



The Students' Representative Council
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Students' Union of St. Thomas University, Inc.

8th Meeting of the 46th SRC

7:00pm, Monday, November 4, 2018

MMH, Room 204

Attendance Record

Position	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
President	Husoni Raymond	X		
Vice President Administration	Matthew Oram	X		
Vice President Education	Ailish Mackenzie-Foley	X		
Vice President Student Life	Sarah Kohut	X		
Harrington Hall Representative	Tyler Dupuis	X		
Vanier Hall Representative	Manvi Walter	X		
Holy Cross House Representative	Darian Trevors		X	
Rigby Hall Representative	Dillon Caldwell-Bezanson	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Sydney Shelley	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Nathaniel Box	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Megan Cormier	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Kathleen Jones	X		
Social Inclusion Representative	Dorcas Tshimenga	X		
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Tyler MaGee	X		
Indigenous Representative	Leanne Hudson	X		
Member at Large Representative	Megan Gibson	X		
Member at Large Representative	Graci Young	X		
International Student Representative	Sydonia Chandon	X		



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Grad Class President	Brianne Durant		X	
First Year Residence Representative	Julia Evans	X		

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

AQ Representatives: Diana Chavez

Guests Present: Jessica Brown

Call to Order and Quorum Call

Meeting was called to order by Brianna Hill at 7:02 pm.

Quorum is met with 17 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.

It was moved by Sarah to approve agenda as presented.

Seconded by Tyler M.

The agenda was approved as amended.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 4th Meeting

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved Dorcas to approve minutes as presented.

Seconded by Sydona.

The minutes were approved as amended.



3. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report – Husoni Raymond

Hi everyone, welcome back to another week of STUSU. In my report this week, I had a meeting with the search committee for the new Associate Vice-President of Research. The committee met and we discussed two applications, and we decided to move forward with shortlisting both of the candidates. So, they'll be a public announcement on the two candidates and then they'll be a lecture that both the candidates will present to the St. Thomas community, and then we'll be looking for feedback on the candidates and their presentation, and then we will be conducting interviews. I recommended interview questions and then after the interview we'll meet again to decide on who the new Associate Vice-President of Research is.

I had a Senate Committee on Indigenous Reconciliation meeting. Leanne was there, so I think I'll leave that open so she can expand on the contents of that meeting. As usual, I had lunch at the Wabanaki center. I think we had tacos, maybe...yeah, really good. I had my Help Desk office hour this week, and there I met with Tyler to discuss an idea he has for an event – which I'm not sure if you wants to expand on in his report, so I'll also leave that, the details of that one. I went to volunteer at the 203 Thursday for three hours. I attended the opening of the TST play, Concord Floral, which was really good. Wasn't really that scary, but very thought provoking. So yeah, I really enjoyed watching that.

On Saturday we went to the Open House. We had a table in this building, outside of the Kinsella, MMH. We spoke to a lot of prospective students, and we brought a lot of our STUSU banner and a lot of our promo materials, and we did a little social media contest where we asked people to tag the STUSU in their photos for a chance to win a STUSU backpack, and a lot of new students were really excited and asked a lot of questions...they didn't really ask that many questions, but we shared a lot of information about the STUSU. Thanks, Matt and Sarah, for spending the morning there. I also delivered a speech there just talking about my experience at STU thus far and all the opportunities available to students here. So, hopefully that was impactful on incoming students.

I had a meeting with Cindy today just to go over the video that we did last week. She provided me with the first draft of the video. I found it funny, so I think we decided that we will be posting it, so keep an eye out on social media to see me be cringy. It's going to be funny. And I had a meeting with Leanne today, as well, to go over the CASA conference and some recommendations that she had and how the STUSU can help support reconciliation efforts on our campus. Today, I had a NBSA board meeting, and as usual, I took the minutes, and I also sent out the minutes from the last meeting, along with the agenda and all the reports. And a note, all of you probably received an email from IT saying that we'll be switching over from Gmail to Office, which sucks, but we have to do it. We kind of ignored their first email and now they've caught up on it. The email says it's gonna be Tuesday, so that would be tomorrow, so if you notice that you're no longer receiving emails, make sure you check Office to make sure that you're not missing out on any announcements or anything.



