



The Students' Representative Council
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9th Meeting of the 47th SRC
6:00 pm, Sunday, November 29, 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		
Off-Campus Representative	Ravtej Singh	X		
Rigby Hall Representative	Jonah Simon	X		
Social Inclusion Representative	Andie Amaya	X		
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Tyler MaGee	X		
First-Year Representative	Lauren Hayes	X		
Member at Large Representative	Victoria Young	X		
International Student Representative	Alex Nguyen	X		
Indigenous Student Representative	Tiger Levi	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 13 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.
It was moved by Tyler M. to approve agenda.
Seconded by Sydney S.
The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 8th Meeting

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.
It was moved by Kathleen J. to approve minutes.
Seconded by Megan C.
The minutes were approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Discussion on the Safer Spaces Workshop

Tyler: Hi, everyone. Thank you, Brianna, for sending it out to everybody because I totally missed the deadline. But I did send out the updated module 3B to everyone. I have no idea if you all have had a chance to look through it yet or not because I know we had a retreat. But the recording is in there for the case study as requested. So, if anyone has any, like, comments, suggestions, or anything to do with it.

Sarah: I love it. I think it's really clear and really detailed. And it provides a lot of great information.

Sydney: I just want to say kind of the same thing. I know you've been working really hard on this. So, congrats on the job well done. And hopefully we can all finally approve it. And you can get it up there.

Tyler: Thank you, everyone. Yeah, I took like four or five takes of that, because for some reason, like soft sounds don't work well with my voice for some reason. And they all just kind of blend together. And it was very morphy. But anyway, after like six takes it was good. So, I guess I will move a motion to approve this the safer spaces workshop to go alongside all of the others to be posted to our website.

Motion has been moved by Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative to approve Module 3B of the Safer Spaces Workshop.

Seconded by Sarah K.

That motion has been approved by all present 13 voting members of council.



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Tyler: Just want to thank everybody. I know it's been a while that we've had this on the on the agenda. So just thank you all for your feedback, both positive and constructive, like everything. It's been really well received. And yeah! Thank you.

3.2 Jack.org STU Chapter Proposal

Kyle: Hello, everyone, long time no see, I just kind of want to bring you guys up to date with what I brought to the Student Mental Health Committee and their updates. So as of last Monday, the 23rd, the STUSU Mental Health Committee was informed of the chapter. I talked about it at our meeting and then posted in our Facebook group afterwards, what it entails, what it would look like on STU's campus and all of that. So, although that meeting was a lot of me talking, and then more so listening, the committee did seem interested in having a chapter at STU. And they did express interest as well on being on the chapter. Which, of course, was amazing news for me to hear, mainly because that was one of my big worries of implementing or trying to implement a chapter around this time, was losing pre-existing members of that committee. And leaving them with nothing that's specifically mental health related to work with this year. So, I'm super glad to say that the committee was interested in the chapter. Another interesting thing that I experienced this weekend in terms of student interests and having a student chapter was the few messages that I received from students about it. So jack.org, this past weekend held their first virtual Atlantic summit. And basically, there was a few STU students that attended that and work for Residence Life, and they both reached out to me expressing that they were interested in helping out in any way they can, should the chapter pass and another thing that I'd be interested in doing, should SRC move to pass this motion, is have a couple of information sessions about jack.org and their chapters and that kind of stuff, and maybe even bring Geneviève herself in, so that students can specifically ask her questions on it, before it is formed, or before the chapter begins if it passes. And that's mainly just so that as many students as possible are aware of the chapter and what it is. And so apart from this, I am more than happy to continue answering any questions or concerns that you guys have about a jack chapter. I know it's been on the business arising for a little while. But yeah, if there are any other questions or concerns, I'm more than willing to answer. And so, I would be willing to move a motion to pass the chapter. But it's totally up to you guys. Again, as I was saying.

Sarah: I would like to say, Kyle, I spoke to you about this in the summer but if no one has any further questions, and we're approaching a place where we are getting towards the point where we're able to make a decision whether or not to pass the chapter, I still would like to table this for a week. Generally, that's what we do with large decisions like this. It's just kind of common courtesy to just give folks a chance to sit on all the information once everyone has all the information they need. Because even though this has been on the agenda for quite some time already, we haven't had all the pieces that we've needed to make a decision.

Kyle: Yeah, absolutely.

Motion has been moved by Vice President Student Life to table agenda item 3.2 until the next SRC meeting.

Seconded by Andie A.

That motion has been approved by all present 13 voting members of council.

3.3 Women's Centre Liaison

Sarah: So, I've had three people put their names forward, we have Victoria, Tyler, and Andie. Before we go into having them chat a bit about why they want to hold this position, would anyone else like to put their name forward before we make the candidates list final. If you'd like to, you can just send me a private message in the chat. If not, then we will move on to having these folks speak a bit about why they would like to hold this position. And so, I'm



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not sure who wants to go first, if we have any volunteers. So, I am going to go in reverse alphabetical order by first name, we'll start with Victoria and then Tyler and then Andie.

