9th Meeting of the 48th SRC

4:00 pm, Sunday November 28, 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 Phung | 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

**Land Acknowledgement**

St. Thomas University Students’ Union recognizes and respectfully acknowledges that it carries out its work on the traditional unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik, and Mi’kmaq peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which these nations first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of territories, but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik titles and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations. STUSU members and staff pay respect to the elders, past and present, and descendants of this land.

**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 Tyler M.

The agenda was approved.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the 8th Meeting**

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved by Alex N. to approve minutes.

Seconded by Victoria Y.

The minutes were approved.

## **Executive Reports**

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

Due to technical difficulties, President Tyler McGee’s report will be included in the December 5th, 2021, meeting.

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

For my report this week, I will be brief. This week, it was pretty light. So, at the beginning of the week, I attend my office hours on Tuesdays at usual. Then, throughout a week, I work with our general manager, Tina on the budget update, which I will get into later on and then attended the exec meeting on Friday with my fellow executives here. And then the finance committee approved another two funding applications for clubs/societies, and that will be it for my week.

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

Hi, everyone. I hope you're having a good weekend. I'll just go right into my report. On Monday, I answered an email from Julia where we discussed a meeting time or schedules conflicted. So, we are looking at meeting this upcoming week. Most of my week was focused on planning advocacy week, which will be next week on Thursday, I met with Petal to discuss or different asks that we are bringing forward. These policies included mental health, sexual violence and prevention, tuition and funding and an inquiry into systemic racism. Petal also suggested that we have a follow up meeting to create steps for or proposal. On Thursday, I also had a meeting with the National Advocacy Committee with CASA where we discuss their international students’ campaign. They are also calling for any international students that are interested in sharing their stories during this week. So, if you are interested or know someone interested, please reach out. We also had a senate meeting on this day, which was a quick meeting. As Tyler mentioned, on Friday, we then had an exec meeting where we chatted about winter formal and oblique. The upcoming winter formal is being planned by Victoria. I'm sure she'll touch on that. But she's been doing an amazing job thus far. On Saturday, I had a training, with the NBSA for four hours, where we trained all our wonderful delegates, we do have some STU representation. So that's always great. Thank you.

