10th Meeting of the 48th SRC

4:00 pm, Sunday December 5, 2021

Via Zoom (Online)

**Attendance Record**

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

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

**AQ Representatives:** N/A

**Guests Present:** N/A

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**Call to Order and Quorum Call**

Meeting was called to order by Kryssonia Wedderburn at 4:05 pm.

Quorum is met with 8 voting members present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented to council.

It was moved by Lauren H. to approve agenda.

Seconded by Tyler M.

The agenda was approved.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the 9th Meeting**

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved by Alex N. to approve minutes.

Seconded by Victoria Y.

The minutes were approved.

## **Executive Reports**

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

So, because of the weird mix-up with my Wi-Fi last time just for the minutes so that everything is noted, I will do a very brief overview of like two weeks ago and then this week. For two weeks ago, the main things to bring up was just advocacy week prep throughout the week. And then the other main one that I wanted to note just for everybody was that the NBSA had a collaboration meeting with the PETAL, and this was looking at ways of increasing engagement and retention of students. And we had a particular emphasis on international students, so the idea was that we presented our advocacy asks early, and this was one area that PETAL was very kind of focused on. For those of you who don't know PETAL is post-secondary education, training, and labor, they are the department of the government that assigns funding and programming for universities and post secondary institutions. So, retention is something that they were very much looking into, which is why international students is an area that the NBSA was really pushing for. And PETAL has been very receptive of. So, we scheduled another meeting with them that will be happening next Monday. And I'm sure Syd will go over it in a little more detail, so I'll leave it there. Also, on Tuesday I had a president advisory committee on the budget. These meetings are confidential, so I can't go too far into detail with anything that happens in them. But I sit on it along with another student representative and we are working to ensure that the student perspective is heard in the creation of the university budget. Which includes everything from what gets put into programming, the setting of student fees, as well as tuition. So, all of that is covered in these meetings. And we do have two student representatives that are sitting on that committee, just so everybody is aware. So, jumping into this week, on Monday, Syd and I had a meeting with well, we had a pre advocacy meeting which was just to set our agenda for the well, our final game plan for how advocacy week was going to play out. Then we had an advocacy meeting with the green caucus. And so that we met with the Meghan Mitten and David Kuhn, and we presented our advocacy asks and without going too far into it, the number one thing that we can take away from this. Is that our ask regarding university funding, which concerns with a memorandum of understanding operating grants, which come to the university, these grants offset university costs, which in turn lower student fee. If they lower or, and, or freezes student fees. So traditionally student unions have been left out of the conversation setting of these grants. And one thing that came out of this conversation was the green caucus expressed support of having students at these tables. And they provided us with a bit of insight into which avenues to take in order to getting student voices at these tables. So that is a very positive thing for going forward and the NBSA will be taking steps in the near future to try and land students seats at the negotiation of these operating grants with the end goal, being to keep student fees low and increase funding to our universities so that these institutions don't have to rely on our money to balance out their budgets, any deficits that they may be having also that day I had a meeting with the NBSA executive just to touch base. It was like a little check-in meeting that we that we had just to going in on how the institution's doing some feedback that we could give, you know, that type of stuff. And then later that night, I sat in on a panel talking about pride in safer spaces and creating safer spaces. This was a podcast for it's called talk at the hill. I don't know if anybody has heard of this, but it's a podcast out on UNB's campus, but I believe the tri-campus can listen in on it. We were talking about how to infuse pride and create safer spaces. So, on Tuesday Syd and I had a. Brief little meeting NBSA check-in meeting again, kind of similar vein to what the meeting that I had on Monday. Just this time was with both delegates and not just one. So, it was a very productive conversation and we're looking forward to having more of these with the NBSA. Additionally, I believe it was Tuesday that we sat in with the Fredericton chamber of commerce and that was also a very good meeting and Syd will go into detail about all this stuff because we were pretty much joined at the hip this week. We had a round table discussion with a potential candidate for the liberal party who was looking at the questions of how to better engage with students we definitely through our advocacy hats on, and we really pushed for again, increasing funding, but we were primarily looking at how they can directly engage with students, not just while they're in school, but also before and after. So, maintaining those connections and those relationships, so that governments don't lose sight of the plights being faced by students. So that was also a very productive. Then on Thursday we had a very exciting meeting with Commissioner Verma. Verma works as a commissioner on systemic racism with the government. So that one was a very exciting meeting, and I will leave that one to Syd to fully unpack, but it was amazing to have a meeting with this very high and very well-respected positioned government official. I had a Senate meeting with the reconciliation committee, the university reconciliation committee, and we're finalizing the strategic plans. And we also finalized the indigenous film festival that will be happening. The films are going to be shown in. Kinsella on the final weekend of February. So, keep your eye out for that. Beyond that, I sat in a series of interviews for a stand-in person to fill in the position to the 2SLGBTQ wellness coordinator. So, a few representatives who and I have worked closely with the LGBT community and identify as part of the LGBT community sat in with a university HR people within these interviews. And then we provided feedback on the candidates. And we were very much involved in the selection of who will be in this position. No word yet on when this person is set to start. But I do know that the feeling is to try and get someone in there as quickly as possible. So once the final decision has been made and announced the individual can be expected to start right away. And at that point we'll make the announcement so that all students know where they can access this. Following that there was a CASA connect meeting. These meetings are essentially a check-in with the institutions that are involved in CASA. We get information directly from the government and then we provide information back to CASA about which directions we want to go. The main takeaway from this is that CASA’s advocacy conference will be in person, and it will be happening in February, which means that Sydona and I will be traveling to Ottawa to bring student asks directly to federal government officials. This is very exciting, and STU has historically had a very strong voice at these conferences. So, we will be sure to bring your voice directly to these politicians. We pushed our executive meeting from the Friday. We actually moved it virtually just because this week has been so packed that all of us were completely gassed, and we still have conversations relatively daily anyway. So, we decided to just push that meeting to a later date. And later that night at 7:00 PM I sat in on an NBSA sustainability committee meeting. We had a little intro meeting to talk to them. And on the 3rd, had two more interviews but that has been it for me.

