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3rd Meeting of the 47th SRC
6:00 pm, Sunday, October 4, 2020
Via Zoom (Online)

Attendance Record

Position	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
President	Sarah Kohut	X		
Vice President Administration	Matthew Oram	X		
Vice President Education	Megan Cormier	X		
Vice President Student Life	Kyle McNally	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Sydney Shelley	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Kathleen Jones	X		
Social Inclusion Representative	Andie Amaya	X		
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Tyler MaGee	X		
Member at Large Representative	Victoria Young	X		
Grad Class President	Alaina Mejia	X		

Staff Present: Brianna Hill (Chair), Minahil Fatima (Recording Secretary)

AQ Representatives: Hannah Rudderham

Guests Present: N/A



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Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Brianna Hill at 6:07 pm.
Quorum is met with 9 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

Sarah: I would like to add resignations under New Business. So as item 7.1.

Motion has been moved by President to add agenda item 7.1 Resignations.

Seconded by Tyler M.

Motion has been approved by council.

The agenda was presented to council.

It was moved by Kyle M. to approve agenda as amended.

Seconded by Sarah K.

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 2nd Meeting

Andie: So, I was talking about Larissa Crawford. Her firm is called future not feature. And then I also wanted to make a change on Ryan's email. It was put as abp, it's avp.enrollment.

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved by Megan C. to approve minutes as amended.

Seconded by Kyle M.

The minutes were approved as amended.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Discussion on the Safer Spaces Workshop

Tyler: Hello everyone! It's good to see all your faces again. I hope you've had a decent week. I'm just going to update everybody as to where we are with this safer spaces training just so everybody is on the same page and then from there we'll just table it to move on to the next meeting because there's nothing really to go forward with at the moment. We just finished draft modules for the first and second module. So, the first module is on the basics, which is breaking down the acronym. It's pretty much, everybody here has already seen it because it will follow the terminologies guide as the breakdown of the acronym. On top of that, it will also break down a little bit of the differences between like sex and gender, and those types of concepts, and then we've also finished the second module, which is the use of pronouns, gender neutral language, and unlearning some of the gendering of different things that we happened to have around us and so that one is completed as well. At the moment both Cassidy and myself have taken on the Allyship and what is it called? Module 3A and 3B. So 3A is allyship for students. I'm taking over that one and currently in the process of working on that and then the second version is on inclusivity in policies and in events, and Cassidy is taking the reins on that one so those we are hoping to have completed at the end of Thanksgiving weekend so we are reconvening that Tuesday and I'm putting those together and from there I am planning to attach them as items alongside our agenda so everybody can review them and go through them. And then we can discuss them further. So that's where we are right now. And if you would like a detailed breakdown of where that is, you can feel free to email me and I can send it out to everybody too.



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Motion has been moved by Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative to table agenda item 3.1 until the next SRC meeting.

Seconded by Kathleen J.

That motion has been approved by all present 9 voting members of council.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report – Sarah Kohut