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

Hello, everyone. So nice to see you. So, I'll just jump right into my report. Since my fellow executives are going pretty speedy today, I'll try and follow suit. So, on Monday, I emailed the Experiential Learning office about the student entrepreneur fair that we're having tomorrow and Tuesday in JDH, which is really exciting. Please come check it out and support there's going to be all your fellow peers there who run businesses going to be selling their items and telling you about their business. So, I personally am really excited to buy some cool stuff and support my friends. So definitely check it out. Anyways, I email the Experiential Learning office to see if they wanted to have a booth at that fair, just because it's sort of in the same sort of realm. And I did get a response from Rachel Burke, who said that they would love to have a booth there about funding for Indigenous students, which is a project they're doing right now. So, I just forwarded that email over to Carol and Estefania who are with Enactus. Then on Monday, I chaired the sexual assault prevention committee with some students who are here on SRC and a few other students who are passionate about sexual assault prevention on our campus, which was also really exciting. We just discussed some of the different initiatives we want to look at this year. Then on Monday, I also had a meeting with Valeria our activities and events coordinator about the winter formal. So, we discussed mostly busing during this meeting, because we are going to offer busing on just outside of JDH, as well as at Rigby Hall, we're going to have two buses at each location that do two trips back and forth. So, and that is also available for all students. So, you don't have to live in residence to take that. So, for everyone here, and also spread the word, if you don't live in residence, and you just don't want to find parking, or drive or you're going to be drinking or something. Taking these buses is a really good option. It's totally free. So, all you have to do is either show up at Rigby, or at JDH. And you can take the bus no matter what no questions asked. So, it's a really great option. And we definitely really encourage you to do that. Especially if you're going to be drinking. And then I posted the first student life giveaway on my VPSL Instagram, which was really exciting. I loved all the engagement, it got and then on Tuesday, I met with Ryan Sullivan, about rapid tests being available at the STUSU Help Desk. So that was a really productive meeting. He just went over how to use them, and how they should be distributed. We discussed whether they should be outside the help desk for people to grab or if the volunteers should be giving them and he also just showed, like how to use them and everything so that our volunteers are well aware of how to use them in case someone says, oh, but what is this? How do I use it? So that was a really great meeting. And we're really excited to be offering those rapid tests at the help desk. So also spread the word if you guys need a rapid test or your friends do, they're totally free, no questions asked. You can just grab a box, it's also something just good to have if you want or if you're going home for the holidays. I had a meeting with jack.org. So, someone from jack.org national in Toronto. We had a meeting; it was a very formal meeting to discuss sort of like a power sharing agreement between the STUSU and their organization. I'll discuss this later, it's on the agenda. But this was a really great meeting I had with them. And it sort of cleared up a lot of the smaller logistical things that I wanted to clear up. Then I picked up a few prizes for a second semester student life giveaway. And then on Wednesday, I of course held my help desk office hours, which was great, I was able to talk to a few students and give out a few rapid tests. And I also approved a few emergency bursaries on Wednesday, and I forwarded that email over to Tina so that she can get that money over. I also negotiated a cost with the Thomists, who are a alumni jazz band, who are associated with STU. So, they traditionally play at our winter formal, and they're really, really good. It's very wholesome type of music, and they have that connection to STU. So just email back and forth negotiating costs that works for both them and us on Wednesday. Then on Thursday, I sent an email out to campus police just to see if they'd be able to be at our winter formal, just so that we can have that sort of safety element. And so that we're not exactly liable for things that happened so that campus police can kind of take care of that. And then I had a meeting with the activities and events committee, which was also very productive we pretty much just talked about the formal, we discussed sort of the smaller details about checking vaccines and ticket sales, because ticket sales went on sale on Friday the next day. So, people volunteering for ticket sales, as well as like wristband colors for people who are of age, rules on like plus ones, and just how all that would work. Then on Friday, I of course had my exec meeting with my fellow executives, which was great. And I put all the names of the Student Life giveaway into a randomizer and got the winners. And then I contacted them through Instagram that they were winners, and they all responded right away. So that was really great. And then I also signed the contract for the delta. So, I signed the contract saying that we are officially going to be booked at the delta for the ninth from 8 until 11pm for the formal, so that was like very, very like, satisfying for me, I guess because it was just sort of like a step done, I guess. Then on Saturday as well as today, I brought the prizes for the giveaway to the help desk because that's where I told the winners they could pick it up and then tomorrow morning I'll be just posting in the Help Desk Facebook group just saying to our volunteers, hey, if someone comes to get their prize, give it to them. I also wrote the winners names on the bag so that they'll know exactly which prize is for what person because they're all different. And then I also made a post about community food smart because our next community food smart order is due on Wednesday, the first. So just so that people are aware of how it works, and that it's a really great service that we offer through STUSU. So that's about it for this week, guys. Thanks.

## **Employee Updates**

No employee reposts available. **Representative Reports**

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

Carol: Hi, everyone. This we got to have any report. We haven't had the time to meet but we're looking for a time this week.

**5.2 Indigenous Student Representative (Stevie D.)**

Hi, guys, so I just have a little update for this week. Um, on Wednesday, we had our reconciliation committee meeting. And we pretty much just went over the book club that's going to be starting next semester, um, just things that are happening within the student body. But we also spoke about a possible Christmas fundraiser. And we want to look to support local non-profit organizations. And we're possibly thinking about doing a basket to donate to the Giga new transition house. If none of you are aware of the Giga new transition house, it supports all First Nations, women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. So, I think as a committee that would be a very suitable place to put our funds. And then on Friday, I volunteered to sell some tickets for the winter formal. And it was pretty exciting, because it seems like there's going to be a lot of interest this year. And yeah, so I'm currently working on getting the teams page together to start handing out the books for the book club. And if you guys signed up for the book club, you should be getting added to a team page, possibly tonight or tomorrow, just to talk about handing out the books which will be starting next week. Friday was supposed to be the last day for registration for the book club. But we do have a couple extra books left over so we're going to keep registration open for the rest of the week, hoping to fill up those slots.