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I also had a NBSA executive meeting to discuss some engagement plans for NBSA Advocacy Week, which is happening over the reading week. So, we will be doing a campaign where we're asking students to share or ask, so we will be dropping a letter and doing some social media graphics and stuff to engage students in the advocacy that we're going to be doing throughout the week. We received several applications. I think we received 12 applications from students on our campus, and unfortunately, we have to only select between two and three. So, we'll be reviewing those shortly and notifying the individuals because the training is coming up this Sunday, and I believe that is all for me.

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

Hi Everybody. Welcome back this week. I'll start out with Club and Society's applications. I received an application for a group called the Council on Foreign Relations. I don't know exactly what that is, maybe something to do with international relations classes, or something, but I'm waiting on a constitution for that and once they get that, I'll review it with the Governance Committee. I also received and approved Kathleen and Sydney's French Society, so I'm glad to see that. The Governance Committee met a few weeks ago and we approved that, and I will post a description of that to the Clubs and Society tab on the website in the coming days.

Also, I have a Campus Trust Finance Committee meeting coming up this week. Usually they're pretty short, but basically what they are is just reviewing different schools, finances, and stuff like that and making sure everything went well. In terms of funding applications, we, the Finance Committee met and approved \$123.47 cents for the Pre-Law Society. So, not that big of a request, it was just for one of their annual events. And also, I received a funding request from Dorcas and the Black Students Association. So, the Finance Committee will be meeting this week review that as well. Like Husoni said, we sat with the Open House for a few hours and it good to see new students interacting with us, and had my Help Desk office hours and a few email accounts switches for different groups on campus, which kind of seem to be a weekly occurrence, but that's it for me.

Sydney: Thanks, Matt. We're real excited.

Matt: No problem.

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

Good evening, lovely council. So, unfortunately, I couldn't make it to the Open House, due to some circumstances. Open House has a special place in my heart and the other executives did a great job of engaging the students, so very happy with that. Had an NBSA board call today with Husoni and talked a little about Advocacy Week, which is next week. The next three weeks are going to be absolutely crazy. We have Advocacy Week, International Education Week, and then myself and Husoni have a CASA conference we're going to, so November's just gonna fly by. On Wednesday coming up, I have a follow up meeting about International Education Week, again, just making sure that it's still on track and confirming everything that we're doing.

I had a Federal Policy Committee meeting, and after our retreat, I got some feedback saying that people want to know what we're about during it. So, some things that we're talking about right now is setting the way for the Policy and Strategy Conference coming up. So, we'll be doing a big part of that, kind of setting the tone for the boards policy asks later on the year. I don't know, I can't remember exactly what we got into, but basically just talking about what we're going to be doing at the next conference. So really, really exciting and looking at some policies which was great. And after participating, hopefully we'll come back with a little



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bit more to share. What else we got? SEC meeting, Help Desk, like usual, and I have the Experience Learning Gala in Moncton, as well as Advocacy Week, so very exciting, very busy time.

Tyler D: Hello. I hope you had a wonderful week too. So, I have a few people in Harrington who are signed up for NBSA Advocacy Week, along with myself, and we haven't had email confirmations yet, so I was told to ask when the emails were to come in, just so that people know for sure if they're participating or not.

Ailish: So, we're going to get together and kind of like Husoni mentioned at the start, and talk about the delegates and everything for Advocacy Week because we can only bring two or three, so we'll have a discussion about that, so you should be hearing back sometime this week - 100% as training is on Sunday, so I'd say in the next few days.

Husoni: Probably by Tuesday.

Tyler D: Thank you.

4.4 Vice President of Student Life – Sarah Kohut

Hi everyone. My report's going to be super speedy because last week was kind of uneventful. I looked at my agenda and I was like, "wow, I don't really have much to talk about." That's okay. Cause sometimes you gotta have a chill week. Last Tuesday, I met with Wasiimah to discuss the coffee house that we'll be going on for International Education Week. We are co-planning that, I'm looking forward to it. On Wednesday, I met with a student who approached me with some concerns about Safe Ride, and I just would like to take this opportunity to point out that if any of you have any concerns about any services on campus, please do not hesitate to send me an email because I mentioned to this student, I have a car, so I don't personally use Safe Ride, so I really don't have any idea that it's not operating effectively, unless someone brings it to my attention. So, I really, really, really appreciated her coming and just expressing her concerns, and going forward I jotted down everything that she said, and I will be meeting with Isabella Gallant, who is my position on UNBSU. I haven't set a meeting time yet, but sometime in the near future because we co-operate Safe Ride, but she is more so...it's difficult to explain, but she's more so involved in the Safe Ride program than I am. So, I'm gonna meet with her, bring forward the concerns that I heard from the student, and then hopefully we will come to a happy medium.