Victoria: Hey, guys. So, I've always been really passionate about the problems, issues and needs of individuals who identify as a woman. And in the past, I've been really heavily involved with outreach and support for women. So, this position is something that's really in line with those interests and involvement I've had in the past. And I also recognize that this year the Women's Center is especially important with the issues of sexual assault. I'm also new to STUSU. So, I'm looking for something to get more involved, where I can grow as a leader, grow in my position, and make a difference to the at-large community. Also, as a female on the SRC, I think it's a great way to support my female peers. And would love to work with all students no matter their gender as I feel that everyone has a place to feel welcome and included at the Women's Center. I also have really good time management and communication skills. So, I would represent all voices and bring any concerns from students to the SRC.

Tyler: I would like to hold this position for a multitude of reasons. I think that the Women's Center holds again, to echo what Victoria said, it holds a particularly special place on our campus. The work that they do is fantastic, and it's so wide reaching that I would love to have a chance to be involved with their projects. I also think that I can bring the perspective and the voice of queer people to the table, which is that queer people experience a disproportionate amount of both sexual and domestic violence compared to their heterosexual peers. And not to say that this experience is happening now, but a lot of times queer people will feel non represented fully by those who do not fall within the community themselves. So I think that having that perspective and having someone on the table to liaise between the two groups that do represent this minority community within the larger demographic that the Women's Center caters to will be beneficial to them and their projects.

Andie: So, I wanted to say that I put my name forward because women's and women identifying issues have always been a passion of mine to advocate for. And as a queer cis woman of color, I cannot think of a place where I'm like better suited to speak my voice and find my voice within the organization. And also make the voices like the mine be listened to, rather than be told to speak louder. And I would also just love the opportunity to, you know, kind of dip my toes into some more leadership roles, much like this one being offered. I also have a little bit of experience with the Women's Center and the Pride Center at the University of Lethbridge, because I was part of the collective at the Women's Center, which is focused on policy development for the women's center on campus there. And I was also a liaison between the Collective and the Women's Center and their volunteers. And I've experienced with interacting with peers as a counselor for those two centers. And yeah, that's about it.

Sarah: Awesome, thank you everyone very, very much. I think Brianna if it's okay with you what would work the best in my head, as if everyone just private messages me their vote. And then I can kind of do a tally and see who has the majority and then I will move a motion to elect or appoint whatever that person to the Women's Center Liaison position. Oh, actually, it doesn't necessarily have to be voting members. I don't know. How do the candidates feel about including Lauren and Alaina into this decision?

Tyler: I think everyone should have a say.

Sarah: I would like to put a motion on the floor to appoint Andie Amaya as the Women's Center representative.

Motion has been moved by Madam President to appoint the Social Inclusion Representative as the Women Center Liaison on behalf of the SRC for 2020-2021.

Seconded by Tyler M.

That motion has been approved by 12 present voting members of council.



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Sarah: I will say congratulations, Andie, and thank you to Tyler and Victoria for putting your names for it. It was very, very close. And regardless, who would have been appointed, we would have had a great representative on the Women's Center board. So, congratulations again to Andie and congratulations to Tyler and Victoria for putting your names forward.

Andie: I just want to say thank you, everybody, and I hope to do an amazing job in this new little role. And thank you, Madam President, for your words of encouragement.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report – Sarah Kohut