**5.3 International Student Representative (Sony P.)**

Hello, everyone. So, this week has not been very eventful. At the beginning of the week, I reviewed the terms of reference for the international leadership award from last year and edited them make them the terms for this year and sent it to the coordinator. And I also created a timeline for people to nominate students in this award cycle. And yes, it has been approved by Carrie and has been sent to the Director Communications. And yes, a mass email was sent to all students, which is good. I also attended the meetings with Victoria and the committee to plan the formal and that is it for me. Thank you.

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

Hi, everyone. So, my report this week is small. But the House Committee met last Sunday, and we just did a debriefing from our event. And we are going through the process of getting reimbursed for the prizes we purchased for the event. And we have decided that there are going to be no more events until the new year, but we are still going to be decorating for Christmas. And that's all for me.

**5.5 Grad Class President (Tory D.)**

This week I was mostly up to the pop-up shop, and we started taking more orders for the grad clothing order coming up! We also announced the grad class axe throwing happening next Sunday!

**5.6 At-Large Representative (Julia E.)**

Hi, everyone. I hope you all had a good weekend. So as Sydona already had mentioned, we're meeting this week, we have a meeting plan for tomorrow to discuss an event. So, I'm really looking forward to talking to her tomorrow. Also, I just wanted to mention to Stevie that I signed up for the book club. And I'm really excited to get started with that. I actually already own that book before I even knew what the book was. So hopefully that helps out with you guys. I have a hard copy at home. And I also went to the activities and events meeting on Friday, and I'm signed up to sell tickets this week. So, I'll see you guys in JDH. And I'm doing the coat check at the Winter formal with the Global Brigades as they’re helping out that night, so I'm really looking forward to that. But besides that, that's pretty much it. Anyone has any questions? Let me know. Thank you.

## **6. New Business**

**6.1 Monthly Budget Update**

This would be our November monthly budget update. So, expenditures, office supplies, pretty standard stuff. There's the NBSA and CASA part so we paid our second installment for CASA and still have a second installment for NBSA. Clubs/ societies, we approve all funding applications throughout the year. So however, we still have a lot of money to push through so should be able to support the rest of the year. And for the welcome week line we were having a surplus of around 10,000 from the last budget update when we used around 2000. We are still on a pretty good track this year, we have 20,200 left, which should be enough, more than enough for us to run the program for the rest of the year and throughout the summer as well. For charitable donations, we recently approved The Venezuela 180 for 500. But that's pretty much it for now.

