7th Meeting of the 48th SRC

4:00 pm, Sunday November 07, 2021

Via Zoom (Online)

**Attendance Record**

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| Position | Name | Present | Regrets | Absent |
| President | Tyler MaGee | X |  |  |
| Vice President Administration | Alex Nguyen | X |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Sydona Chandon | X |  |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Victoria Young | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative | Carol Alvarez | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative  | Gregory Robinson | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative | Lindsey Graham | X |  |  |
| Harrington Hall Representative | Lauren Hayes | X |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | Manvi Walter |  |  | X |
| Indigenous Representative | Stevie DeMerchant |  |  | X |
| International Student Representative | Sony | X |  |  |
| Member at Large Representative | Julia Evans |  |  | X |
| Grad Class President | Tory Desroche |  | X |  |

**Staff Present:** Kryssonia Wedderburn (Chair), Minahil Fatima (Recording Secretary)

**AQ Representatives:** N/A

**Guests Present:** N/A

**Call to Order and Quorum Call**

Meeting was called to order by Kryssonia Wedderburn at 4:03 pm.

Quorum is met with 9 voting members present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented to council.

It was moved by Alex N to approve agenda.

Seconded by Victoria Y.

The agenda was approved.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the 6th Meeting**

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved by Tyler M. to approve minutes.

Seconded by Victoria Y.

The minutes were approved.

## **Executive Reports**

**3.1 President’s Report – Tyler MaGee**

Hello, everybody. I hope you've had a well, decent week. I know it's very, very busy. And I'm sure reading week will be a good one for everybody. On Monday, I did internal HR stuff which I won’t bore you with. So, starting on Tuesday, I had a senate meeting on reconciliation. And I really love these meetings. So, we're talking about the university views. We're developing the university Strategic Plan towards furthering reconciliation efforts. And primarily right now we're looking at the topic of anti racism on campus, looking at not just overt racism, which is less seen, especially on STU’s campus but more covert forms of racism and improving cultural awareness. So, we're in the planning stages right now, but we're looking at taking a campaign that was done by I believe it was U of T. It was like a poster, an educational campaign that was coordinated between one another and it was between student groups and the university as well. So, we're looking at potentially bringing that campaign across to our campus and having it integrated so that students, but also faculty and staff can further develop their knowledge of cultural awareness and anti racism practices. So that was awesome. And then I sat in on an International Education Week planning meeting, as everybody knows, and I'm sure I won't go too far into it. I'm sure the other executives will be bringing this up, as well as our international rep. So, there's, I think it's the week after we get back is International Education Week and it's very exciting. But I sat in on a meeting of that Wednesday, Alex and I had an employee check in. So, we just reached out to all of our employees just to see how they're doing this semester, get some feedback about how they thought everything was going. I think it went really well; we received some good reviews from our employees. So that was pretty good. And then I just did some generic email catch up. Because, again, I'm a little bit behind on emails still from post midterms. So, if you have sent me an email, and I haven't gotten back to you yet, my apologies, I'm still catching up from the midterms. Thursday, I had my office hour from 2 to 3pm. I had two people actually show up, which was awesome. I also had a very small meeting with Julia as well, our at-large rep. And we were just talking about an opportunity that's being offered by the university. It fits squarely into the at large rep’s kind of domain. So, we're looking forward to having Julia be a part of that initiative. We also had a CASA Connect meeting, which basically, CASA has a like, I forget what his actual title is. Anyway, they're very nice. It's the director of CASA. And they reach out to all the different member organizations. And we basically just connect and get feedback back and forth. So, CASA's chair recently resigned. And the number one topic that we were going on during that meeting was different routes or avenues towards replacing the chair, whether it be having one director leave their current position to take the chair position, or to have an integrated or a shared role. So that was something they were looking at. It's a fairly like, high level, like conversation to be having, but they were looking for membership feedback. So, we spoke to that. And we were also speaking again on the reconciliation channel about alternatives to conducting meetings as opposed to Robert's Rules. This is something that the executive team, our executive team has been exploring for a little while now. And I know that the ultimate end goal will be to move away from Robert's Rules as a way of conducting meetings as it is very colonial. So, we're looking at developing a more like a hybrid between the Talking Circle format and Robert's Rules format. And the goal is to potentially have a trial run in February, within our SRC just to see how the meeting structure works. And we can play around with it and start integrating different ways of conducting meetings. So, look out for that it's going to be a fairly big undertaking over the Christmas holidays, but I think it will be very positive at the end. And then later that day, I met up with the Student Association of NBCCD, and they are in the rebuilding phase of their assay. So basically, what happens is because colleges, the turnover of their students is so quick. Their degrees are about half the length of hours. So, because of that, sometimes they don't have people to take on their positions. So, there's a lack of institutional memory, and then the university or the college had to take over some of the roles of the Students Association. And now they do have a full executive. And they're looking at finding ways of increasing their engagement with students as well as improving that institutional memory and having that turnover be a lot longer. So, they reached out to me for guidance from like one student association to another student association. And it was a very engaging meeting, and they are absolutely lovely people. And I did say that if they needed anything moving forward beyond this meeting, that we could be a contact so we're looking at potentially having an institutional mentor ship, mentee ship type relationship building. There's a lot of ships in that sorry, Mina. But we're looking at maintaining that relationship and growing together, which is awesome. And then on Friday, and I'm sure Syd will talk about this, so I won't go too deep into it, we had the NBSA board meeting. And one thing that I will definitely brag about because I am the chair of the EDI committee, the Equity Diversity Inclusion committee, and Syd is my co chair, we passed a anti racism policy that will be presented during advocacy week in the government, to the provincial government. So that is a huge win for the two of us. And it was championed by STU students. So definitely, definitely, definitely something to be proud of. Lastly, all NBSA committees are looking for members and the EDI committee is no exception. But if you would like to join any of our committees, go on to the NBSA's website. There's a forum there, you can fill it right out. And we're always looking for members. And if you can't this semester, we will definitely accept you second semester as well. So, no pressure for joining urgently. But if you would like to, it's a lot of fun. Thank you.