Hello everyone! I hope you've had a fantastic week since we saw each other last. I'm gonna add that everyone's taking care of themselves and managing school and everything last month. Last Monday, I started off the week by having a Vanier Renewal Committee meeting. So, in this meeting the subcommittee on finishes and paint and stuff that I mentioned last week, presented our recommendation for Vanier and we got the OK and that recommendation just being that, the bathrooms and rooms would look similar in Vanier to as they do in Harrington. Then we'll discuss more of the common spaces, so the lounges, the hallways and stuff like that at a later date. We also had a NBSA executive meeting, which was good. And then on Tuesday, I did an interview with the Aquinian about STU's upcoming 110th birthday and just talked about some of the things that are in the works for that. I met with Matt to talk about the fall by-election, which will be starting on October the 6th. I'm sure you all saw the post that went out on the weekend about the by-election. I will be deleting that post and reposting it with another position that has recently become vacant as I'm gonna talk about later on in the meeting. So, once I repost it, I would really appreciate if everyone could share that, promote it to your friends. We really like to see some new faces on the STUSU this year. We definitely have a number of positions that need to be filled and the more the merrier because that means more students doing great things for students and who wouldn't want that? And then I met with Megan Costan, who has been the Co-chair of STSUA Sexual Assault Prevention Committee for the past two years. And she's also the Co-chair this year to discuss some initiatives that we had planned last year when I was in my capacity as Vice President Student Life that unfortunately we didn't get to finish because of Covid and the University closing. But rest assured, those two initiatives where we had a video campaign that we were working on called the "I believe you" campaign. Where we filmed SRC last year, which will now become SRC this year. So, you all will get to be in the video again, for those that are returning and for those that are new for the first time. But it's just a series of faculty and students and groups on campus just saying the words, I believe you to demonstrate that St. Thomas is a community where we believe survivors and then we also planned the Part 2 bystander training, which is in addition to the bystander training that has been offered at STU for the past three years now. So, that's just a follow up on that training. We had it all planned and ready to go and then it got cancelled at the last minute because of Covid, which is very unfortunate. But we will be continuing those two initiatives this year. I will not let them fall through the cracks, despite the fact that they didn't get to happen last year. And then the NBSA had a board meeting, we approved some policies, which is great. And then on Wednesday was orange shirt day. I saw a few of you were wearing orange on social media and stuff, so thank you and to those that weren't aware that it was orange shirt day, or maybe didn't wear orange, there's always next year. So, mark the date in your calendar for next year and the years prior. And then the executive ate lunch at the Wabanaki Center, which is really great. For those that don't know, they have lunch every Wednesday at 12:00 PM. It's open for anyone to go in, indigenous and non-indigenous. It's just a space for indigenous and non-indigenous folks to come together and kind of hang out and eat some lunch. It's always a home cooked meal which is really exciting. Last week it was chilli. It was very good. I for sure will be there every week. I know some of the executives have said that they will also be there basically every week. So, if you ever feel like you want to go but you don't know if anyone will be there. We will always be there. Please feel free to join us. They really like having new visitors come in and join. And then I participated in a talking circle with the Senate Committee on reconciliation. I've never participated in a talking circle before until last week, and it was such a fantastic opportunity and I'm so, so, so thankful that I got the chance to do that with all the fellow members of the Senate Committee. And then on Thursday, the executives had our weekly meeting. I had my office hours at the help desk and then Friday



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morning, Kyle and I met with UNB's VP Finance and their VP Student Life to go over safe ride for this year. Safe ride will be operating, which is very exciting. I can't remember when they said it was gonna pick up again. It might be next week or the week after, but it'll be happening soon. So, Kyle and I met with them to discuss the operating times of the window that safe ride will operate based on the changed building hours for UNB and STU because of Covid. Once UNB gets safe right up and running again, all of that will be publicized, so I'll make sure to circulate it with you all. And then we sign a contract for safe ride for this semester, which is exciting. And then all of the executive members attended the celebration of life that the University had for Aranyam, which was beautifully done. I saw a few of you there and if you tuned in via the live stream, I'm sure you will agree with me that it was very, very well done. It was a beautiful service and it was really great that the University could put something together like that so quickly and even just did it at all because they were really under no obligation to do anything like that but they did, which was excellent, and they did it really, really well. I made a graphic for the election, again I already mentioned that, but you all saw it. And that is about it. I will also mention during my report as you all know, you all had to run for a STUSU position, you need to fill out a nomination form, because some folks might not be in Fredericton so we're doing both paper and online nomination forms. So, if you visit stusu.ca/elections, there is a link to a Microsoft form there that's kind of just the nomination form for everyone. So, the candidates need to fill that out, and they need to get their nominees and electors to also fill out that form. And so that's how we're gonna be doing nominations for those that aren't in Fredericton. So, if anyone asks you any questions about that. Just send them to that website. It's all detailed really nicely on there. Shoutout to Matt for putting all that information on the website, or if they're in Fredericton they can go pick up a nomination form at the help desk like you would any other year. And that's all for me. Sorry. I have an addition, just 'cause no one has replied to me yet. And for those that are help desk volunteers, I'm just gonna use this opportunity to plug it right now. I would really, really appreciate it if anyone could take my shift this Thursday from 12 to 1. I'm writing the LSAT on Thursday and I would really, really appreciate that time to study. So, if anyone wants to pick up an extra help desk hour, I would appreciate it, but don't feel obligated to. I just want to have it promoted here so the likelihood of someone covering it increases.