On Monday of this week, I had my NBSA exec meeting like I usually do, which is always good. Again, we just kind of talked about the NBSA's advocacy month. And then I, also met with the UNB Fredericton leadership team, as part of the NBSA's advocacy month. It was very good, they were very receptive to the things that we had to say, which is really cool and then Cindy and I met to discuss putting out the newsletter a week early so that we could put the survey out regarding pass/fail out the next day. So that was good. And then as part of, again, the NBSA's advocacy month, and those that were present in the meeting with Post-Secondary Education Training and Labor Minister Trevor Holder, met on Monday to kind of prep for the meeting because he is the bigwig we try to impress because he ultimately really makes the decisions at the post secondary level. So, we wanted to make sure that we came prepared. And then the executives had an impromptu meeting to create a game plan about our pass/fail advocacy, which seems like it was an eternity ago that we had that meeting, but it really was only a few days ago, which is absolutely insane for me to think and then on Tuesday, I was supposed to have a CASA meeting, but it got canceled and moved later in the week. And I was also supposed to have a post secondary relations community meeting so that's the one that student union leaders from STU and from UNB sit on as well as the Mayor and David Kuhn, and just some key people in the Fredericton community. But that one got cancelled because the power went out right before that meeting. I attended the meeting with Trevor holder for the NBSA's advocacy month, which is really great. He was really receptive to the stuff that we had to say, which is awesome. He seemed really enthusiastic about our asks, and whether or not that enthusiasm will carry through to him actually implementing them. I guess we'll never know until it happens. And then the NBSA had a board meeting, which was good, we talked a bit about pass/fail between all of us. And then on Wednesday, I briefly attended the end of the Wall of Flag ceremony and I had a meeting with Fredericton MP Jenica Atwin, as part of the NBSA's advocacy month again, which is really, really great. She is a big friend of post secondary students. So, it's awesome to chat with her. And she suggested taking a silly picture, as well as a formal picture, like on zoom, which is really fun because formal pictures get boring after a while. And then I tended lunch at the Wabanaki. I stopped in really quickly because I missed last week. And then on my way back from that, I caught the end of the Flag ceremony that Megan helped put together. So great job, Megan! And I also got the end of the Beyond the Bare Minimum speaker series, the one that happened last Wednesday was the one that Dr. Reagan was speaking at. So, it was really great that I could catch the end of that and then there was a CASA e-plenary. So basically, I mean, Megan might go into it further. But basically, an e-plenary is just like a big meeting between all of the CASA membership. But unfortunately, I always miss them first semester because of class. I think I've said that before. And so, we proxied our vote to UNB St. John, so I don't know if stuff was voted on. But I trust that they voted the way that we would vote. And then on Thursday, myself, Megan, and then Laura and Julia, our student senators attended senate in the morning, which is good, just your average senate meeting. And then, I attended my office at 12, which is always good. And then I had the CASA advocacy meeting that got moved from earlier in the week on Thursday, with MP Serge Cornea, who represents Acadie Bathurst, but it was really, really great. He's very chatty, and he is just a happy guy. And he was happy to talk with us. So that was good. I presented or asked on indigenous student mental health, and he was super for that one. And he agreed to sign a letter of support for that asked directly. So that was really cool to see that happen. And then I had a meeting with Tiger to go over what the role of indigenous student representative looks like and to answer some questions, which is really,



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really great and it was great to hear the initiatives that he has planned for the year. And then in the evening, I stopped in at the start of Kyle, Valeria, and the rest of the Activities and Events Committees Netflix event, unfortunately, I could not participate because I had a major project due the next day, but I thought I'd stop and say hi, and it looked like lots of fun and then on Friday, Tyler and I had a call in the morning to discuss a concern that was brought forward on behalf of the student, that was brought to both of us. So, we chatted a bit about that in the morning. And then Megan called me to chat a bit about her meeting with the Bishop's VP Academic Education, whatever to talk about what they discussed, and they discussed pass/fail, which I'm sure she'll touch on. And, and then the exec had our weekly meeting on Friday, because our normal meeting time on Thursday conflicted with the Netflix trivia event. So that was good. And then I attended the Member Relations Committee meeting that Megan chairs for Casa, which is also good. And then as everyone knows, we had the retreat this weekend, which I think went fantastic. But I'm also biased. And I can't say enough how happy I am, that most of us could attend, and all the great ideas that came out of it, and on the same line of the retreat, we did an activity for our strategic planning on this platform, and for those that weren't there, you will kind of get the gist of what it was. But basically, we just had categories you'll see on this webpage, and then we were putting ideas of stuff that we could do or should be done under these categories. The retreat is only a short amount of time, so I wanted to leave it open for the rest of the night for those that weren't there to give the opportunity to add things. And also, for those that were there to just have the opportunity to add some more stuff if they wanted to. And so, I will put the link in the chat. I also will stress that this is just for members of the SRC, it's not for the general student body. So, you will have to click on that. And for those that weren't at the retreat, you will have to make an account. You'll see everyone else's names are like the random letters and not their actual names, because we made anonymous names for the activity that we did on Saturday. So, don't feel stressed if your actual name is on there. Because it doesn't matter as much anymore. But yeah, you do have to make an account. So, if you just go in and make an account, and you'd like to add to the stuff that we did, that'll be awesome. Like I said, it'll be open for the rest of the night tonight. So, I guess 11:59 if you want to set a time on it but yeah, I think that's pretty much it. Thank you to those that attended the retreat, like I said, the executives, we can't thank you enough for donating your time to us. And being so engaged and having such insightful comments and stuff. So SRC retreat complete for the year. I guess I did a whole bunch of work on pass/fail over the course of the week that took up like the bulk of my time, just research and making a survey and a bunch of fun stuff. And I also submitted the BoG report because we have BoG next weekend. And it was due on Thursday. And now that's the end of my report.

