone, again. So, if you notice we have two visitors tonight, but specifically, Hannah Moore, who is a lead on the STU Divestment campaign. Just to give some background, last year the STUSU supported a motion, or passed a motion, to support the STU Divest campaign, and I did an interview relating to it earlier this year with someone from the Bronze, and I think we will continue that support throughout the year. Hannah has some ideas on how to move the campaign forward, so she'd just like to give her presentation, so I basically just put it on the agenda. Do you need like a PowerPoint or just talking? I'll yield the floor to Hannah.

Hannah Moore: All right. Thank you for having me here tonight. I'll keep it short, but as Husoni said, I'm Hannah. I'm a fourth-year student here at STU and I'm working on the Divest STU Campaign. So the STUSU voted in favor of supporting this campaign last year, but I just wanted to come for all of the new council representatives, just to inform you guys of what the campaign is so we're all on the same page because you as a whole are supporting it. I think everybody should understand. So, fossil fuel divestment, it's a global movement, but specifically here at St. Thomas University, we have an endowment fund of \$20 million. So, that is money that the school uses to invest in stocks and then we profit from those stocks. So, of that \$20 million, we invest about a million dollars into fossil fuel companies, so that's oil, gas, and coal and those companies are the largest contributor to carbon emissions, which are driving climate change. So, the divestment movement is basically asking institutions to withdraw any investments or



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holdings that they have in fossil fuels and then reinvest that money into more sustainable industries that can still be profitable for the institution.

So, there's about 37 campaigns at Canadian universities right now and there's about four or five universities who have already committed to fully divesting their endowments from fossil fuels. So, this campaign at STU is basically asking the university to look at their endowments and where their investments are right now and consider the environmental impacts as well as the social impacts of those investments and then consider where we're putting our money. Because right now we're investing in a lot of really bad companies that are destroying the environment and we're profiting from that, so it's really unethical for an educational institution to be doing that, especially one that teaches environmental studies and human rights. So, that's the environmental side of the argument. As well, it's not really a financially responsible investment anymore. We know that to address climate change, we need to transition away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, so that transition will mean that there's going to be a shift in the demand for fossil fuels and that's going to leave a bunch of fossil fuels stocks as stranded assets. So, they're going to be predicted to have really high value and then it's going to drop and that can mess up our endowment. It can end up in essence a lot more money, so it doesn't really make sense financially or environmentally at this point, and that's why we think it's a good decision for STU to withdraw from those investments and put money into something that's going to be more sustainable long term. So, that's just kind of an update on what the campaign is, and as I mentioned before, we've presented this to STUSU last year and they voted in favor of supporting this as well. The faculty association at STU voted in favor to support as well, so this year I'm working on circulating more information of the campaign and I'm going to be talking to the Board of Governors and proposing that they divest their endowment, and the Board of Governors is the one who makes the final decision, but having support from STUSU and the faculty association is really helpful because it shows that the student community and the faculty and staff here all support this decision.

So, moving forward on the campaign, I was going to ask if the STUSU would host it on their website. So, this would just mean having a Divest STU page on one of the drop down menus and it would have a little summary about what divestment is and why it's important at STU, and you would have an online copy of a PDF booklet that I'm creating right now. So, that's just an information booklet with all of the numbers for our endowment and all of the arguments and reasons basically why we think this is a good idea. As well, we'll have an online version of a petition that we're going to release. So, if you guys have any questions, let me know. It's kind of confusing at first. It took me a long time about my head around what an endowment fund even is, but I'm available for any questions or if you want to ask me after, I'm happy to do that, and I have a copy of the petition with me now if anyone is interested in signing, and I also have these little orange felt squares. So, putting those orange squares on your backpack is like a visual sign of support for divestment at STU, so if you want to pick up one of those, just let me know. So, if anyone has any questions?

Husoni: Great work, Hannah. I just was just curious what Board of Governor's meeting are you scheduled to present at?

Hannah: The one in February, hopefully.