I also had my office hour on Thursday. I had some visitors, yay! Also, for the last time I will be talking about this; Trick or Eat was on Thursday. It went super well. I'm really, really pleased with the amount of participation we had. It was great to see everyone come out, even though it was raining and really miserable out, but people weren't miserable. So, we managed to collect 506 food items for the food bank, which is incredible, and the winner of the Cellar gift card was the STU Anthro Society, who collected 556 food items. So amazing! Michael, who oversees the food bank, says that every year that we do Trick or Eat, we just collect more and more food, which is great. So yeah, that was amazing. On Saturday I also put – what?

Husoni: You said 556 items.

Sarah: Oh yeah, it was 556...oh sorry 506.

Husoni: No, you said the Anthro Society collected 556.

Sarah: Oh, sorry, I meant 150. I go to STU; I don't know how to count. That would be awesome if they collected 556 but go over next year. Anyways, I participated in the Open House on Saturday, like it was



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mentioned a million times. That was so much fun. I also tagged along on a tour with two perspective students, just cause I wanted to, and that was so much fun. This morning I met with Kyle, who is the Activities Coordinator – I say that every week, to start planning the Winter Formal because the grind don't stop. Events all the time. And coming up this week, Community Food Smart orders are due this Thursday. If anyone wants to order a bag, please pay me either in cash or a by E-Transfer, before 12 PM this Thursday. And I also realized that I will be absent for the meeting after the reading week because I will be going to Halifax for a little Mental Health Conference. So, I hope everyone has a lovely relaxing reading week. That is all.

Graci: For the foods, do they come the reading week or the week after reading week?

Sarah: Yeah, during reading week, unfortunately, which is a little bit of unfortunate timing because it's always the second Thursday of every month that the bags come in. So yeah, it kind of deters people from ordering this month, but that's okay. I think the month of December is kind of a write off too because we're going to be gone for most of it for Christmas, but it doesn't overlap with the Christmas break. So, positive.

Husoni: So that is one of the largest donations the food bank has ever gotten from Trick or Eat. Good job, Sarah!

Sarah: I cannot take any credit. I, myself, did not collect food. It was the STU population. I drove around in my car and people dumped their bags in my car and then I put the food on the table.

Diana: What type of concerns did the students bring up? Were they related to safety?

Sarah: Nothing related to safety, which is excellent because that is the last concern that I want to hear. It was more so, just arrival times. The student expressed that, in comparison to other years, Safe Ride seems to have been a bit slower. This year also expressed that cars seem to not be coming to STU as frequently as they should. I said back to the student that I was made aware of at the start of the year that they were down a van, which they have three vans, but they are down to two because of maintenance issues on the one van. However, I haven't heard whether or not the van is up and running. So, I said to the student that this could be the reason of it being delayed. However, like I said, I'm going to meet with Bella anyways and just follow up and just make sure that everything's running as smoothly as possible for STU students.

Diana: Thank you.

5. Employee Updates

No employee report available.

6. Representative Reports

6.1 Harrington Hall (Tyler D.)

Hello, my beautiful STUSU people, happy first week of November, even though there's supposed to be snow in the upcoming week, it's the first week of November, so that's great! Yay! So, other than that, I'm not sure if it's a Raider thing, or if the stars have been aligning, but House Committee has been working really smart and not hard lately, so that's really good. We formed our Constitutional Amendment Committee, which is fun, so the committee will be comprised of House Committee members, but importantly the Wing Reps have a really important part of this because they will bring in the democracy aspect in our Constitutional Amendment Committee. So, they will be holding tiny forums just to get a different perspective, see what students like about House Committee, see what students really don't like about House Committee, meet



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and see where we can work around it. So, we're going to be ratifying our constitution to hopefully – we're aiming for second semester, just because it's something we really want. Take our time with it and make sure we get it right, so that's fun.