4.2 Vice President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hi everyone! I hope everybody had a good week as well. So, a lot of my week was spent dealing with the clubs and societies fair. I think it went over pretty well. Usually like to have somebody there in JDH so students can interact and stuff like that, usually very busy, but this year I think it went over well, obviously you can speak to what you saw from the outside, but I think a lot of students engaged with the social media and the videos. So, I think the clubs and societies were pretty OK with that. Also, I dealt with some more election stuff and certain clubs and societies. It's just quick emails. Usually it's a pretty exchange. As Sarah mentioned, we met to discuss the by-election, so that could be put on the agenda. You're gonna see it on the description on the website. I think, there was another resignation. We'll discuss that later, but yeah, so the usual positions are available and a few extras. But the dates are up on the website, so if you could encourage people to submit nominations or nominate themselves. I guess that'd be good. We want to get those positions filled up, so that we can have a full student union for the entire year. So, hopefully that will go over well. I've been in contact with Hanif, our chief returning officer, just about dates and stuff like that, and workloads, dealing with the candidates meeting. So hopefully that'll all go over smoothly. We approved a funding request. I discussed that last week for a Zoom account for Venezuela 180. I believe it was around \$200, so that was transferred to them. I don't know if I mentioned but this year, we're not doing checks, obviously because the whole Covid situation, it's E-transfers. This is the first time that we've been able to do this. It saves students a lot of walking and headaches, I guess. I also received another funding application from the French society, for a smaller amount. I'm going to review that and then hopefully get the funds to them throughout this week, Monday, or Tuesday. And then I also sent out another mass email to clubs and societies about the Rising youth Grants. I think I discussed those in our first meeting, or maybe not, but basically just a federal grant for groups or individuals who want to do work within the community. I know the STU Mental Health Society has already used this for the bags that they were delivering. It's a good opportunity and there will be an info session this week, so I promoted that to the



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clubs and societies. Hopefully, it's for a good cause. Hopefully, the individuals to take advantage of that, and besides my office hour and the lunch at the Wabanaki. That was pretty much it for me for this week.

4.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Megan Cormier

Hello everyone! I hope you guys had a restful weekend. So, again I have mine divided into 3 sections starting with STUSU. So, Tuesday I met with the ad-hoc Remote Learning Committee, which I do every Tuesday. But like I said last week, it's kind of gonna be on a needed basis, so we're going to review tomorrow morning and see if we have agenda items and if we don't, we're going to slow down our meetings. Wednesday I had my office hour and at the same time we had lunch at the Wabanaki center. So, for that reason my office hours have been moved to Friday from 12 to 1 to ensure I can get to those lunches 'cause I think they're really important for us to attend. After working with David Kuhn's assistant, Teyon, we officially set up the dates and times for the meetings with Mr. Kuhn for him to meet with students online. So, he's starting tomorrow at noon at UNB and we're gonna go one week UNB, next week STU and keep going like that. So, our first date won't be until the Monday after Thanksgiving. So, we'll publicize stuff about this, and I would really appreciate it if you guys all kind of circulated that. And there's also an event posted on Mr. Kuhn's page that could be shared if you're interested and they'll take place every Monday at noon. So, like I said, UNB one week, STU the next. And, with holidays and stuff, it might get a little mixed up, but we'll remind students. I've been talking to Teyon quite a lot lately and she reached out to me about a student who is looking into a sustainability initiative that they had reached out to UNB about and thought it could be kind of collaborative, so right now we're kind of in the works and the understanding is exactly what this initiative is, and I'll be proposing it to my Sustainability Committee once that gets started. So, keep an eye out for when that gets started, if you're interested. As per usual, we have our executive meeting Thursday and Friday morning. As Sarah said, we attended the celebration of life that was being held for Aranyam and it was very beautiful and I'm very happy we could attend and be there for that. And finally, for STUSU had been contacted by Clancy McDaniel who is the Executive Director for the Students of Nova Scotia about a campaign regarding open educational resources that will be occurring this month all over the Maritimes, so it's going to be an online campaign, so please, if you see us promoting online materials, so specifically on Instagram or Facebook about this, make sure to share it, if you can. Moving to the NBSA. Tuesday evening, Sarah and I had an NBSA board meeting and I've also been speaking with a few students about a policy I had written for the NBSA, and I probably mentioned this before, but I did consultations with two more students and they both gave some really important feedback, so I'll be implementing those changes to have it approved before we develop our asks for ADVO. And then finally for CASA. I had a CASA board meeting Friday, where a member of my Member Relations Committee, so the Committee I chair at CASA, they did a presentation on a video we're hoping to create. This year on what is CASA. The importance of student advocacy and your very own Sarah Kohut is the other Co lead on this. She can't be the primary lead because she's an observer on my committee, but we're very lucky to have her. I'm in the midst of creating this month's board liaison call guide, which is something I created for CASA this year which kind of just tells our board members what to talk about in their liaison calls with the member institutions. And finally, I've scheduled a call with the chair of CASA, Bryn for next week to conduct our first board member check in. That's it for me. Thanks guys.