Dane Rose: Are you working against any specific timeline as a fourth-year student? Is there anybody working on it with you, so next year they can continue the process?

Hannah: Yeah, so I'm a part of the STU Sustainability club - this actually started as a project - Darien was part of the project. Since that class, I ended up taking it on as a project under the Sustainability club. So, if we don't achieve it by the end of this year, when I graduate someone else in the club is happy to take it on next year.

Dorcas: This is just like a little general question. You said that it started like a few years back and you talked about the group starting way back, but do you know how long this project has been going on for?

Hannah: Well, the divestment movement started, I think, in the early 2000s and it's been all over the world. So, there's tons of different countries and universities in different countries that other institutions and organizations who



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have committed to divestment. I think 2011 was potentially the first divestment commitment, but it wasn't in Canada and there's been a lot less, I guess, momentum in Canada. So, I think that's why it's really important for STU to make this commitment. It's an opportunity for us to become a leader in environmental stewardship, as well as socially responsible environmentally responsible investment.

Husoni: Has there been any contact with the members of the Board of Governors and any efforts to have some conversations before the actual meeting?

Hannah: Yeah. So, I've reached out to all of the faculty representatives on the Board of Governors and I'm planning to meet with each of them individually. I've also sent a letter to the President, so I don't know if I'll hear back from them, but I hope that I do, and then once I talk to the faculty representatives, I'm going to reach out to the student representatives and a couple of other members on the board. So, I'm going to try and talk to them before I go into the meeting just so I have a better idea of what I'm walking into.

Ailish: Have you seen much pushback from any kind of committee or any kind of person when you've been doing this campaign?

Hannah: I surprisingly had none. I've had a lot of support which is really encouraging because I know at a lot of other universities, students who are doing these campaigns have a hard time whether it be with their faculty associations or the Board of Governors. So, I don't know how things will go with the Board of Governors yet, but the faculty association has been overwhelmingly supportive of this, and I think they're planning on helping out more on the campaign this semester too, so I'm really excited. They just had a meeting actually tonight, and they are really, really happy that I reached out again this semester, and they're excited to support me in any ways that they can. So, I haven't had any pushback, thankfully, and I hope that I continue seeing support from everyone at STU.

Dana Rose: I know you said that you did it as a class project and continued it with the Sustainability club, seeing as you promote it, students that are interested in being a part of it, do they have to join the club, or is there any other way that they can be a part of the project?

Hannah: You wouldn't have to join the club to be a part of it. I guess, I'm the lead campaigner right now for the project, so if anyone was interested in helping out, they could just contact me directly. I can leave my email with you guys, if you are interested in reaching out, so you don't have to join the club if you're interested in helping out. I'm really open to having anybody who's interested.

Husoni: Just to note that I will not be at the next board meeting because of a conflict with CASA Advocacy Week, but I can write a letter of support. I don't have a vote on the board either. I'm just an observer, but I could write something expressing my support for the campaign beforehand.

Hannah: Thank you, that would be amazing.

Holy cross representative: I want to get back on the Divest STU project. We'll talk later.

Hannah: Thank you guys, for taking some time to talk to me tonight. I'll leave my email and if you have any questions you can email me anytime.

7.2 Funding Approvals

Matt: So, if you could all pull those up on your laptops or phones or whatever you have. I'm saving paper. So, we'll start with the one for Al Cusack and Sara Nason, if you can all access that. Alright, I'll start if everybody's good.

Ailish: Also, before you start, I think Hannah still wants to pass those around.



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Hannah: Yeah, I can just leave a pile of those here and petitions and I'll write my email on it and then I can grab it from Husoni in class or something.

Ailish: That's good.