4.2 Vice President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hi, everybody. Good to see you all again. For my reports, Sarah already kind of touched on the pass/fail stuff but she got that she delegated a lot of the emailing and stuff like that to certain departments, stuff like that for professors. So, I emailed the departments and senators that I was given, I guess. And then I also emailed Sarah some newsletter content to be put in the newsletter, just some stuff that I've been doing over the past month. I also had Carrie, International Student Coordinator reach out to me this week about a student who was looking to get in contact with a few different clubs and societies around the school. So basically, I'm just facilitating a conversation there. I haven't got a response yet, just waiting on that. So that the student who is coming here is an international student and is coming here second semester and wants to be involved with some clubs and societies. So, I'd be glad to help with that once I hear back. I was also talking to Tina this week, throughout much of the week about the capital campaign and the referendum we had a few years ago for the mental health funds. They're just a little mixed up with the accountant, where they thought there's something that wasn't right or something like that. But basically, the mix kind of has to do with the Student Union Mental Health Committee and how it's labeled on the tuition and the account statements. So, we kind of talked about getting that changed earlier in the year. This is just another reason why we probably should change it to the university mental health fee, and not the Student Union mental health fee, because I believe the accountant thought that we had the funds, but we don't have them as mentioned previously, the university does. So, I think that is dealt with now. But as mentioned in a past SRC meeting, this is something that we will be looking at changing this year, because we don't have a hold of those funds, the university does. I also



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reached out to IT and got the Indigenous Rep email account reset for Tiger. So as far as I know, you were able to get in. Hopefully, that's still the case. The STU Black Students Association also reached out to me with questions about their election process. So, it was just a brief answer. This question is about appointing a Public Relations Officer. So that went over well and an act at STU also reached out to me about creating a bank account under the Union's name. So, Tina and I have to write them a letter for them to be able to open up bank accounts through Scotia Bank, TD, RBC, wherever they choose. So, I'll be sending out that letter to them tomorrow, the bank just needs to confirm that they're not just a random person opening up a bank account under the Union's name. Also had a Finance Committee meeting, if you remember from last week, the Governance Committee just reviewed the constitution review process. So, the Finance Committee kind of did the same thing. We just reviewed the process for reviewing funding applications, whether it's academic assistance, or the club's and societies funding applications. So I have received any large funding applications in the past couple of weeks, which I'm not very surprised about but just wanted to go over that with the committee in case we do receive them in the coming weeks or coming months. And at the same as all the other executives, I had my office our, we had our exec meeting. And the same as last month, the budget update will be coming either next meeting or the one after just depending on when it can get created between me and Tina.

4.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Megan Cormier

Starting with STUSU, Sunday I made the graphic for my remote learning office hour that I had Thursday at 3pm. Monday we had an SEC meeting regarding the pass/fail option as everyone said and immediately following that, I had my regularly scheduled MLA Monday with David Kuhn and the UNBSU. Tuesday, I spent most of my day researching the implications of pass/fail option on graduate programs and emailing profs to see what their positions are on the topic, especially profs that sit on Senate. Tuesday, I was supposed to have a CASA ADO meeting, but that was ultimately cancelled. Similarly, I was going to attend the post secondary education community meeting but that was canceled due to the power outage in Fredericton. At the time, Wednesday, I had a Wall of Flags meeting in the morning. And then we had our annual Wall of Flags ceremony where I had the pleasure of doing a brief speech. And I also created one of the videos that was shown. And it was a very, very beautiful ceremony. Superbad that it was online, but we had a great attendance. So, thank you if any one of you were there. Thursday, I attended a November senate meeting. Following that I conducted more research on the pass/fail option. And I started speaking to student leaders around Canada that are also implementing that or hoping to implement pass/fail option through a Facebook group we have that has all of our student leaders on it and it's connected me to some really great people I wouldn't otherwise have been able to talk to. My Thursday afternoon, I had my first remote learning office hour with Dr. Karen Robear, who is the Remote Learning Coordinator, I think that's her position. And then Friday morning, I met with the vice president advocacy of Bishops student representative council to talk about what they had done because they were one of the first universities to successfully implement the pass/fail option. And George gave me some really, really good information on how we could make our arguments very, very strong. Following that I met with Sarah to update her on my meeting with George Phillip. Friday, I had my office hour from home, just because I had been in St. John prior, so I wanted to make sure I was safe and ensuring our students were safe. We had our executive meeting on Friday, and Friday night, I had a meeting with the VP advocacy from the UPESU Malec to talk about what the Pass/fail option meant to us last year when we had it implemented because they hadn't implemented it at all. So, she had a few questions if they were to go forward what it actually would mean for them. This week, I sent Sarah some information for the newsletter. And I created the new David Kuhn MLA graphic for tomorrow. And this week's topic will be everything you need to know if you're heading home for the holidays, which I think is an extremely timely topic. Moving now to what I've done with the NBSA. Monday, we had an NBSA meeting to talk about our advocacy meetings that were coming up, especially one with Trevor holder, and to ensure we're all on the same page with what our asks were actually presenting. And then Tuesday, we had a board meeting for the NBSA. And then CASA finally. Wednesday, we had an E-plenary to fill some of the vacant committee positions that had come up because one thing that is really pressing this year is we're having a lot of delegate turnover just because of how stressful this year has been. So I want to say that just to let you all know that it's not only you were feeling the stress,



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a lot of student leaders have had to step down from their positions because of the stress and it has created a lot of empty positions within CASA especially on our committees. I send out the liaison call guide for the December calls, as well as I booked my meetings for my liaison, so I have a call with every single month. I sent out a calendar invite to ensure the Board actually sends me their liaison reports, because last month, they did not so I didn't end up doing a report on that one because I didn't have the information. Friday, we had a board meeting so our regularly scheduled bi-weekly meeting. And then finally, also Friday evening, I had a Member Relations Committee meeting, as Sarah said, to plan some of our initiatives and go over our committee action plan. That is, it for me. Thank you.