**6.2 jack.org Proposal**

Hi, everyone. I'm so excited to be presenting jack.org over today. So, I hope everyone had a chance to read over the materials that Kris sent along with the agenda this week. But basically, I had two things. I had a little explanation about what jack.org is because probably some of you know what it is. Some of you might not be familiar. And then I also have the proposal that I'm presenting today to SRC. jack.org is a mental health organization across the country. And they basically have chapters at universities and high schools across the country. It's more common in universities, and in many universities across the country have a chapter that has a lot of student involvement. And it's kind of a channel for representation from different groups. And they have jack talks. So, they provide speakers on unique influences for like different initiatives. And how exactly to destigmatize mental health in a way that perhaps students wouldn't think of. So, they specialize in presenting these ideas to students in a fresh and impactful way. And in many ways that students may not even think of, and they can provide financial assistance, and they can provide, like I said, speakers, materials. So, it's a really great assist. I'll go over how it would look like at STU, but first, we'll just go over what it is. So, I have a lot of like, information that I just took off the website, basically, if you want, you can also look at the website. So, its foundations, it was started by this family who lost their son, this young man in the picture here. And the family decided they wanted to do something in his honor for mental health. So, it's the only charity training and empowering young leaders to revolutionize mental health. So, it's really unique because you see a lot of like mental health groups or organizations that are asking for money, asking for funding donations, which is awesome. But jack.org is different because it's a way that students can really interact, and really destigmatize mental health, which contributes more to a social change. So, it can also be implemented on campus, like, remotely or in person. So, they have like jack.org summits, regional summits. Just a few weeks ago, I attended the jack.org Atlantic Summit. So, it was for all like university students in Atlantic Canada. There's a lot of fun and I noticed that a lot of universities have a chapter. UNB Fredericton does. This is like kind of just stats and stuff. The more important part is the proposal. So, I'll bring up the proposal right now. So now that you have like somewhat of a good understanding of what jack.org is, hopefully you read over what it is and looked up the website. Today I'm presenting for jack.org, to basically not replace the STUSU mental health committee, but collaborate with the mental health committee. So, this would be a constitutional change. And we would make the STUSU mental health committee, the STUSU jack.org chapter. So right in the title, you can tell that it's a power sharing agreement. That's why I met with a representative from their head office in Toronto was to discuss how exactly we can have this as jack.org has an influence, but also the Students Union has a lot of influence to and it's up to the students as well as the Students Union and the student’s union representatives to be able to make decisions about initiatives and how exactly they wanted to see this play out. And they were extremely accepting of this idea. They thought it was excellent. They thought this was a way that jck.org could be enhanced on our campus, which I was really happy about. So, they thought in a way that like, they've never really heard of it being collaborated with a student's union before. And they thought that the way I presented it was a way in which it could be really like a prominent strong thing on our campus, which the STUSU mental health committee currently, it does a lot of great work, and it has in the past, however, we don't have a very large membership. And the initiatives that we do are very similar each year and are excellent but might not necessarily get to the root of destigmatizing mental health or really specific issues with mental health. So, this would not just be an extra mental health group on campus, it would take the framework of the STUSU mental health committee. And if you're in the STUSU mental health committee, you're part of the STUSU jack.org chapter. If you're part of jack.org chapter on STU campus, you're automatically under the umbrella of a the STUSU committee. So that's how it would look. So basically, it would be taking the framework of that committee, so not replacing it, but just sort of combining it and I've worked out a power sharing agreement with jack.org if this is to be passed. Okay. So, our situation at STU so basically, like I said, it would be combined with the mental health which I chair, and so this is how it would look with like leadership and more student involvement. So, the VPSL would act as like the chair of the STUSU jack.org chapter, just as the VPSL is the chair of the STUSU mental health committee, so no real change there. And then we would also elect a co-chair at the beginning of the year. So be a chair and a co-chair, co chair could be someone just generally from the STU community, or someone from SRC, whoever just happens to be a part of the chapter or the committee. So, the co-chair would be elected. So, it would mainly be run by those two. But then as well, we would have a constitutional change. That would require the STUSU indigenous representative, sexuality, and gender diversity representative, as well as the international representative to sit on the jack.org chapter at STU. So, the reason for this is because mental health differs depending on someone's identity, someone's situation, so and no one better knows those situations than those people themselves. So, by having the indigenous representatives or the sexuality and gender diversity representative, we can have that perspective of unique mental health situations that those groups go and are those groups experience. And that can be brought into our chapter. And that can really enrich our chapter, instead of having a blanket sort of destigmatizing goal, we can focus on those groups specifically as well. And so that would be constitutionally like, requiring those STUSU positions to be a part of our group. And then as well, a formal invitation would be sent out to the Black Students Association, the Asian Students Association, as well as the Latin America Students Association. So, they would not be required for them to sit on it, it would be required for the STUSU representatives of these groups to sit on the executive team of the chapter. But as for the associations on campus, they would get a formal invitation. And if they choose to accept and send a representative, then they would be as well on the executive group. So that's how that would look as well as I mean, anybody can join. So, if we have like a formal invitation, for example, to the Black Students Association, and the Black Students Association has like four people who are interested in this position, they could hold their own internal election, and then they can like choose one person to be the executive representative of that group on the chapter and those other people who are interested are more than welcome to join the chapter. So, another point of this chapter is to have more involvement in this STUSU mental health committee. So, I think that's a really great way we could do it while also having those minority representations present in our committee. And then the chapter can also ask for additional funding from jack.org, this is a really big benefit with jack.org is that we don't necessarily always have to be taking from the Students Union budget or approving money for different events or speakers, or initiatives that we're doing. So jack.org would help us with having speakers through their organization, having speakers or different materials