Other than that, we'll also be holding – this is also about the constitution – a Q&A meeting in a lounge. So, the meeting's purpose is just basically to make the processes the most democratic as possible. So, just to answer any concerns, questions, really anything that students have on their minds about House Committee, we're there answer anything. Other than that Candy and Kababs and Karaoke went great. I sang 50 cent candy shop and had a lot of gummy bears. So, I would strongly recommend 50 cent candy shop and karaoke and candy bars. So, that was fun. Other than that, we are also having a Family Feud night on the 24th, and we're also looking to book the Ted Daigle for – can I get a drum roll? We want to host a Harrington's Got Talent! So, you wanna watch awesome talent by awesome Raiders, I will let you know. Hopefully the event will be open for everyone but come and see some talent. Thank you.

Sydney: Hope nobody will be playing basketball as their talent.

Tyler D: You're lucky. I love you anyways, Sydney.

Sydney: You too, man. Its all fun and games.

6.2 Vanier Hall (Manvi)

Hi guys. I hope you had a great weekend. So, not much has been happening in Vanier. We had two good events that were the movie night and ghost stories. They were integrated events with the House Committee and the RAs, so that went pretty well. And then we had a new colour included in our jersey, like all the stuff that we have, so it's a navy blue and pink, as well as navy blue and grey, so that was included. And then I personally went and talked about how we wanted to make a group of all the VP-External Representatives, and that was taken quite well. So, they're looking onto it and there wanting more from us. So, I think I would love to work on that with the other representatives, and then we've been had a whole team now, so we have our wing representatives, and they're working on an initiative with the Environmental Representative. So, I'm looking forward to whatever they're up to, and we have more events coming up. We have hot chocolate and tea and colouring event. So, we're toying things around, but we'll come with more for the next meeting.

6.3 Holy Cross House (Darian)

No business to report.

6.4 Rigby Hall (Dillon)

Okay, so I told you guys that we were designing a new design for our Rigby merch, and so we have that design now. Tomorrow is our House Committee meeting, and we're looking at how we can amend our constitution that hasn't been amended in, like, ten years. That's fun. And we're also planning our first Rigby party. It's going to be on the 22nd of November and the theme is Black Out Neon, which is, like, black lights and neon colors, so yeah.

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

Megan C: Hey guys, I'm glad I can finally make it to a meeting. Very exciting, so recently we held our first event, which was the Halloween movie night, and it had a decent attendance of like seven people, but that's to say that we need to improve our social media presence, which has been one of my focuses for the past couple weeks. By getting more people onto our Instagram or Facebook and trying to clean up our Facebook because people just post spam on our Facebook. So, we need to figure out how to fix that. Also, I've been making posters for our upcoming event, which will be a coffee house on November 27th in the OC Lounge. So, that has been approved and we just need to meet and go through what we need for that exactly, cause



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we had issues with our Halloween movie night, not being prepared at the time. So, it was a good learning experience, and then I've also come up with our budget and using a spreadsheet to publish how much we're spending on each event to ensure that we're keeping on track. Which is something that we didn't actually do our last event, so it's something we need to be a little more strict on. But having our first event done, we're definitely learning and improving.

Kathleen: I don't really have much other to say that Megan hasn't said. We've been working pretty hard on trying to get students more active and having the want to get to our events, just because I know off-campus it's really hard to get people out, when they've already left and don't really want to come back. So, we try to reach out to as many on campus people as possible to tell them "no, it's actually fun. Please come." So, we've been working on getting in contact with residences, saying "tell your people to come to our event as well. Maybe it'll make people want to come more kind of thing." And Saturday, barely any night were at our movie night, I even offered popcorn and people didn't come. Its okay.

Sydney: Hi everybody. I hope you've all had a great week. So, I met with Brett this week, who is the Healthy Campus Coordinator, with STU Mental Health, and we're in the works of planning an event together. And so yeah, we're going to have more meetings, and I'm gonna bring up information that I learned from her to the other reps when we have our next meeting, once we plan it. And I also am meeting with Dorcas tonight to help her find some board games in the OC closet for her next event, so I'm really excited to hang out with her.

Nathaniel: Hey guys, I don't really have much to say, besides what's already been said. For the record, I feel bad I missed the movie night, I just want to put that out there. Besides that, we're going to work on our social media presence to make sure that people know that we have events going on and hopefully they're able to go. Thanks.

Dorcas: I just want to say thank you to Sydney, for letting me borrow some stuff from your guys storage room.

Sydney: You're welcome. That goes for anybody. If you need anything from our closet, let one of us know. We'll be willing to help you.

Sarah: I would like to sincerely apologize for my absence at your event. I'm sure your popcorn was delicious, I promise to be at your next event.

Sydney: Can we get that in writing?