**3.2 Vice-President of Administration’s Report – Alex Nguyen**

Hi, everyone. For my report this week, on Monday, I attend the mental health committee meeting with both Victoria I’m sure she will dive into that a bit in her report, and then I had an Enactus meeting with her as well, for a student business fair coming up which is exciting. And I also answered a couple emails for Campus Trust. On the Finance Committee side, we approved funding applications for club and societies. On Tuesday, I had a meeting with Syd and everyone for the International Week. And then I updated the minutes on our website. On Wednesday, I hosted the employee check-in with Tyler. On Thursday, I had a quick chat with Director of Communications for our upcoming events and graphic design. On Friday, I had a quick meeting with VPED for the International Education Week. And that will be it.

**3.3 Vice President of Education’s Report – Sydona Chandon**

Hi, everyone, I hope you're having a really good weekend and are excited for this break, as we all are. I'll go right into my report for last week. So, on Tuesday, I had a meeting with the International Education Committee to discuss the planning of the events which will begin on the Monday following reading week. We talked about an international round table which STUSU will be organizing and also the international wall of flag ceremony, which will be virtual this year. I really hope to see you all present for these events as it is an opportunity to learn as both an international and a domestic student. On Tuesday, I also had my office hours where I helped a student create their resume. I also submitted the NBSA biweekly report on that day. On Wednesday I prepared the agenda for the sustainability committee. And then on Thursday, I had a CASA Connect meeting which Tyler attended as a primary delegate because I was a bit sick. On Friday, I attended our NBSA biweekly meeting where we chatted about ADVO week and was able to pass a policy on Equity Diversity and Inclusion, which Tyler and I both worked on. I am super proud of Tyler and their efforts on this policy which tackles systemic racism and will help so, so many students across the province. Later that day, I had a sustainability committee meeting, which had only one student present. And so, we just discussed reviewing STU’s policy on sustainability. On Friday, I also had a brief chat with Alex, as we both are working on the round table for international students. And we did some planning for that. So that's something that is exciting and coming your way soon. And I hope I see all our students here present and cheering on for International Education Week. So that's it for my report.