Sarah: I have two questions. Question number one. Will you be having a remote learning office hour this Thursday?

Megan: I will. So, every Thursday, at 3pm we will be having them except I think next week is the last week of classes. So, they won't go on after that. But they'll continue up with the natural progression of the semesters.

Sarah: Thank you. Question number two. When should I anticipate Spirit River to reach out to me about liaison call?

Megan: If I'm being honest, you should have gotten that email already. But the reports are due back to me December 20. No, December 18. One of those days, so you should be having your call. Well, before that. Let me know if that doesn't happen. And I will get on that.

Sarah: Amazing. Yeah, I figured we would have supposed to have already been emailed. But you know what, folks, I'm ensuring that STUSU, we're getting our voice in there for CASA we're making sure we're taking care of it.

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

So, on Monday, the STUSU Mental Health Committee met for the first official time. Unfortunately, only one student showed up to our first meeting and then our second meeting fell on the reading week. So, I had to cancel that. But it was super nice to connect with that committee and those students on that committee. Also, on Monday, I met with Nishka Jacobs from United Way Monckton to talk about 211, which is a province wide service directory of resources. And basically, her intentions of this meeting, were to spread awareness about the resources that are available out there. The exec had our pass/fail meeting on Monday. Throughout the week, I was working pretty much on my VPSL presentation for the retreat this past weekend. On Tuesday, I held my weekly in person and virtual office hour and as usual, nice to connect with Jason, one of our BoG Reps about politics, student life, and Campbellton actually, where we both happen to be from. On Wednesday morning, I met with Andie about the Mental Health Forum. And in this meeting, we talked pretty extensively about what the moderator roles look like, and what triggering posts were gonna look like on the forum as well. So, it was nice to have that meeting and connect with Andie. On Wednesday afternoon, I spent a couple of hours on campus again for the Midweek Motivation event that happened. And as always, if you would like to volunteer, hit me up. On Wednesday evening, I met with Valeria to do some last-minute preparations and run throughs for our Netflix trivia event that was held on Thursday evening. Also, throughout the week, similar to the other execs I've been answering props and emailing props left and right for the pass/fail option. Earlier this week, I reached out to Victoria with my support and encouragement for the potential idea she had about hosting smaller, in person events for Midweek Motivation. And so basically, I reached out to her with my willingness to help her in any way that she would like. On Thursday morning, a student reached out to me with concerns relating to their hotspot bus app. And so, I helped them get that figured out. On Thursday evening, we hosted the Netflix trivia. And that was nice. Congrats to Sebastian Ruby on winning first place, Stefania Martinez on winning second place, and Paula and Dino on winning third place. So, they all won some gift cards. Thursday, I believe a woman from Community Foods Mart reached out to me about a refund that she was looking for a bag that she didn't get last year because of COVID-19. So basically, she was going to be getting her bag this December. But with the rise in cases in the area, she got worried that she wasn't going to be able to get it again. So,



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I sent her a refund for that bag. On Friday morning, I met with Clara, the manager of the Experiential Learning Office to talk about hosting a virtual Sustainable Development Goals two-day conference for students, which is going to be happening next semester. And this is something I'm really looking forward to continuing this discussion with Clara to plan this amazing conference that is going to be available to all students. Kelsey from AIDS New Brunswick got back to me this week, informing me of AIDS New Brunswick availability to do an in-person Naloxone Kit training in January, pending COVID of course. So, over the next few days, I'll be looking into scheduling another Naloxone Kit training for students, but this time in person. I'm also in the middle of scheduling a meditation session for students sometime next semester as well. And this is a partnership with student services or STU student mental health. And so, I'm looking forward to having Grant from Balanced Trance Meditation in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Do a one-off meditation workshop session for students next semester. A few students reached out to me with Community Foods Mart orders, just because the orders have to be in by this Thursday. The executive, we had our weekly meeting, as usual. And then we had our retreat this past weekend. And similarly, to Sarah, I am really happy with how it went. We got so much valuable feedback that is going to be very helpful for the rest of the year. And lastly, I'm just about to purchase a few gift cards for the Netflix trivia winners. And that is it for me.