Sarah: I would like to say thank you to Megan for the kind words and to make a correction that the Member Relations Committee is really lucky to have Megan as Chair and also CASA is really lucky to have her as our Director At-Large Membership. And also, I was not present at the meeting that Megan just mentioned to present that video with the other member because LSAT, but I got updated afterwards and I'm still very much involved in that initiative.

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

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a great week. So, similar to the rest of the execs, I've been pretty busy. Earlier in the week, I reached out to the last round of businesses for the multiple giveaways that we're going to be doing. Super excited to get these going. A lot of cool things are coming together. Held my weekly in-person and virtual



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office hour in the help desk on Tuesday. On Wednesday I went around to businesses in Fredericton to pick up donations to those who answered my email and began thinking of some ways to execute the giveaways. I also ended up going out this past Friday as well to pick up some donations. I attended the Wabanaki student lunches, with the rest of the execs on Wednesday, participated in orange shirt day. I made a new graphic and advertised community foods mart pretty heavily as the orders and payments had to be in by this Thursday. The order form and money have been sent to Suzanne and pick up is gonna take place this coming Thursday, the 8th. We received three more orders last month for a total of 27 orders and orders for November have already begun coming in. We're up to three already, and given Covid-19 so far, it's been proven that the need for reduced pricing food for students is pretty significant. So, please, please, please, make sure that if you know anyone who could benefit from the program or know someone who might be struggling a bit financially, to connect them with me or the community foods mart program at STU. The Emergency Bursary Committee met earlier this week to review another emergency bursary application that we approved. Brock, Kelly Humber Kelly and myself have been in discussions surrounding a potential partnership surrounding meditation classes for STU students. Naloxone Kit Training and Harm Reduction 101 event is currently getting ironed out between myself and AIDS New Brunswick. There's gonna be 2 training sessions, one mid October and one in mid November. A student reached out with some campus trust and opting out concerns. We chatted, and that was pretty much it. I met with Vishnu and Adriana as Sarah had mentioned with UNBSU to negotiate safe ride agreement. I've been discussing with Genevieve, the jack.org program coordinator for Atlantic Canada, about the proposal that I have done, and she informed me that she's excited to see where that goes. I reached out to a few students who didn't pay their community foods mart orders on time just to make sure they got their money in. Set up meetings with Megan Costan, the Co-chair for the STUSU Sexual Assault Prevention Committee and Valeria, who is the activities coordinator for tomorrow to begin planning for both of those things for the committee, as well as trick or treat coming out. The exec had our weekly meeting. Lastly, some new items that, I have retrieved for the STUSU giveaway so far, or some of them are a \$25 gift card from Harvey Studios, 2 one-month gym memberships to Kingswood Fitness, 2 private learn to ski packages from Crab Mountain Snow School. And Lastly some T-shirts and swag from the voice farmers market, and that is it for me.

5. Employee Reports

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports

6.1 At-Large Representative (Victoria Y.)

Hi! Not really any updates since last week, I'm just still getting to learn more about the role, getting sort of a feel for what I can do for students at-large. Just been communicating with former people that have my role and yeah.

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

Kathleen: Hi everyone! So, we have not done as much as we probably would have liked this week, but we have been working on our coffee house idea for the 23rd of October. We still have to reach out to the people that run the off-campus lounge to get that booked and hopefully have that set up for a socially distance coffee house and we will be rolling out all of our social media stuff probably tomorrow morning. We already have about 3 people interested even though we haven't posted anything online yet, so we're working on that and we worked on talking about how we're gonna do food, how we're going to do drinks, that kind of thing. Other than that, I personally been working a lot with them stuff for the French society, so doing the video for the clubs and societies week and sending in a funding application for our board game night which will be happening on the 8th of October in the off-campus Lounge. If



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you guys want to put that in your agenda. Come to a French evening of board games. Have some food. That's it, that's all.

Sydney: Yeah, sounds pretty good. I'm just sick today so that's why I was like late. So sorry about that everybody. I have nothing else really to say Kathleen kind of hit the nail on the head. She did a great job reporting. Thanks, Kathleen.