**3.4 Vice President of Student Life’s Report – Victoria Young**

Hi, everyone, hope you're having a really relaxing start to your reading week, after I'm sure you all have had a very productive few first months back. So, I'll start in chronological order, starting with Sunday, because on Sunday was trick or eat where myself and a few other volunteers, including Alex, our VP admin, and our activities and events coordinator, a few other people went out and collected non-perishable items for the campus food bank, which was really successful and was actually a lot of fun. Like, we had a lot of fun walking around, it was nice weather, people were super nice. A lot of people even gave us candy. So, it was really fun. On Monday, I actually had a Food Bank meeting, where we discussed some future initiatives, a lot of social media initiatives to get people just more aware of the food bank, in general. And then I had a meeting with Enactus, which Alex had mentioned earlier, that was with Carol and Estefania. And it was really excellent. They're very organized, really good, solid group. I'm really excited to work with them for this entrepreneur affair. So, it's for student run businesses. And we're kind of collaborating with Enactus to really highlight student run businesses in our community, or our STU community. So that'll be happening towards the end of November. And right now, we're taking applications for those student run businesses, through an online forum. So, if you know anybody or you are someone with a student run business, please get the word out. And then I had a meeting with the mental health committee, that was also really excellent. We talked about a new initiative called jack.org, which is something that I'm hoping to be able to present to SRC in the next coming weeks. It would take the framework of the Mental Health Committee, and it would allow for fresh ideas for treatment and getting rid of stigma around mental health. So that's something I'm very, very interested and passionate about. So, I was really happy to be able to discuss that with some fellow peers who are also really interested in mental health advocacy. So that was also great. And then I picked up some poppies that had been dropped off to the sub. I had not received an email back from the Legion, however, they did, I guess, read my email, and they decided to just randomly drop them off. So, I received an email from UNB saying, hey, we have some poppies here for you. So, I scooted over there and grab the poppies and brought them up to JDH. So that was really great. Something that I'm really passionate about is supporting Canadian veterans. And just spreading awareness of the importance of Remembrance Day. So, I was really happy that nonetheless, we received the poppies, and I was able to put them in front of the help desk for a few days at least. And there's a little bit of a jingle in the box, so we have a few dollars at least. And then at the same time, I met with someone from the food bank at the help desk and brought up the donations that we had received from Sunday up to the food bank. And then on Tuesday, I sent out a lot of emails about giveaways for our student life giveaway that I'm going to be having. I'm hoping to have two student life giveaways in first semester, so one in November, one in December, and then two student life giveaways in second semester, so I have quite a few prizes to add to these giveaways. They're going to be really, really good. So, there was just a few extra businesses that I had to just check up on about receiving those prizes or a few that I had thought of that might want to contribute. So, I sent out a whole bunch of emails to different businesses. And then I talked to Mayday about our quarter zips for SRC. Got the proofs for those, as you might have seen, I did send out the order into both in an email and on our Facebook group. So that was really exciting as well, really excited to be able to order those. And I also responded to an email from Kelly from mental health services. There is a lot of people who are reaching out for mental health services at STU. And so, Kelly, wanting to see if the importance of helping all these students reached out to just have a question about students receiving mental health assistance, maybe outside of campus. So, then I also involved Alex in that discussion as well because that turns into more of a campus trust discussion. Then on Wednesday, of course, I held my office hours, which was nice. I had a few students come talk to me, which is always lovely. I also responded to a few emails about community foods mart. So, we're not having community food smart in November, because of reading week and the pickup of community foods mart bags is usually during the second week of every month. And also with remembrance, they landed on that exact day and everything, it was just a little bit messy. And there isn't anyone on campus right now. So, we decided to move those orders to December and have our next order in December. So, I just had to communicate that to a few of our regular order students. And then also on Wednesday, we received the invoice from UNBSU for a contribution to the Safe Ride retrofitting. So that was the wheelchair ramp that we had installed with UNB into one of the Safe Ride vans. So that was a really, really excellent initiative for accessibility that we had. So, the van has been picked up. And so, they were ready for us to give our contribution. So, we received that invoice, I just sent it over to our general manager Tina. And then also on Wednesday, I met with Brock Richardson, who is the Director of Student Services at STU, just to discuss some initiatives