Matt: All right, so this one is for Al Cusack and Sara Nason. I'm assuming you've all reviewed it, or just like skimmed over it. It's for the Canadian University Queer Service Conference and it is taking place at another university campus in Regina, Saskatchewan. The overall cost is \$700, as you can see from the budget, and they asked for \$500 between the two of them, so \$250 each. The Finance Committee recommended \$500 would be fine for that as \$250 each is reasonable based on what the overall cost is. So, if nobody has any objections to that, that is what the Finance Committee recommended for that one. We could move on to the motion.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, your VP Admin has moved a motion to approve their funding request for \$500.

Seconded by Darian.

Opened for discussion.

Dorcas: It's just for clarification cause in the first sentence it says "we are two students who I've been accepted to present on research," but it doesn't really go into depth on what the research is.

Matt: Basically, if we do want more details, we can send it back to them and they can just provide what their research is, but we just thought that the conference and based on they're just presenting the research, we didn't receive necessary to know kind of what their exact research was, but if you do want to know, we could always send it back as it's not time sensitive, I guess. That's up to you all.

Sarah: It also mentions below that it was through their honours that they did this research, so I'm not sure if that helps clarify or not.

Husoni: I'd also be interested to see the actual amount that they would get from the other places as well. Just curious cause it says there'll be asking STU Sociology, Human Rights Department, Experiential Learning Office and Research Office, so that's like four other departments, and we're paying half of it already.

Matt: I can make a motion to table that for next meeting then and ask him for more details.

A motion has been made by VP Admin to table the funding approval for Sara Nason and Al Cusack.

Seconded by Dorcas.

The motion was approved by 14 members of council.

Tyler McGee abstained.

Tyler M: Honestly, I don't really think it's necessary to table it, just because it's student research in an area that is severely underrepresented already, so I think that is something that we should support, and it's \$250 each, which in the grand scheme of things is nothing.

Husoni: I agree that it's very important research even though it's not specific as to what it is, but I think especially with academic assistance, we get a lot of funding requests all the time. So, I'd like to know details, like, when these applications come in, you are supposed to provide detailed information on what the other funding sources are. It's not unique to this application. Even when you get emergency bursaries or whatever, whoever's on the committee with me relating to STUSU Finances knows that I always make sure that the budget - whatever is being requested - has details on it, or else I personally don't feel comfortable giving out student money if it doesn't have the required information. So, if it does come back with the required information, I personally would not have any problems, and this is not denying it, it's just pending further information. Just for the record.

Matt: So, the next one we can look at is Sofia Paura, I think that's the name of the document for the email.



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So, the name on it says Dominica Taylor because that is the individual from UNB, who I believe is the head of the group. She reached out to me for Sophia to receive the funding for her because she goes to St. Thomas and I guess she just wanted to do it. So, it's for the Apex Conference. I'm sure some of you have heard about it before and it will be taking place in the next few months, and as you can see below the budget, it breaks down the conference fee, Airbnb's, flights, transportations, et cetera - of the overall cost \$1,000, and they asked for \$1,000, the Finance Committee and Tina, our manager, recommended \$500, so half of that because we felt that paying for the entire thing might not be correct, but that is also up to the SRC to determine, so I would open that up for discussion as well.

Husoni: It says that the conference will be taking place from January 9th to 12th, and it's now January 20th, so I don't know how to reconcile this application.

Matt: I'm assuming they just want it covered afterwards possibly for what they spent, but I can also table it for further information as well.

Husoni: I think then if it's already paid for, then they should provide some more documentation, if they did end up getting funding from another department and also some receipts of what needs to be reimbursed from the conference, but if it's already gone, I don't think we should approve it for \$500, or if she even bothered going to the conference?

Brianna: She went.

Ailish: Just a logistical question, is someone else allowed to do this for you?

Matt: As long as the money's not going to them, but for her cause she was the leader of the group.

Dane Rose: To get an understanding. She applied for money for a group, herself, or...?

Matt: She is the leader of the group at UNB and Sofia Paura is a part of that group, and she applied for her because she deemed it necessary, I guess, and because she was a St. Thomas student, but Dominica Taylor who applied for her wasn't but we're tabling it, so I'll get more information anyway.