6.3 Grad Class Representative (Alaina M.)

Hi all and happy October! At our last SRC meeting, I mentioned that I'd be attending the Student Alumni Association board meeting starting on October 3rd, which was yesterday. Unfortunately, the group failed to meet quorum for that meeting, so will be rescheduling sometime in the near future. However, even if that date doesn't work for me, I've blocked off all of the scheduled dates that are yet to come for Alumni Association meetings, so I'll be at as many as possible. Even though we are unable to meet this past weekend, I was excited to see that the Alumni Association is dedicated to supporting the school through this unprecedented year. As one of our meeting agenda items for whenever we meet again is to support our students and the University as we navigate the challenges of the 2020-2021 year. So as a great discussion point. That I'm sure will be great and supportive of all of us. In other groups that are looking forward to tackling the challenges of this academic year, the call for members of the grad class committee has officially gone out and via the apps to grad class Instagram account, the deadline to put in an application is October 16th. It's exciting to hear that's already created a little bit of buzz, and we do have some applications already, so I'm sure that will be a great group that's excited to make the most of this year. On a somewhat different tangent, I am working with various folks in the University to figure out how we can optimize grad photo opportunities for those who are not currently in the Fredericton area. I reached out to our favorite new contact, Ryan Sullivan, who's put me in contact with a couple of other folks on campus. And we'll figure out that issue as soon as possible and then touch base with a bunch of folks in our international community and our just outside of Fredericton Community who this presented a struggle for. But I was really glad that a lot of people reached out because we were already on tackling it, but it was really helpful to know what specific concerns there were. So, in summary, that's what I've been up to this week.

6.4 Social Inclusion Representative (Andie A.)

Hello! Hope you had a great weekend so far. So, for my report, I've been developing a mental health services pamphlet just because you know mental health services look very different this year, so I want to make a pamphlet where it's super accessible for students. Like maybe we can publish it on STUSU or share it on the STUSU IG. So, I talked to Ryan Sullivan about kind of like what mental health services look like through the mobile response unit. So, coming into your home. Apparently, it's still up and going like they're still going to your home. I also attended the celebration of life of our STU community member to show solidarity and yeah, like Sarah said, it was a very beautiful event and did shed a few tears. So, I also met with the Mental Health Society Co-President Ashley Thornton to talk about putting on like a mental health event for next month. So, we're still kind of deciding what we can do because we want to do something unique, but something that's also accessible online and in person. So, for something in person we were thinking about booking the OC lounge for the whole day and just having people come in and out up to 10 people or 5 people at a time, but we're still in the midst of planning that out, and I'm still waiting for a response from Future Ancestor's Larissa Crawford. I don't think she'll get back to me within the next 2 weeks, but I'm hoping. I also talked to Matt about the contact us page update on STUSU because it was outdated with our former predecessors. And I also notice that the STUSU page for meeting minutes still has the meeting minutes of last year SRC, So, the 46 SRC, so I'm not sure who fixes that or anything, but yeah, so that's my report. That's what I've done.

Sarah: Yeah, so for the minutes, those get updated by either Matt or myself, and basically how it works is as like we don't clear all of last year's minutes, we just replace them. Say, right now there's 10 from last year as we keep going



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down with meetings. It will become 9 from last year, one from this year, 2 from this year, 8 from last year. You see what I mean? As we go through them all. So, like we don't ever delete them per say off the website. They just get replaced with more recent minutes, so that will be coming as we have more meetings and stuff.

Andie: Thank you for the clarification.