that he has for the year as well as mine and see how we can collaborate, how the university can help us out with our student life initiatives, and how the Students’ Union can help out the university with some of their initiatives. So that was a really productive discussion. It's always great talking to Brock, always like super personable guy, so it's great. Then on Thursday, I did hold the sexual assault prevention committee however, we didn't meet quorum, so I did have to just call that off. So, we'll look to reschedule towards the beginning of our next week back after reading week. But I am looking forward to discussing some initiatives with that group as well. Then I met with someone named Jeff from Grimross Brewing about a really exciting opportunity. So, I had reached out to them as one of the several businesses in Fredericton, that I reached out about contributing to our giveaway. And he had responded really excited about contributing for gift cards and T shirts and everything else. And I was like, Oh, great. But he also mentioned wanting to talk to me about an initiative for like quiet nights for students at their brewery. So, they have a really nice area to like, sit down. And they have big tables, and it's kind of vibey. So, he was wondering if we would be interested in promoting that to students. And additionally, he would offer no tax on all, all craft beer and cider for students. And it would be every Monday night from 7 to 10. So, he wanted to just call and discuss about that. It was really great working with him, he's a UNB business student. So, he was very on the ball right after our meeting, he had sent out some of their logos and pictures of the interior of their place. And saying how much like no tax would be, and just said, you know, just all you have to do is just forward this to your communications person, so I'll send that off to Ray. However, he did also mention maybe having something with Safe Ride being able to not only drop off students on Monday nights, but maybe also pick up students from and drive them home as a safe ride home after that study night. So, I am discussing that with UNB and seeing if we could maybe use our STU Safe Ride van to do that and coordinate something. So still waiting to hear back from them on that might have to nudge them a bit to see what the answer is. But nonetheless, it's definitely going to happen every Monday night, no tax on beer and it's a quiet environment. So, I know I'm really excited to study there. And then I popped by Wanda's office on Thursday as well just to pick up some giveaway items that she had provided that are like kind of fun STU things like hats and scarves and such. And then also, sorry, my reports a little bit long today. But then also on Thursday, I met with Brennan, and Molly Kennedy from the UND Students’ Union. Brennan is Vice President Student Life, Molly is their director of campus events, because they had wanted to meet with me to discuss an important exciting event opportunity. That event opportunity was to collaborate on an event on Saturday, January 15, which is a hockey game between STU women's hockey team and the UBB women's hockey team against each other at the Aiken center on campus. So, they figured this was like a really exciting opportunity to get our students really hyped up and get some school spirit. And I totally agree. So, they're willing to offer STU students as well as UNB students’ free admission into the game. And they will have an entire section blocked off for STU students, and entire section blocked off for UNB students right behind the net. So, it would be student sections right beside each other. And we would have you know, spirit and everything else. And we're going to collaborate further to have some sort of like fun, STU versus UNB student competitions on the ice at halftime kind of thing as well. This is something that's really exciting. Then we also discussed our like ballroom event that's being moved to Chrome, and just kind of the economics behind that, which it would be very, very cheap for us. Basically, Chrome would not charge for like having the entire second floor. And we would only have to pay for the DJ. And the security. And so that would be split with UNB, and we would have control over our own ticket costs, since we would be renting out the entire second floor. So, we would just take all those ticket sales and pay for the security and the music. So really, it would be extremely cost-effective event for us to collaborate with them on. So that's also something really exciting. Then we also just talked about the Winter Carnival and a few other things, upcoming that we could possibly collaborate with UNB with. Then on Friday, I met with the activities and events committee, which is great. that's run by Valeria our activities and events coordinator as well as me. And we just talked about the STU winter formal, which is going to happen this year. So, we just have a few little complications to work around involving COVID-19 and social distancing and capacity and such but throwing around some really exciting ideas if anyone here has any ideas for that in terms of just what you want to see out of the winter formal. I know we had someone reached out about maybe a theme or having like hors d'oeuvres and food like involved. Feel free to reach out, I love having ideas like no ideas is dumb or stupid, like it gives us something to discuss. So please do reach out about that if you have anything. And then I just responded to a few emails about picking up some of the giveaway items for the giveaway. And that is all for my report this week. Definitely had a busy week, but thanks for listening everyone.