A motion has been moved to table Sofia Paura's funding requests.

Seconded by Kathleen.

The motion has been approved by all 15 voting members present.

Matt: Okay, we'll just move into the University Women's Center next. So, with this one, their overall cost was \$859, and they requested a thousand, which was the first kind of red flag, I guess, that we saw. It's for an event called Couch and Coffee Combos. As you can see in their budgets, they have three panelists speakers for the event, kind of foods and stuff like that and different kinds of stuff they need to buy for the event. The Finance Committee and Tina once again recommended that we cover the costs for the speakers and then the coffee and tea, so \$500, but once again, I would open that up for discussion to the SRC because it is up to you after all.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, motion has been moved by VP Admin to give the University Women's Center \$500 towards their event.

Seconded by Leanne.

Leanne: Also, if you look where they break down their budget or the money they're asking for is kind of some absurd numbers there too. Because for ceramic coffee cups from Walmart, \$96. Two packs of Dixie to go coffee cups and lids from Walmart is \$108, so those are just two examples that make me a little concerned about the money they're requesting.



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Matt: That's why we'd said we'd cover just for the speakers and the coffee and the tea. I didn't really want to say it cause I figured somebody would, but I wasn't in favor of the macaroons and then the coffee cups. Thank you for bringing that up.

Darian: Yeah, we talked about that in Finance Committee as well.

Tyler D: I might be mistaken, but Graci, are you still the Women's Center Liaison, and if so, do you have input on this? Did you know about this? Do you have any clarifications, I don't know?

Graci: I actually couldn't make the last meeting, and I have messaged them and emailed them multiple times for them to put me on their email list, and I went in person and they still haven't put me on their email list, and they don't message me back half the time, so I've been trying to reach out, but they won't reach back out to me.

Sarah: Firstly, they wouldn't put me on their email list either, so there's that, but they kept Dorcas on. I told them that she was no longer the point person for STUSU. Anyways, I can try and fix that on your behalf. Dorcas, if you're still on the email list, feel free.

Dorcas: I'll CC you guys.

Sarah: Anyways, I also would be curious to know, obviously they mentioned that they're entitled to UNB's Clubs and Societies funding, but they never indicated how much that they're able to get from UNB, so I'd be curious to know what that number would look like because UNB's budget is like "this" and our is like 'this'.

Kathleen: Also, Megan and I were looking at the panelists and speakers for the event, that amount, considering the amounts that they have listed so far, I was wondering what would we be paying for, for the speakers? Are we paying them for being there, paying for their lodging, paying for their food? As well as the breakdown of like, why is it \$450 for the three speakers? Just so we know where our money's going and what it's for.

Ailish: No one can say we aren't looking after the students' money.

Husoni: I guess, for the record, I think this is a really good initiative to put on, but I'm not sure one, if it qualifies under our Clubs and Society's funding lines, so we might have to approve it from another line because the Woman's Center is not ratified club at STU and yeah, I'd like to know how much they're getting from UNBSU. If they've haven't heard back yet, that's fine too, and I also have concerns about some of the expenditures, but it could just be a really bougie event, which, like, good on them, I'll go some expensive stuff.

A motion has been made to table the Women's Center funding application.

Seconded by Darian.

The motion was approved by all 15 present voting members of council.

Matt: I'll move on to the last one. That is from Dorcas for the Black History Month event. She's here, so if you have any questions, ask me or Dorcas. So, I'll pass the budget around because it wasn't attached to the thing. You can all look at the budget. Everything on there is pretty straightforward, but you can ask Dorcas for clarification on any of it. Dorcas has requested \$800 out of the \$4800, the Finance Committee and Tina, believe that \$800 was good seeing as how much it costs and that it spans over a month, and also how important of an event it is. So yeah, I'll open up the Dorcas for further clarification.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the VP Admin has moved the motion to approve Dorcas's funding application for \$800 from the Clubs and Societies line.

Seconded by Tyler M.