or initiatives. And if we collaborate with them, and if we're a chapter under jack.org, they can provide us with some funding for that, or some material. So that's a really great thing as well. As well, I'd like to also highlight while we're talking about money here, there is no cost for being a chapter, we sign up as a chapter from STU and we get like merch and like, cool stuff. And they can offer us money. And we have meetings with them every month for them to help out with our initiatives and provide fresh ideas and have speakers ready to go part of their organization, and we don't have to pay anything. So that's another benefit here is that we don't have to pay to be a member or pay to be like a chapter we have to sign an agreement and everything else, but no cost involved whatsoever. So that's something that also is like, really good about jack.org is that it's not necessarily like we're taking a risk. If at any time we decide it's not for us, we can definitely pull out and just go back to the normal STUSU mental health committee where we just think of our own initiatives and have only internal funding. Okay so what we have to do with jack.org is at the beginning of every academic year, they require their chapter just to decide on if they want to focus on community building or system building. So, community building is like destigmatizing, like, or starting conversation, those kinds of initiatives more like, I would say, more like social initiatives, where system building is more. How do I explain more like, what we're offering through the university for mental health assistance, and like changing some constitutional stuff and everything, whereas so we would kind of speak that over and see what we want to do. Personally, I think community building is probably more what our mental health committee or chapter would go for, because that's what we do to start, but we would discuss this over with our executive team and our members to see what we wanted to do. So, what we would do is choose community building or system building. Then once we decide we send all the executive names and emails to jack.org and then those executives get swag items. So, we're not even like a chapter yet, I attended the Atlantic jack.org Summit and they sent me in the mail, like a hoodie, a scarf, and a laptop sticker. And I'm like, wow, not that that's a reason why we should become a chapter. But it's just kind of showing how actually supportive they are. They really want to like, they really want to support us, they really want to send us stuff and provide assistance, like they're very good with doing that. So, we send all the names we receive, swag items, we choose what we want to focus on. Then the executive team every year we'll go through training and chapter planning. So, chapter planning is also a really great thing. It's very similar to our mental health committee, and that at the start of pretty much all the committees I chair, we decide on what we'd like to focus on. So, with the sexual assault prevention committee and those committees too decide what sort of initiatives we want to focus on, what we want to do throughout the year. So, in this way, we would be doing this with jack.org. So, we could plan what we want to do in accordance with like, what they have to offer, what kind of funding they can offer, what speakers, what initiatives, what materials, what they can offer us. So instead of us just starting from scratch with everything, they would be able to say yeah, if you want to do this, we could add this to it and we could offer you this many 1000s of dollars to do it. So that's a really exciting benefit as well. The chapter would in no way be undermining any sort of mental health assistance, support, or groups on campus, because it would be taking something we already presently have. It would not be adding to anything. It would just be strengthening a group that we already have. So, here's the benefits of switching. This is the more important part is what we would change in terms of the operational policy. So, this is what the current operational policy of the mental health committee is. It's just, that's what it is right now. And then these are the changes I've highlighted in yellow, the changes that I would want to make. So, section four. Okay. So, the executive team would meet on a weekly basis and the vice president of student life would be responsible for reporting the work to SRC. The training through mental health advocacy and then also through the jack.org program coordinator at the beginning of every academic year when the committee meets, all executive positions shall inform the committee of upcoming events, social media posts, training. That's pretty basic to just, I think that kind of happens with all clubs, societies or committees is that the executive team reports back what we're doing, and then we discuss it a bit. So, it's kind of like a leadership thing where we say, this is something we're wanting to do. What are your ideas? How can we help out that kind of thing? So, we'll work with other services at STU. This is an important one. The committee shall incorporate both STU and jack.org as well as STUSU’s mental health frameworks. So, STU is a positive mental health framework, jack.org, youth led positive mental health framework dismantling mental health barriers faced in the community. So, this is kind of just a fancy way of saying we will take our goals from STUSU mental health as well as jack.org. And jack.org is completely okay with this. And they're more than happy to work with the student’s union to make sure that they're not taking over but just that we have that kind of agreement. That's just more like violation of constitution stuff and this is important too. These are just new points that I added at the beginning of each academic year. The executive team will decide on the initiatives for the year and if it'll be focused on community building or system building, like I mentioned, so that's written in the operational policy that they would have to decide on that at the beginning of the academic year. The co-chair would be responsible for providing the Atlantic Jack coordinator with initiative outlines and initiative reflections. So, before each initiative, you have to give an initiative outline where jack.org kind of gives you tips and might offer you how they can help out. And then afterwards you have to give a reflection of how it went. And that's a really good thing as well as because other universities give a reflection and then that's how they can give tips for initiative outlines. At a smaller university in Canada. Let's say like Bishop's University did the exact same thing and they face this sort of struggle. You might want to tweak it in this way, that would have worked better for a school like that kind of thing. So, they can kind of compare it to other universities initiatives, how they've worked. So, the co-chair would be responsible for doing that who is elected, and the vice-president student life shall have open lines of communications between the program coordinator, as well as the co-leader of the chapter. So basically, the vice-president student life would work as sort of the bridge between the co-chair, which would be an elected student part of the chapter, as well as the program coordinator from Atlantic Canada for jack.org, as well as STUSU with reporting to the SRC. So that's how it'll look. What I am saying is that basically I have discussed this with the STUSU mental health committee already. The mental health committee is totally on board, and they gave me a lot of ideas for the representation, positions that I had discussed. So, the mental health committee is totally on board for that. All of the committee members are more than happy to switch over to be a chapter or chapter and fulfill those sorts of positions on the chapter. And yeah, and I've discussed it with jack.org. So those are the two main groups that I needed to discuss it with. Now, I'll open it up for questions.