Lauren: Just two short questions. First one, I was just wondering if I could be added to the Facebook group. And also, I was wondering if it was too late to order sweater.

Victoria: Absolutely, I'll add you right now. And no not too busy to order a quarter zip. Once you're added to the group, you'll see the proof and everything, so you have until Tuesday to send the size and the money so.

## **Employee Updates**

No employee report available.

## **Representative Reports**

**5.1 Off-Campus Representatives (Carol A./Gregory R./ Lindsey G.)**

Greg: Hi, everybody, little update for the OC reps this week. We are having a meeting later this week to discuss possible winter activities, or holiday events that we may be able to put on for the off-campus students. But there aren’t any hard details yet. Hopefully, by next week's meeting, we'll be able to give you some numbers. But other than that, that's it for this week.

**5.2 International Student Representative (Sony)**

Oh, my report is pretty short this week as well. So, at the beginning of the week, on Tuesday, I submitted a draft of my speech at the International Education Week’s Wall of Flag’s ceremony, and it got approved by Carrie. At the end of the week on Friday, I communicated with STUISA. in an informal setting about who would do what in the power point presentation for the Wall of Flags. We are still deciding who is going to take up the fun facts section and the picture section. And that's it for this week.

**5.3 Harrington Hall Representative (Lauren H.)**

I'll give you a little intro, I guess. So, I'm Lauren. Last year, I was first year representative. And I decided to come back and run for VP external of Harrington house. We had our first house committee meeting last Sunday. And we aren't having one this week. But we are having an event for the house after reading week. Just going to be like a relaxed relaxation night. We're going to have different things going on in all the lounges. So, we're going to have like one snack room and then one room where we'll have like board games or bingo, we haven't picked yet. And then the other room is going to be just dance or karaoke. Yeah, and we just brought up some basic resident’s concerns that were dealt with by RC Akylia. And yeah, that's all for me.

## **6. New Business**

No new business reports available.

**7. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

Alex: So, I have three little things for the announcement. So, the past minutes are available on our website if you missed the meeting, so the recordings will not be provided due to privacy concerns and will be deleted after the minutes are finalized. Just so everyone knows if they need to read the past minutes, you can go to our website. Secondly, regrets must be sent before the meeting if you are going to miss a meeting. I know say we say it a lot this is a final reminder. Make sure you send regrets in advance but in case of emergency, please just make sure that you send in requests, otherwise you will be marked absent and absences without regrets from three consecutive SRC meetings is a bylaws violation. So, it's gonna affect your position titles, so make sure you send in that regret, sooner or later. Thirdly, Sydona and I and our communications team are exploring options to have a headshot day for our representatives for our website update. That's something we did every year. We'll see if we can do it this year. And we'll open the invitations to all those who want to have their picture taken. And that will be it.

Tyler: I just wanted to put a little feeler to see about how we are about not having a meeting next Sunday, just because it is reading week and chances are we won't have anything to be reporting or any new business to be bringing up during that week. So just a little like thumbs up in the screen or nod your head is all we need just to push this meeting next week. So perfect, awesome, that's done. Alright, that's it. That's all I needed to know.

Victoria: I just wanted to, say quarter zips can be ordered until Tuesday. Some of you have sent me your size, which is awesome. But I will need your payment by Tuesday, in order for me to order it. If you even want to just throw your size in the chat right now. Go for it. Or you can send me a Facebook message, respond to the post on Facebook, send me an email, literally. Just let me know your size, and then just send over $23.79 to my VPSL email and you'll be good to go. So that's all I wanted to say.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Alex N.

Seconded by ­­Tyler M.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 5:40 pm.

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on November 10, 2021.

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