5. Employee Reports

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports

6.1 Social Inclusion Representative (Andie A.)

Hello, everybody, again. This past week, I was actually quite busy with a few items. So first up, I was busy with the forum. So, I finally set up Kyle's account for the website. And I set him up as a moderator. I also met with him on Wednesday to discuss the times for checking in on the forum. He's going to do morning, and I will do evening. And I will most likely be checking in on the forum sporadically throughout the day. So, it'll be more than two times. I answered any questions he had. And we created kind of like a procedure of how we would label trigger warnings like triggering posts. And then I went ahead on Friday, and I created two infographics for the launch of the forum. I sent those over to Kyle along with a caption, so they're ready to post noon tomorrow on the STUSU website. So, I also ask that everybody kind of share that because I would love for people to participate. And if you all would like to participate, please do. I also had some correspondence with the Rigby Hall Rep about mental health resources pertaining to indigenous people. He gave me three amazing resources, which I have now put them on the website. So, I also called indigenous helplines and medical centers to see what they offer. So, I can put a detailed description in the resources page. And then I called guard.me for more information about medical accessibility for international students. They told me to send an email. So, I did. And so, I'll be looking forward to the reply for the upcoming week. And then I met with Larissa Crawford finally, she is a sweetheart, and she was so nice. And she's excited to be working with students. So I met with her on Thursday regarding indigenous, black, disability, woman and mothering and the intersectionality of all these identities on campus, because she identifies as all of these, she was a mother at 20 when she was still in university. So, she told me to send in a quote of what I'm able to pay for a keynote and q&a type of deal for 60 minutes. So, 30 minutes of keynote and a q&a of 30 minutes where it's going to be kind of similar to like a roundtable. She said that she will handle all the marketing and the donations, I said that because I am probably going to be working on a tight budget. She told me that if I'm not able to pay her fee that she will put what I'm not able to pay into a community fund for her organization which does that for students sometimes. And I suggested that if we are unable to come up with them, if I'm unable to come up with the money, that we could probably encourage students to make a donation of \$5 when they get their free tickets or something. She said that was an amazing idea. So, kind of happy. So, then she will be using her zoom software for privacy and easy accessibility for her and I told her I'd be getting back to her with every financial detail as I can for next couple weeks. I also sent Dr. Bateman, the chair of the political science department, an email regarding the possibility of collaborating for funding.



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And finally, with the Mental Health Committee on Monday, we talked about jack.org and like Kyle said it was met with positive reactions. And I also told the committee that they could piggyback off my forum, like do a monthly question writing prompt. So that way, they also have something to do as a committee. And I put my name down for co-chair, so hoping that happens. I'll be exciting. And we also talked about potential events for the next semester. And that's about it.

6.2 First Year Representative (Lauren H.)

Okay, so this week a lot of first years, like we talked about a bit in the retreat are confused about the pass/fail option that's going on and the main question that I've been hearing is that they don't understand what would happen with GPAs? And then they don't really understand whether it'll be like optional, or like, you can choose like, or you have to do them all, or they can just pick one class, or that's just what I'm getting from the questions that I've received.

Sarah: Yeah, so as we spoke a bit about this at the retreat, but I'll just answer those questions now, I guess, then you can bring those answers back to the first-year set of questions. But so, about the optional or non optional, that was what I changed on the survey to make it clear that like choosing pass/fail would be optional. So, as I mentioned, that seemed to help a bit of the first years with indicating that they're confused. But nonetheless, it would be 100% optional. So you could choose a pass for as many courses as you would like, you can choose to not take a pass at all and have all letter grades, you could choose to take one pass, two passes, three, four, or five, like as many as you want and then in terms of GPA, it basically would be, not count as nothing but essentially count as nothing like it would have no contribution to your GPA. So, something that the university recommended is that first year students should not, if this were to be implemented, first year, students should not take all past grades, because then they would have nothing GPA. So say, for example you take three passes, and your other two grades are A+, then your GPA would come out as a 4.2, or 4.3, whatever and A+, just because those three A+ aren't counted towards like your cumulative GPA count. If that makes sense. I know that the GPA thing is a little confusing with that whole thing. But I hope that I explained it to the best degree possible.

6.3 Grad Class Representative (Alaina M.)

It's been a quite a week over in the world of grad class just to make room for those eight hours of SRC retreating with all of you. But in the meantime, we've been working on bringing back our Instagram presence and our presence as a whole virtually. That's something I was really excited about when we started the year but something that started just dissipate a little bit. But I'm pleased to say we're back at it creating graphics trying to get people to engage with posts. And part of that did include putting out the graphic that was about the pass/fail option. Overwhelmingly really positive feedback from folks as a whole with that being an option again, and but I also did answer a couple of questions just about what that would look like and what the survey itself means. That's really what I've been up to this week.