Sarah: Madi, did you get that?

6.6 Social Inclusion Representative (Dorcas)

Hi everyone. I hope everyone had a great week. This week wasn't as chaotic, but I did do a few things. I've been working on the event that I'm supposed to host next semester. So, I've been meeting with a few people. I'm trying to like – nothing set in stone, but I'm trying to establish a theme for next semester's event. And I've been sending a few emails in regard to that. Secondly, I've been working on the BSA (Black Student Association), for our upcoming event this Friday. So, if you're not doing anything Friday at 7 PM, come to our coffee house, make new friends, grab a coffee. Yeah, and I've been sending out some emails in regards to that. Other than that, I've just been working on those two things this week.

Sarah: Is the coffee house in the Great Hall?



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Dorcas: It's going to be in the OC Lounge in JDH at 7PM.

6.7 Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

Hi guys. Hope you all had a great weekend. There are a few things for me. So, on Wednesday, during my office hours, I had a call from the Human Rights Commission of New Brunswick and the Public Legal Education Information Services of New Brunswick, and I have been invited to sit on a round table discussion, as the LGBT Representative Consultant, with policymakers and other representatives from minority groups. The goal is to get feedback and advice on how to improve policies dealing with sexual harassment in the workplace from a non-heteronormative perspective. It's a huge honour to be a part of this, and I'm taking this role really seriously. So, I ask all students, SRC, and staff members to share your perspective and ideas, and how you view those policies, cause I really want to do a good job at this and I think it's super important that we do. As of today, the date is set for Wednesday, November 20th, so you can contact me via my STUSU email or in person or message me just anyway possible, but I would love to get your feedback on that.

So, as Graci, Megan, and Julia have mentioned, we have started working on a Mental and Sexual Health Resource Fair. So, the idea is to invite various organizations, such as the 203 Centre, Women's Centre, STU Mental Health, and Julia will be reaching out to Dr. Carla O'Reagan and Dr. Margaret Campbell to potentially give a sex ethics talk, that was absent from the Welcome Week. The goal is to connect students with various health and wellbeing resources, as well as promote an environment where every student feels safe and respected on this campus and in other environments. So, super excited to be working with them on that, and it would be awesome to get that together. We're still throwing around dates, but we will have more to report next time.

And I volunteered at the Open House this past Saturday. It was great to chat with so many prospective students and their families and promoting STU and various programs that we have here. So, that was a lot of fun, and that's everything I've been up to lately.

Sarah: Me again. I think that sounds like such a fantastic idea and I love that. Something that has been discussed a bit in the tri-campus Sexual Assault Prevention Committee meetings that I go to every month is...UNB has a sex week, but I was toying with the idea of STU having one as well. I think that would go really nicely in with that, if you guys are open to it. Also, Sexual Violence New Brunswick was going to take part in that and facilitating that. I also think that'd be a really great resource for you guys to access for that week, and I would love to help out in any way, shape or form, if you'd have me.

Tyler M: We would love to have you. We can set a meeting for some time this week.

Sarah: Sounds amazing.

6.8 Indigenous Representative (Leanne)

Hi everyone. So, I have a correction because I told Husoni that we had tacos for lunch, but I lied, we actually had chili. My bad. Anyways, so I went to the Wabanaki lunch and had some delicious chili. Afterwards, we had a discussion with a few Aquinian representatives and some alumni from STU to talk about the article that came out last weekend regarding the article that came out last week about the Indigenous Rep position and the history section more particularly. The conversation was really useful because we gained so many different perspectives and people were able to become educated and an apology will be coming out in the Aquinian next week.

I also had a Senate meeting, like Husoni mentioned, we talked about the launch of the Indigenous website. It's looking really great. It was the first time I got to see it, and I'm really impressed with it. Soon it will be officially linked to our STU website, and will be combined with the link that already exist. On that, we talked



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about how that will take place, how formal the launch will be, and when that will actually take place. I think we're leaning towards January now just because time is flying. We also talked about how we can create more Experiential Learning Opportunities on our campus because there is specific funding that's available to do that. And then I talked about the CASA conference again, and some initiatives that I think the Senate Committee can potentially assist me with in the future.