Dorcas: Yeah, so I just wanting to make a clarification on one of the events that we're having, it's for week two, I think. Oh no, it's for week three, for volunteers, and put aside \$150 for external talent. We're going to have like a



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talent show and thought it was going to cost us \$150, but it's going to cost us a lot more than that. So, I'm just putting that out there that the overall cost did change, but I'm still asking for the same amount.

Husoni: Is this being requested under the Clubs and Societies line from the Black Student Association, or from you personally towards the project?

Dorcas: So, the reason why I didn't put it in under the Black Student Association funding is because it would cap the money we're allowed to ask, and I didn't want this event to influence any of the Black Student Association events or changing our funding. So, I wanted to make it a separate event. Although, a lot of the students from the Black Student Association would be benefiting through this. I didn't want this money to be under that association because I didn't want it to cap our funding for them for the rest of the year because the BSA does want to have other events during the year.

Graci: I'm just wondering which of the three departments confirmed the funding, just curious.

Dorcas: We have actually more than three departments that confirmed the amount that they were going to give us. So, several departments did confirm funding. It's not all just same amount. Some departments gave \$500, some departments gave \$800, so it's within that range, and it didn't reach to \$4,800. So, like the \$800 that I'm asking is the amount that's left, and some of the departments haven't confirmed with me yet. I'm still waiting pending on that, but I do have other departments that I did ask funding for.

Ailish: Sort of a side note, but I might be able to get the flight costs down for you a little bit more.

Dorcas: Let me know because I'm struggling with that. I'm sorry, I forgot this was - I didn't edit that. I'm sorry. Because you said that we were going to have like- Well the only reason I put ask Husoni there is because I knew that we had some sort of discount in flights, but I didn't know how much it was. So, that's why I just put like \$1000 just to be safe than sorry, but I knew that we have some sort of discount, but I didn't know how much it was, so I don't want to put a number out there.

Husoni: We don't have a discount. We had a discount from two years ago. Not a discount, but a flight credit where we booked a flight, but then it was canceled and then we had to rebook someone else's flight on a different airline, so Air Canada gave us a credit of the cost, which was like 500 and something dollars and it was from Toronto, but then we used it last year to bring in people. So, on the budget that I sent you, was the last year's budget that I had estimated income of the flight credit, but we didn't have a flight credit.

Ailish: There just me, so like just hit me up as Ailish. It's not through the STUSU. I just, your girl just knows the flight discounts, so let me know.

Tyler D: I do have a few different questions, but they're not very serious. Questions are more just for clarification and cause I'm curious. So, it says gifts to panelists and it's \$1,300. Are you allowed to say what those gifts are?

Dorcas: So, for the first one it says gifts, and under the second one it says payments to panellists. So, not only do we have to pay for the panelists' tickets to come here and like their hotel, we also have to actually pay them for coming. So, we have to pay them for that one hour they attend the event, and that's why it says that. Some panelists asked for like \$800 to, like, \$120, and we tried to find a balance between that. The reason why I put \$1,800 is because we have two panelists, and that's just if I'm able, usually I'm able to reason with them, but yeah, it's usually the payment to the panellist for attending or for speaking.

Husoni: It's actually three panelists.

Dorcas: Oh shoot, I'm so sorry. Well, two confirmed. One we don't know, but it's two so that, that number is probably gonna change, but it's two panelists that we have confirmed. That's why I put two times the flight because



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you have two of them coming in, but two panellists confirmed. The third one, I'm not too sure, but anyways, that's the payment thing. We actually have to pay them for speaking for an hour or two.

Tyler D: My second question was, at the bottom it says "call for JDH" under two and it's free? And under notes it says email for moving a few tables, I was just curious what call for JDH meant.

Dorcas: Usually if we wanna like - because one of our events we're going to have black art in JDH and it shouldn't cost us anything to happen there, but we still need to call facilities. Just let them know that we're moving some tables and chairs and stuff.