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

Sydney: I guess I'll go first. So, we have finalized an event for December. We're going to do OC's 12 Days of Giveaways, que flashing lights and fun Ellen DeGeneres music. So, we're going to be doing that Kathleen's currently working on a graphic for that. And we're looking to get sponsors. So, if you know anybody that would be super cool. You could let us know. I know I talked to Sarah earlier about it, and she's going to help us out with some STUSU swag. So that's super awesome. For me, personally, haven't been up too much lately. Not gonna lie. I attended the retreat this weekend. It was really well put together. So, kudos to the execs especially since it was virtual. I think they all did a fantastic job presenting and everything. So Good job, guys. And thank you for all of your hard work. And that's pretty



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much it for me. I missed our activities event this week, which I was really sad. So, recoil, but I know it was really awesome. So, I'll hand it over to Kathleen. And yeah, thanks, guys.

Kathleen: All right, yeah, so exactly the same thing that Sydney said, we're doing the OC's 12 Days of Giveaways. I'm working on that, hopefully, we'll be able to get some sweet giveaways out to our constituents and hopefully get some activation there. I also have not been up too much other than school because for education, I'm in my practicum. So, I've been working really hard at an elementary school. But I am trying to do as much activation, especially with the French society. Sydney didn't mention it, but the French society is doing an event this week, where people post some short video of them saying their favorite French expression or word. And we're gonna post it up on our social media. And we have three Tim's cards for \$10 up for grabs, for people who participate, we will be doing a draw at the end of the week. Other than that, I attended the Finance Committee meeting with Matt, and we just went over some general information. And that's about it for me.

Sydney: I have a question. I'm not sure who this would fall under, I guess but we want to be inclusive of everybody in OC whether they be in Canada or the US somewhere else. So, if we want to ship, like a card to them with like, I don't know, a prize or a little box? Are we allowed to do that? How would we go about that? I feel like this would be more Matt's domain if it's money, but I'm not sure.

Sarah: Surprise, it's me. No, just speaking on the shipping aspect of the things that STUSU has shipped so far in the year, so mostly just welcome week kits, we've done it through facilities. And obviously, generally how shipping goes is the lighter the item, the least amount of money it costs. So, I would just encourage, if you're going to ship something to you know, try, and make it as light as possible, because then it won't cost us a ton of money. But I'm sure facilities would be more than happy to help you folks out with international shipping, especially if it's not especially if it's not like a giant item. But I don't know if Matt has anything you wants to add to that. But I would just recommend going and asking facilities.

Matt: Yeah, Sarah would know more about shipping because of the Welcome Week stuff than I. Here its Tina that ships it. Like the stuff that we'd have to if we ever have to but I could reach out to her and ask kind of what's her process been like so far but like Sarah said, just keep it light, I guess because I don't know. I think they charge a lot more when it's heavy items and stuff like that.

Andie: With regard to shipping, this might interest execs too. But you can open your own business account with Canada Post and on Tuesdays, you can ship things for free. So just one item. So just putting it out there.

6.5 Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

I'm going to keep this super brief because truthfully, I've been swamped with schoolwork all week. So as Sarah mentioned, we had a meeting earlier this week, just to discuss the concerns brought forward by a student and then I had a follow up meeting with that student as well. And apart from that, I just attended the retreat. So that's it for me this week. Again, it's been a busy, busy, busy school week. So, looking to get back into it come next this week, and going forward.

6.6 At-Large Representative (Victoria Y.)

Hey, everyone. I've been looking at what the at-large reps two years ago who focused on sustainability did. And it looks like their portfolio mostly focused on food sustainability, which I think is really interesting during a pandemic, because there's a greater need for choosing local and sustainable options for both the individual and the community. Some of the initiatives they were doing is like how to grow vegetables in their dorm rooms, and cooking classes.



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Obviously, these are really difficult to accomplish with the different circumstances that we're facing compared to what they did. So, with the challenge of everything being online, I'm trying to consider sustainability initiatives for students to try on their own from home as well as something that can be done in small groups on campus during Midweek Motivation. I've also considered initiatives for better sustainability on campus as a whole, unlike University initiatives with the university as a whole can do. However, I don't think that would be super impactful, just since not many students are on campus. So I'm looking forward to further working with the Activities and events as well as Sustainability Committee on planning a few initiatives, as well as if anyone else like has any ideas or wants to collaborate with me, please just like shoot me an email.

Sarah: I think that finding stuff that people can do at home is a really great initiative, especially since like, not to be the bearer of bad news but as Fredericton and Covid cases get worse, people are stuck in their houses, they've got some more time on their hands, especially with school winding down. And I know for myself, I generally find it not hard, but more difficult to practice a sustainable lifestyle when I have a smaller amount of time. So, I think that'd be really cool thing to look at, and especially use Covid to your advantage in the fact that people are stuck indoors.

Kyle: So, yeah, I just wanted to let you know that if you ever wanted to add anything to the agenda for the Activities and Events Committee meetings, feel free to just let me or Valeria know and we would be happy to add anything for you.

6.7 International Student Representative (Alex N.)

Hi! For my report this week, on Wednesday, I joined Megan as speaker for the International week, which went great. And then I talked to Hanif, STUISA President to set the date and time for our first meeting. That's it.