Also, like Husoni mentioned, I had a meeting with him today to talk about some upcoming projects and events that I will be working on in the future. Nothing is set in stone quite yet, but in the coming weeks, probably just after reading week, we'll have an event proposal ready to go. We are currently developing a sharing circle around sensitivity awareness for the staff as the Aquinian. Just on note of the meeting earlier this week and last week, and so developing that has been super great because again, I've got to learn a lot of STUs history, but also gain different perspectives from different people, like our Elder in Residence, some of our staff, but also past and current students. So, that'll be happening Friday afternoon, which I'm super psyched about.

I had a House Committee meeting last night, which was good, and I noticed Darian isn't here, so just to give you an update on Holy Cross, we are still looking for two representatives. We potentially have filled one but are standing out last minute application requests to fill those two positions. Other than that, we discussed upcoming events, the possibility of having a Fall Feast after the reading week, and also talking about in the future, who we would like to sponsor as an organization and maybe changing that up moving forward. Other than that, I am looking forward to the Future Ready Wabanaki Launch at UNB on Wednesday afternoon.

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

Megan & Graci: Hi everyone.

Megan: I hope everyone is having a fantastic week. So, we're going to have a meeting with Brock, Sarah and Dorcas on Friday morning to discuss the drug kits in the residences. And today we also met with Tyler and Julia, to talk about an event that's coming up – which Tyler's going to expand on later.

Graci: We also went to the Open House, which was a lot of fun. There was so many exciting, potentially future Tommies. We also sent an email to Saint John Ambulance, regarding the possibility of bringing a first aid training to campus. I've yet to hear back from them, so I'll keep everybody updated on that, but I think that's everything.

6.10 International Student Representative (Sydona)

Happy Monday, guys. Last week I met with Cindy to discuss posters for International Education Week, that went great. I also spent the weekend creating events and making posters for STUISA's Fall Fest, which will be taking place this Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the OC Lounge.

6.11 First Year Residence Representative (Julia)

Hi everyone, this week I got to participate in Trick or Eat, which was a really great turnout, considering the weather and whatnot, and I wasn't as successful as the Anthropology Society, but I did get some candy and I collected some food items. As Megan had mentioned, today I had a meeting with Tyler, Graci, and Megan, with regards to the resource fair that we are in the process of planning, and like she said, Tyler will elaborate a bit more on this initiative, but I'm really excited about being involved in it. I've also been in communication with House Committees for insight and concerns for events for first years, and I have a meeting this Thursday with all the First Year Reps of the residences, and as you said, there's no First Year Rep in Holy Cross, so Darian agreed to be my contact person for any questions pertaining to Holy Cross



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Sarah: It was so nice to have you at Trick or Eat, even though you weren't as successful as the Anthro Society. You're a winner in my heart and you're a trooper for sticking it out in the rain.

6.12 Grad Class Representative (Bri)

No business to report.

7. New Business

7.1 Funding Approval

By request of the Finance Committee, put forward by VP Administration, be it resolved that the amount of *BLANK* be taken from the academic assistance line for the Moot Court funding approval.

Seconded by Kathleen.

The motion has been opened for discussion

Matt: So, I'm assuming most of you know what Moot Court is at STU. I can explain it if anybody doesn't know, but if not, what it is, is just the Moot Court group goes away. This year to Orlando, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and then nationals in Louisiana, for those of them that make it. So, basically, it's expensive, as you can imagine, cause there's flights involved and busses and stuff, such as that hotels. So, basically, what this is, is it's just \$80 per person for registration fees, and food and stuff like that, which is not even close to the actual total cost, but basically, this is what it has been approved in the past for a core group from the SRC, and just on request of the Finance Committee, it's \$80 per person. So, if anybody has any questions about that, I can explain it further.

Tyler D: I do have a question. It might come off as really stupid, but when I read the funding application, it didn't say it was \$80 per person, so if the SRC approves this funding request, or is that in consideration of SRCs funding request?

Matt: If I understand your question correctly, the \$250 is what we pay to be a part of the Moot Court every year from our own money, and then this is just \$80 extra from the academic assistance line for each student to cover just small fees, I guess.

Tyler M: I'm just reading some of the language here, and it says that St. Thomas pays the remainder of the costs, minus the assistance they may receive from the student union. So, if we don't approve this, will the university still cover it?

Matt: So, for those of you that don't know as well, the Moot Court group got a big donation a couple of years ago, but that is like a one time donation, so that money does run out at some point, but the \$80 just kind of a yearly thing that has kind of started before the Moot Court group because as I mentioned, it is expensive and \$80 a person has been deemed reasonable, I guess. So yeah, I can explain it further if you want me to go ahead.