Alex: So, would the jack.org coordinator be selected through jack.org or through us?

Victoria: The jack.org coordinator is through jack.org themselves. So, they have a coordinator for each region in Canada. So, they have an Atlanta coordinator. I don't know what the different regions in Canada, but there isn't Atlantic coordinator just for all the Atlantic universities. I believe her name is Genevieve. I've not met with Genevieve yet, but I have met with the like the head office in Toronto. So yeah, they would not be selected through us, but it would be through jack.org, head office has a representative for each of the regions.

Alex: Same as the co-lead or someone else?

Victoria: No. It is someone from their organization. So, there are three separate people. So, the jack.org coordinator is someone from their organization, like an employee from the head office. And they don't have involvement in terms of like they don't attend our meetings or anything. It's more of a report and tips and funding sort of channel. And then the co-leader is elected and then the lead is VPSL. So, it's mostly between lead and co-lead. And then once the lead, co-leads representatives and the rest of the chapter discuss things, then we reach out to jack.org Atlantic coordinator. And then that's where we kind of make sure everything's good kind of thing. I'm not sure if that answers your question.

Alex: Yes. Just make sure it is reflective in the documents like your language is concise and uniform.

Victoria: Okay. We could change in terms of like, that is a general framework. And then after this has passed, that's when we would like, make those more like constitutional changes in terms of like how it would look with like positions and such.

Alex: You need to make the changes before it can be passed. We can pass the general stuff, but the documents need to be revised before they van be passed.

Victoria: To build off of Alex’s comment, but constitutional change needs to be tabled anyways for later. So, I maybe should have said this at the beginning, but this is sort of like a step-by-step process. I presented that almost just as a, or what I presented with the changes just now was more of just how I would sort of like to see it played out, but those constitutional changes will have to be done with Alex after we pass it. So I'm not going to like, actually formally make those changes until we pass it, but that's just sort of how I would've wanted it to look like. So, it's okay that there needs to be like little changes made. As long as we pass this today, then I can go ahead and like make those formal changes to the constitution. But that was more of just a general framework.