Husoni: It's free.

Dorcas: Well that's why I put free/?

Tyler M: When Julia and I held the resource fair, we kind of just took over the lounge and just moved everything. So, you'll be fine.

Ailish: I don't want to be like a Debbie downer or anything, but I'm just wondering and like, I'm sorry, but I'm wondering because we held those other applications to really high standards and we asked for more information, we sent them back. Should we make BSA refill out the form in the format that we have. So, we kind of have all the questions answered. I know you don't have all of the answers yet. Like, you're still looking for the other panelists, but would it be possible if you could maybe fill out the form that we usually have, or is it fine to just keep going with this?

Dorcas: So, I did fill out the form that you guys actually have. It's in the link. The reason why I just did a separate document for this was just because I wanted more details fit into the document. And also, I think it'd be fair to just go on with this and just answer the questions here, and I know for like the other ones, it's harder to prove anything cause they're not here to answer the questions. I feel like it's easier if we just kind of answered the questions now.

Ailish: Sorry, I didn't even see it attached. I apologize for that, and I also completely agree about the questions. I was just wondering cause like I only saw this, so thank you.

Tyler D: My third and last question is for large posters (x2), it says \$225, and it says, "hopefully donated". So, is the \$225 in accordance with the projected amount or if it's donated? Would that lower the amount below \$800?

Dorcas: So, basically that's the cost that it should cost to have billboards, but the day I made this budget, it was like two or three weeks ago, so nothing was super specified, but in my report I had mentioned that I had a meeting with Ashlyn and it was to talk about the boards and she did confirm that the boards are going to be donated this year, but the reason why I kept the total of the event \$4,800 is because, as I mentioned, we are going to have a third panellist. So, if there's any disparities in the cost, it would just go towards any places where the money would be missing.

Tyler D: I'm gonna sort of echo what Ailish said, not that I'm a little hesitant, but I wish it was more certain, I guess. Like there's a lot of question marks, so I don't know what the process is about motioning to table. I don't know if it's urgent, the funding request. So, it's a bit of a question of is it urgent, can it wait, and can it be, I guess not more precise, but just I don't know.

Husoni: I think what I'd be interested in is that to see how much money we've already confirmed from the other departments, and who we haven't heard from yet before we proceed with approving it. And I also think this needs fixed.

Dorcas: Yeah. I definitely agree with that. Like, this is all in the works or whatever. My last meeting is going to be with Husoni and another member of the department on Friday, and we're just going to discuss with her whether she's going to approve her funding towards the event or not. So, if you guys want, I can definitely bring this back next



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week. It's not like urgent, but it would be nice to have it before February. I can move this until next week when I have all the fundings confirmed and how much money would be left and also get the payment for the last panelists confirmed as well. If that works for everyone?

Ailish: I don't think anyone's not going to pass it, I just think-

Dorcas: Oh my god, girl. It's all good.

Motion to table the Black History Month funding application from Dorcas.

Seconded by Sarah.

Motion has been approved by 14 members of council.

Dorcas abstained because it was her funding request.

8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Tyler D: I, myself am not on the Moot Court team, but I do know we do have a few different Mooters here and just to get an out there, congratulations on your tournament this weekend. That's all I really wanted to say.

Dorcas: I think it's just Husoni.

Tyler D: And Megan.

Ailish: Also echoing that too, my fellow Mooters, but also, if anyone's sort of passionate about the law or justice, Honorable Beverly McLachlan is coming to STU. She was the Chief Justice of Canada, which is pretty cool, and she's coming here in February. The posters just went up, if you're interested in that, it's pretty freaking cool.

Husoni: On the note of Moot Court, thank you. If you're interested in joining the Moot Court team, there is an information session happening on January 31st at 2:30PM in MMH 308. I think anyone in this room would be an excellent Mooter, so I encourage you to attend, if you're not already on the team.

9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Graci.

Seconded by Tyler D.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 8:27 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on January 23, 2019.

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