6.5 Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

Hi Queens, Happy LGBTQIA2S+ History Month. I'm gonna shorten that and say Queer just because it makes it easier. So, for those of you who do not know, queer history is a largely forgotten or unknown history alongside other minority groups. Queer people have largely been erased from history, at least in mainstream history. So, this month is a chance to celebrate all that we have learned and rediscovered so far alongside celebrating that diversity and all of us coming together so welcome to this month. For what I have been up to this week, I met with Cassidy, Wilson, Shawn, McKenzie, the UNBSU's President and Emily from NBCC, and we were talking about the involvement of NBCC in the Tri Campus within pride History Month. So, we have a wide range of events which I'll get to in a moment coming up throughout this month and we were discussing ways in which we can open that up to all campuses. So, this will be a fully inclusive College Hill History Month this year, which is a really exciting and it's actually gone beyond College Hill because we have students all over the place. So, it's kind of our first ever in some ways global History Month that the three universe or that the two universities and a college are going in on. So, it's super exciting to be a part of that and talking through ways that they can get involved. I've been working on these safer spaces module or safer spaces workshop as mentioned previously. So, diving into the events that we have this week or this month, so we will have fast fact Fridays, they will be beginning on the 9th as last Friday there was the service and so we thought that we would push everything back so that we could have that time for the celebration of life. And so, everybody has a chance to participate in that. So fast fact Friday will start on the 9th and go through to the 23rd. We have a resource week starting tomorrow actually so there will be various resources that are opened and operating within this Covid space. So that way students know what is operating and what they can access which I think will be really helpful for everybody. We're hoping to have the terminologies guide up and out by the 12th. Hopefully, that is a little bit of flexible date, so it doesn't matter at all. On the 14th and 15th, we will be hosting Block Out Homophobia which is an event that we ran last year. It went very well. For those who don't know, students would write down like a supportive message or something LGBT related that shows solidarity and we put it on this banner that had homophobia written on it. So, we were essentially pushing homophobia out of our campus, and I think that we cut out 170 odd hands I believe is what we cut out. And all of them were used so it was fantastic. Will be running that again this year. I'm still working on the logistics of that but it's definitely something that I would love to see happen. From the 19th to the 30th, will be Queer Arts week, so we'll be putting it out to all three campuses. As I said so to all artists. If you would like to produce something that is Queer themed in your art, send in. You can email a picture or like send us in or something like that and we will post it around our social media. So that way we kind of have a bit of a Queer arts and culture going on. Cassidy will be giving a talk on the 21st. I do not have the subject yet, but once I do, I will relay it to everybody. And then there's also a Wellness and Pride talk that's happening on the 22nd. All of these events and talks are virtual and there will be links that will be sent out to emails and everybody will have access to RSVP to those. I'm not sure if they will be limited spacing or if it will be an open event. Chances are it would be limited, so when you get the link, if you'd like to attend, RSVP right away. These safer spaces workshops we're hoping to have finalized and voted on and passed and everything so that it can be released on the 26th. This will be completely asynchronous, so all students will be able to do it at their own pace whenever they feel like they want to. They can take a week to do it. You can take a month to do it. You can take the whole year to do it, but if you do you will receive a little certificate at the end that says that you've completed it and you know you'll I guess be more knowledgeable as an ally for the Queer community, which is amazing. On 28th we will be holding a panel on intersectionality, so we will have representatives from a mixture of students, faculty, community members from all three campuses who will be sitting down and giving a little bit of kind of a real world view into experiences like the Queer experience, and what it means to navigate the space around us. So, I'm very much looking forward to



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that one and then on the 30th that we will be hosting a trivia night. So as a way to closeout History Month, there will be a trivia night. It will be, I think chances are it'll be hosted by UNBSU, but again everybody is co-organizing this, so I say it's hosted by one of us or the other, but all of us have had a hand in it but it will be virtual as well, and UNB is also doing a people in pride, so we're doing fast facts Friday. They're doing people in pride, so the trivia night, fun fact, little cheat sheet for everybody if you participate and look at the list of those two things, most of those will probably end up in trivia questions, so you might be able to gain some ground there, so that's what we have coming up for this month. On top of that, I also did two interviews with the Aquinian. One was on gender reveal parties, which was very interesting. I love talking about that. It is a great conversation piece for me and then the other one was on the gendering of consumer goods that we see out in about and how businesses can be more inclusive. So that was also a fun interview to do. Yeah, so for the Block Out Homophobia event, I'm hoping to make this an in-person event as well as a virtual one so working out the logistics of that. It will most likely be an outdoor event as that is way easier to work around with facilities. So, stay tuned for that one. If the in-person event doesn't work, we will do an online version of it for everybody. Just because I have heard that a lot of students are looking for something that gets away from the screen. So, we're going to try and make it in-person if we can. If not, it will be a virtual event, so just something to note on that one. And yeah, that's it for me.