Tyler: Yeah. So, I'll clarify that procedural thing first, just so everybody knows the procedural. So, this needs to be, so what happens when it's a major change like this, as it comes forward for discussion, it gets tabled. We come back formerly to pass it afterwards, after the changes are implemented. So that's just like a more concise, cleaned up way of explaining that. Two things that I wanted to bring up, the first one is if in those changes you could add who the ex-officio members would be. Just because it wasn't mentioned in the actual list of things to go in the in the bylaws for the committee. So just include the ex-officio members. And then the second thing, I know there are people on this call who were on a council last year, and because of that it's no secret that I do have my reservations with jack.org. And we have discussed these within the executive team quite extensively. It is important to note that historically, and in other areas they have not been the most diverse or inclusive. However, what I will say is I am quite proud of the way that Victoria has approached this. And I think that with the ex-officio members and the invitations being sent out to various groups on our campus that do kind of force the chapter to have that diverse representation and voice. I think that it's a good mitigating kind of way to offset some of those concerns that I have. So, I think that this is a good balance. And it will be very interesting to see how this works on our campus. So, I just wanted to put that out there for a little note for everybody, because I have been skeptical about jack.org in the past, but as far as proposals go, this one does look very solid. And I think that there's definitely a lot of good in here to ensure that the diversity of our campuses is represented. So, I just wanted to give kind of my overall thoughts.

Victoria: So, since it's been brought up, I will just touch on how it was presented last year. So last year I reviewed the minutes really extensively of what happened. I was also present last year when the voting happened, as well as Tyler and Alex and a few other people on this call and it did not pass. And the two main reasons I could identify of why it didn't pass was one, that people felt that there's too many mental health groups on campus because we have mental health services through like Kelly Humber Kelly, and mental health support through even down the hill at UNB, through the clinic, as well as the student mental health society, which is a ratified club through the student’s union. And then we of course have the STUSU mental health committee. And last year it was going to be passed as the jack.org chapter, which would be an additional club on campus. So, it wouldn't be anything to do with the STUSU mental health committee. It would just be like another thing. So, I feel that I trumped that by having it take the framework of the STUSU mental health committee, because I feel that the STUSU mental health committee could use this assistance in like these fresh initiatives and ideas, as well as funding. And the other assistants they could give us. The other idea was what Tyler just mentioned was about the inclusivity. And I think probably as an organization, they have changed on that front. When I was at the jack.org Atlantic summit, they had representation from Transgender people who were performing, they had like lots of different minority groups. And as well, I feel like these different positions that I have discussed with the mental health committee make our mental health committee, more inclusive with this jack.org change because currently we just have the chair and sometimes, we have a co-chair on mental health committee, and we don't have representation from different groups. And I think that's so important because everybody has their own individual circumstance dependent on their identity. And there's different mental health struggles that each of those groups go through who like certain people don't understand. I, a white, straight female don't understand possibly what other people might go through. And I think it's important to have those voices to say, look, this is something that my group goes through, and we don't currently have that on the STUSU mental health committee, but we would have that with the jacket or chapter. And I've discussed this with jack.org. As Tyler said in the past, they haven't been necessarily impressed with how jack.org has approached those things. But when I discussed that with them, they were very, very impressed with that. Usually, other chapters across the country just have their like lead in co-lead. I was extremely adamant on having these positions for minority groups. And I said, if you don't allow us to have these, this is part of the power sharing. If you don't allow us to have these, we're not going through with this. And they were totally for having those positions for minority groups. So, I believe that I trumped those two things of why it didn’t pass last year with having it, not as another mental health group on campus, as well as having those minority voices heard and those unique circumstances hurt. So that's my response to that.

Alex: Just want to build on what Victoria said. I was council last year as the international rep and being able to see international rep this year be included is a really big step forward because that was not proposed last year, So, I really appreciate seeing the international rep having a voice and Victoria did an awesome job to make sure that everyone was heard. Another thing I would like to add because we want the reps here to make an informed decision that if you are unsure as to what you are agreeing to, you can go to our bylaws and check for your responsibilities part. To see what is suitable for your positions.

Tyler: Just a clarification. We are motioning to table pending the acceptance of the document changes.