Husoni: So yeah. The program has a donation, but it's in an endowment fund. So, the program doesn't have access to the actual money. It's just the interest on that money per year, which is not enough to cover everything, and because the Moot Court program is also participating in other competitions too, such as last year we entered the Osgood cup for the first time and the World Human Rights Moot Court Competition over the summer. So, I don't think we can speak to whether or not they will have money to cover it outside of this funding.



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Nathaniel: Do we know roughly the amount of people that will be going?

Matt: So, if you look at the names of each students from the document that was sent out. I can count exactly how many students now.

Husoni: Its 30 students in the program.

Tyler M: Just with my quick math, by the looks of things its only 18 people that will be going to the competition, so is this funding just for those 18?

Husoni: So, those students were listed there are...30 students are a part of the program, so either some students are missing there, but we have 15 teams, but not everyone will be traveling. Five teams will be competing at the regional here at STU, but traditionally everyone would travel, but because we were having our own regional, five teams will be competing here, but they still have to pay the registration fee to participate in this regional. We have 15 teams.

Tyler M: My last question is just...it says that you're attending two competitions and potentially one other one. I'm just making sure that this funding is for those two competitions and not for the third. Just cause that language kind of confused me.

Matt: It is for the registration for the two for sure, but as well, if some of the money is left over, it will be used for Louisiana as well because students will make it, cause we have a good team. So, students will make it there, but in that case, they're hoping on their academic assistance request for Moot Court to go through.

Tyler D: I do have a question. So, I wasn't here for the meeting when we examined the budget, but I'm a little curious because I saw that the budget came even. So, I guess I'm a little curious about the Finance Committee. Is this the amount they recommended because of previous years, or was the budget for this year considered in the determination of the funding request?

Matt: So basically, this is what was the deemed reasonable last year. It was \$2,400 last year as well, which was \$80 a person. So yeah, I guess it would just based on last year, but also the budget is allocated to cover this type of stuff, so, I don't know if I'm answering your question correctly or not.

Husoni: So, we budgeted the same amount for academic assistance as last year and the Moot Court program is requesting the same amount of money that they had last year. So, the discussion of the Finance Committee is to approve the current application, but I think Matt just mentioned last year to give context that traditionally this amount, it's not a new amount or above average of what has been requested in previous years.

Tyler D: Sorry for being so annoying. I do have another question, a follow up question. Considering the budget. I know this is a question about the budget, but it does kind of tie down to the funding requests. And I guess it goes back to the Finance Committee. Is it wise that we approve the same amount, even though the fund is for academic assistance? I guess I'm just considering the budget at large. Is it wise that we as that we approve the same amount as previous years, considering that the budget is not the same this year? I don't know.

Husoni: I'll just speak to this since I created the budget for this year. So, the budget is the same specifically towards academic assistance. We have a lot of the same as we've done in previous years, and actually what's being requested now is less per student than in previous years because we have more students this year participating. So, last year we had a smaller team, but the same amount of was requested and this year we



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have a larger team and the same amount is being requested, so it's less per student than what was requested in previous years, and it's the same budget. And how our budget works is that we can amend it throughout the year. So, last year for instance, some funds were leftover in the STUgenda line. We're able to bring that forward and move that to academic assistance, or whatever other lines we see fit.

Sarah: I'll also jump on that as well. Usually there's surpluses in lines as well, this year for sure. There's a surplus in STUgenda and in the team building, which was a retreat. So, where are those surpluses arise because the retreat already happened, the agendas were already created, we don't need money in that line anymore. So, it will be moved around, like Husoni said, usually it goes to academic assistance or where students need it the most. Sometimes it goes through emergency bursaries if you run out of money in that line, but, yeah, money can be shifted around.

Husoni: I'd like to move a motion to change the wording of the initial motion. So, that would be upon recommendation of the Finance Committee. That we approve the Moot Court funding requests for blank. Just a better phrasing for the motion, to show that it was an application that came in.

Matt: I may have said at the beginning of the number is \$2,400 in total.

Tyler D: Super random request. Would there be a possibility of tabling the motion? I guess I have a few more questions, I suppose, but I don't know, I'm hesitant to vote. I don't know. I guess, I have a few more questions if that's okay. So, I can't speak for the rest of council, but yeah.

Brianna: Do you want to ask your questions now or do you want to think about them in?