7. New Business

7.1 Resignations

Sarah: Hello again everyone. So, thank you to Brianna for reminding me of this but as per our bylaws, when there are resignations, I am required to read them out and the reason being for the resignation in the closest SRC meeting following the resignation so that our lovely Madam Chair can declare the position vacant. So, following last Sunday's meeting, our former International Student Representative Enroy submitted his resignation to me. Like I said, following that meeting and his rationale being that he is no longer enrolled as a student for this semester, so with not being enrolled as a student at STU, what that means you cannot be on the St. Thomas Student's Union but he sent his best wishes to everyone and that he appreciates the opportunity to get involved with STUSU and that he looks forward to getting involved hopefully in the future with the student's union. So, unfortunately, there is more than one, so this afternoon I received a notice of resignation from our former OC Rep Robyn and she detailed the reasoning for resignation that when she ran for the position, much like all of us, Covid was not a thing, so Covid and online learning on top of some new opportunities that were presented to her, she just had a lot on her plate, so unfortunately, she had to let something go. That being the student's union. But same as Enroy, she sent her best wishes and that she really appreciated her time being involved with the student's union and that she hopes and wishes us the best for the upcoming year. So, on top of that, I'm not required to detail this in SRC because this happened prior to when we were meeting for the year, but we also had another representative resign before the school year began. Imani, one of our former at-large Reps also resigned for the same reason as Enroy given that because of some family issues she was withdrawing from St. Thomas for the semester, so I guess Brianna I'm gonna let you declare those vacant and then I'm gonna say a few words afterwards and then that'll conclude that agenda item.

As per Chapter 5, Article 1 of Section 1 of the Bylaws of the SRC, the positions of International Student Representative and Off-Campus Representative have been declared vacant.

Sarah: OK, so what I wanted to say afterwards is that it really breaks my heart to see those folks go. It breaks my heart to see anyone go from the Student's Union. However, this year is incredibly different from previous years, and there's a lot going on, and with that being said, I just want to take this opportunity to say to you all, if you are feeling overwhelmed, or if there's too much on your plate, please reach out to myself or any of the other executives. This is what we're here for. We're here to help you guys out. We're here to kind of make things easier for you. Don't feel as if being a part of the Students' Union should be burdensome in any way. Ideally, I would like to view being part of



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the Students' Union as something that's fun and something that you get to do in your spare time out of the goodness of your heart and I would like to keep it that way for the school year. Even though the school year is very, very tough. So, if you ever feel as if you have too much on your plate, or if you would just like an extra set of hands planning some events or I don't know, dealing with some things. Please reach out. That's what we're here for. Even though you all have your individual position, some of us sharing a group of positions like our OC Reps or At-Large Reps. But just because you have your individual position doesn't mean that you have to complete your position on your own. We all make up the Students' Representative Council and we're all here to help each other. With that being said, yeah, if you ever feel overwhelmed, please reach out and take care of yourselves because I don't want being a part of the student union to be burdensome for this year, especially with everything that is already on all of our plates with online learning and Covid and this year just being stressful as it is.

8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Sarah: On a lighter note, so we are going into the Thanksgiving long weekend. So, that means that we do not have a meeting next Sunday. So, everyone take that time to enjoy your weekend, spend some time with friends and family and take a well-deserved break. I hope everyone can step away from their responsibilities and their schoolwork, just for a little bit this weekend because you all very much deserve it. So, yeah, that's just feel free to put an X through SRC next Sunday in your agendas, or your planners and then that means our next meeting will be Sunday, October 18th.

Tyler: Just wanted to let everybody know that I can. I don't know if I said this is my report or not, but I will be sending out the "master schedule" of History Month so that way everybody has the events. I can send it out to all of your emails. So that way you have it. If a student asks a question of when something is like you will just have it on hand. So, I can send that out tomorrow to everybody.

Andie: So, for the Rising Youth Fund, when is the information session?

Matt: I'm just gonna check here. I believe it's Thursday at 6:00 o'clock. I'll just confirm that to make sure. It's obviously online, but just a second. Sorry, my computer is taking longer than usual to load. Thursday from 3:00 to 3:30 via Zoom, I can send you the link if you want it.

Sarah: This is kind of unrelated to STUSU but since there is a lot of us that are graduating this year on the call, I just want to say that there will be a Graduate School Information Session that will be this Wednesday, October 7th at 2:00 PM, two to three. It's over Zoom and it'll be held by the Associate Vice President Research Dr. Peter Toner with Dr. Michelle La France and Dr. Matt Robinson, and apparently the Zoom details are forthcoming, but we should have all got that update in your email for those of us that are graduating.

9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Kyle M.

Seconded by Tyler M.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:00 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on October 6th, 2020.

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