Victoria: Yeah, just to basically say the same thing as Tyler, as well as it is pretty much the first thing that Alex had said after my presentation, this is simply to say yes, I would love to see jack.org on our campus. And then you're not agreeing to the constitution. I think where it got mixed up is where I had those constitutional changes in the presentation. Those are not formal changes. That is just generally what I'd like to see that has to be approved by the STUSU mental health committee, that has to be approved by Alex and I'll work on it with Alex as a constitutional change. And then later on, we will formally vote on those constitutional changes, but I'm not going to work on those constitutional changes until SRC agrees that we will have jack.org on our campus. So that's what you're voting on is you're voting on to have jack.org on campus and voting on allowing me to start working on the constitutional amendments. And the later on, probably in the new year, we will vote on those constitutional amendments.

**Motion has been moved by the Vice President Student Life to have jack.org present on our campus pending the amendments made to the proposal.**

**Seconded by Alex N.**

**That motion has been approved by 7 present voting members of council with two abstentions.**

Tyler: I just would like to state alongside my abstention that the reason why I'm abstaining is because I haven't seen the constitutional changes yet. So, I'm just abstaining from this vote until we see the finalized constitutional changes.

Lauren: I am abstaining because I was not able to read the documents, so I feel as I am not fully informed.

**7. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

Tyler: So, the only thing that I'm going to say is that by my count, I believe we only have one more meeting before the holidays. So just so everybody knows the, the next meeting we have will be our holiday meeting and I wanted to put it out there now for everyone, just so we know there will be another doodle poll that is going out. Please fill it out for the next semester meeting time. If everybody is here in Fredericton and COVID allows. There is a possibility that we may have in-person meetings next semester, if that is something that everyone on this call is comfortable with. So, the only thing that I will add as the asterisks beside that is because the room that we use is holy cross room five. We will only have access to those rooms through the week. So, if we are to move to an in-person meeting the time slots that will be available will be between Monday and Friday. So, I just wanted to put that out there on everybody's plates or like little back-burner there. So, you're all thinking about it because come next meeting, I will send out the doodle poll for the availabilities and in that doodle poll. If you can also send me an email as to whether or not you would prefer to be in person or remain online that would be fantastic.

Alex: Kris, I wanted to ask if you have a gavel or not?

Kryssonia: I do have it.

Victoria: Okay. Just a short announcement. Firstly, I'm really excited about jack.org. Thank you so much, everyone. So, my announcement is just about the winter formal, just the raise of hands who is planning to attend the winter formal it's on Thursday, the ninth from 8 until 11:00 PM at the Delta hotel. Yeah, amazing. Okay. So, I just wanted to ask, because in the past, the SRC has helped out with the winter formal doing like checking tickets, putting on wristbands, checking vaccine cards. So, I'm wondering if everyone here is like cool with that. Like, are you okay with helping out? Basically, it would be at the door, probably like greeting, checking IDs to see who's over 19, people who are over 19, who can use the bar are going to get a different color wristband. And then for our plus ones, we'll be checking their vaccine card. So, people who go to STU we're going to check their vaccine cards when they buy a ticket in JDH. But those who are plus ones who don't go to STU, those people will have their vaccine cards checked. So those are kind of the positions, just like wristband checking, age for drinking, checking vaccines. That kind of thing. So that's great to hear that SRC can help out and just be short little shifts. Like you can still like, enjoy the formal, it just be kind of like, hey, like come for like half an hour at like nine o'clock to like put wristbands on people and then you can go back and party. I'll make like a little Google doc where people can sign up for different shifts and you can also sign up. I'll make it really specific. So, it'll be like, not just like you're helping out at nine. It'll be like at nine o'clock, like, I don't know. Sony is checking like vaccine cards and Stevie is checking like the age. And then I don't know, Julia is putting on the wristband. Like it'll be really, really specific and you can even choose what you want to do. If you want to check people's age and be like, you can't drink. Or if you want to put on wristbands, like you could choose what you want to do. So, I'll put that out in our Facebook group, and I'll also send out an email and it'll just be a doc. So, wherever you decide. Type your answer name, and it'll be the same on every all of it. So yeah. Thank you so much. Okay. I'll send that out sometime this week.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Alex N.

Seconded by ­­Tyler M.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 5:2 pm.

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on December 3, 2021.

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