Tyler D: See that's the thing. I guess I'd be more comfortable if it was tabled for a week. If the application is not disturbed for that week, I would hate for it to be tabled and then it to affect the application whatsoever. So, if it does affect the application, I don't want to table, but however I would like to be given the opportunity, I guess for questions throughout the week.

Husoni: Yeah, no, there's no problem. Don't apologize if have questions, you can ask questions, but the application is time sensitive because the first competition is this weekend, and then there's the other one is the following weekend. So, it is a time sensitive application, so, if you are aware of your questions now, feel free to ask.

Tyler D: It's okay. Thank you.

Brianna: Well, ask you questions if you have the questions.

Tyler D: Well, no, if it's time sensitive, its okay.

Brianna: Are you sure?

Husoni: Also in the future, this was sent out yesterday, but we can try...if council wants to send out...like, if it's a larger funding request...sending it out more than 24 hours in advance, so it can be reviewed, but the reason why it was included in the minutes is to give that opportunity, but if that's not enough it can be sent out. I don't know how much longer anyone wants, but yeah, we can give more time in the future.

Tyler M: Yeah, like a week in advance would be good.



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Husoni: So, the thing with that is that the Finance Committee meets on a weekly basis, so we have on the form that it's seven days before. So, depending on when the Finance Committee meets and makes the recommendation. So, probably as soon as the Finance Committee makes the recommendation, then it can go out, but we would not work with a timeline that we currently have for, like, when the meeting happens, the Finance Committee meets, and the recommendation is made.

Tyler M: Cool, I didn't realize that. A little bit longer than eight hours would be great.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, put forward by President Husoni, be it resolved that the SRC approves the Moot Court academic assistance funding application of *BLANK*.

Seconded by Nathaniel.

Motion was approved by council.

A motion has been made by VP Administration Matt, to fill the *blank* with \$2,400.

Seconded by Dillon.

Approved with 11 votes in favour, and 5 members abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, be it resolved that the SRC approves the Moot Court academic assistance of \$2,400.

Seconded by Dorcas.

Approved with 12 voting members, and 5 members abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Husoni: I'd just like to say, I'm not voting on it because I'm a part of the program, but I do think it's a reasonable request especially since it's \$80 per student and we get funding requests all the time for per student amounts of \$200, \$500, \$600 and, like, a lot of hundred dollars, so, I think it's not extremely out there of the ordinary requests.

8. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Sarah: Hi, I forgot to mention that for those who drove to the retreat – so, Dorcas, Megan, and Kathleen – if you haven't already...if you have receipts from your gas, please send them to Matt, or you can send them to myself, and we will get you reimbursed, and we'll take care of that.

Dorcas: How soon would you like to have the receipts, and do we need to have to fill out an application form for it, or do we just hand them in?

Sarah: Correct me if I'm wrong, Matt, but I don't think you have to do any sort of application or anything. I think you just give them to Matt because it technically counts as an expense, like if you were to go shopping for an event or something. And there's no timeline on it, I'm going to say, yeah, no timeline, so whenever is most convenient for you.

Dorcas: Thank you.

Sydney: I had a few students in the French department approach me asking about merch, so, like, STU French department or STU French merch. Is there any way that I can talk to one of you guys about that, or who do I talk to?

Sarah: Do you mean, like, putting us through...like, just how to get merch, or are you talking about financially?



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Sydney: Both? I don't know.

Sarah: Financially, not our department, but I know because a group of us ordered STU Crim sweaters recently, and we just did that through the SUB. Like that SUBtown store that's in the SUB, but if you go down there, you can do a group order and custom design whatever you want, t-shirt, hoodie, whatever. So, if you guys are interested in doing that, I know that's how we did it, and it was a pretty easy process. We got our stuff within like three weeks. So, that's my little tidbit.

Matt: If you're looking at the financial aspect, you could do through the Clubs and Societies line, but also, I'm assuming the French department also has reserve funds, maybe even for that. But if you wanted to, you can probably do it through the Clubs and Societies line.

Sydney: Thank you guys.

Husoni: Just a reminder again that we might be switching over to Office tomorrow, so if you can't get any emails, check Office.com.

Ailish: Adding onto that, it says the second you sign into the Microsoft account with that email, your Gmail one just becomes deactivated, so the second you sign in...she gone.

9. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Ailish.

Seconded by Husoni.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 8:05 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on November 8, 2019.

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