6.8 Rigby Hall Representative (Jonah S.)

Hi, guys, this past week at Rigby, we had a meeting on Tuesday to discuss just Tuesday's event among us, and we made flyers, post them up around the residence and put some on everybody's door. And that is planned for Tuesday night among us for all of Rigby. And as we go from 7:30 till 10, but if students want to play, then they keep playing. And Tuesday, I found out I won the Senate committee seat for Truth and Reconciliation. And that same day, we found out about our Indigenous Student Rep, Tiger Levi. And I want to congratulate him and welcome him to the student SRC. And that's everything on my end this week.

Sarah: I just want to say congratulations again, Jonah for being chosen to sit on the Senate Committee on Reconciliation. And I look forward to working with you on that and it's a fantastic committee and you will love it.

6.9 Indigenous Student Representative (Tiger L.)

Hello, my name is Tiger Levi. I am the newly elected Indigenous Representative for the Student Union. I found that I was elected Tuesday. On Wednesday, I went to the Wabanaki Centre for lunch to try to speak to the students, but it was just not really that many students there. Thursday, I had a meeting with Sarah to help me get ready for I guess the retreat this weekend. On Friday I tried to contact Rez Famous for the events I'm trying to plan that I talked about earlier in the retreat. I also got word that I was starting from scratch the Indigenous Reconciliation Committee. So, I went looking for members. I posted something on the Wabanaki Center community page. So far, I got some suggestions. Jonah Simon, Leanne Hudson, and Stevie Merchant and Jared Durrell as part of my board right now. And later this week, we're going to be meeting to find the vice chair and then we're appointing a secretary role. And that's it.



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Sarah: I just want to say an official welcome, Tiger. We're so excited to have you. And that is so amazing that you found so many students already. That makes me so excited. And I can't wait to see the work you will do as part of the Student Union this year. Same with everyone. So yes, we are very, very happy to have you.

7. New Business

7.1 Mental Health Forum Review

Andie: Yeah, so basically I just put together a Word document with just general questions of what you guys think I just kind of wanted to kind of get it down so I could just post this tomorrow.

Sydney: I will say, I haven't noticed anything that can be changed. But I will congratulate you on your awesome work with this. I think it's such an awesome idea. And I think it's something that needs to be done. And it helps kind of alleviate the taboo around mental health. And I really think it's a great initiative. So, thank you for doing this.

Alaina: First off, yeah, I really appreciate all the work you've done on this, Andie and all the edits that you made from last time look really good. And I appreciate you reaching out to Guard.me. You are doing it all amazing. A question I had about a potential resource. I know you put a lot of attention to this but was that the 203 Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity that isn't listed under the peer resources? And I was wondering if that was intentional move, or if that would be able to sort of bolster the resources that are currently there?

Andie: Okay, yeah, no. So I included the Women's Center as part of kind of being part of the 2SLGBTQIA community along with the coordinator we have, but if you think that having that resource down there just to have it there as well. So, people know, I can definitely just add that it's super simple.

Alaina: Awesome, thank you.

Tyler: Yeah, I'm just going to hop right on the same train as Alaina, the 203 are trained as well in frontline stuff also so if anyone like walks into the clinic, or like virtually drops in and is in need of resources, they are capable of providing frontline as well as delegating them out to other resources that are very queer focused.

Andie: Thank you! I have a question for you, Tyler, actually, did you ever get word from the Mobile Response Unit? If they deal with and are trained in queer support?

Tyler: I could not find contact for them. However, I did do some like research on Horizons website. And I couldn't find anything like conclusive on there. So, if there is a contact for them, I couldn't find it.

Andie: Okay, no worries. If they don't have anything on their website, I probably won't put them down then.

Kyle: I just had a question, Andie. I'm just wondering if you are still expecting to go ahead to post this tomorrow. Or if you're going to take a few days to add these resources to the website. And then bring it back to the SRC. And just wondering what your plans are. That's all.

Andie: Yeah, so I was just hoping that if all the major kinks were dealt with, then I could just go ahead and post it tomorrow and add Guard.me and the 203. Just as I go, I think Jonah is going to send me information about another indigenous mental health line. So, I'll do that as I go. But I think I've worked out everything that needs to be worked out. So, I just wanted, you know, a fresh set of eyes from the SRC at this point.



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Sarah: Just to be clear from a STUSU communications side, do you want to post on our website and our social media and if so what social media and how and basically I just want to know what I need to do.

Andie: So I probably should have kept you in the loop as well but I was talking to Kyle and I sent him two infographics that I created for promotion and along with a caption so he said that he could post that tomorrow on the STUSU Instagram and it might be worthwhile to post it on Facebook and to have the execs share it through their accounts. That's about it.

Sydney: You can send the photo to me and I can post it on our Instagram as well.

Andie: Yes, of course! Thank you so much everybody and I really hope to see you all participate!

8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

No questions, announcements & notices.

9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Megan C.

Seconded by Jonah S.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:29 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on December 1, 2020.

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