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

For my report this week, the finance committee approved two new funding applications and we're on the process of fund review and approving the last two for the application and then I did the formal’s ticket selling from Monday to Friday. Then I answered Campus Trust inquiries from students and that is pretty much it.

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

Hi, everyone. So good to see you all. It's been an exhausting week in every way, but we are pushing forward. In terms of my report, I kind of summarized it a bit. I feel like Tyler did touch on a lot of things. Very well and concisely. So, I'll go right into it. Last week was the NBSA’s advocacy week. And that was basically what took most of my time. On Monday, we met with the green caucus to discuss the advocacy document. We had some great feedback from David Kuhn, especially around the argument of tuition and funding, which Tyler mentioned as well, the memorandum of understanding. So that's something we're trying to push forward so we can get in on those conversations and give our feedback especially in terms of equitable funding on Tuesday, we had an NBSA check in where we provided substantial feedback on the term for the future executives. On Wednesday, we met with the Fredericton chambers of commerce. We discussed the document again, which is the advocacy document and pushed forward all our asks. This was a productive meeting with the FCC as they always support the NBSA. In the afternoon on Wednesday, Tyler and I attended a round table to discuss how politicians can better interact with students. And as Ty mentioned, we did push forward the ADVO document here again, because it was a great opportunity to advocate on behalf of our students for funding. And also, in terms of international students being in on the conversations, we saw many international students, which was great since international students don't actually have the opportunity to vote. So, it's important to have their voice in the conversation. Thursday, we met with the commissioner on systemic racism to discuss our ask of inquiry into systemic racism and ensuring all communities are engaged with the inquiry. It was a pretty good discussion. As Ty mentioned the, the commission was very receptive. They understood what we were bringing forward and they were interested in meeting again so that we can continue this conversation within the STU community. We also had a meeting on experiential learning that day, which I attended and gave my feedback. Ty also sent a summary before the meeting on why we've been doing, which was very helpful so that they could understand how we're bringing forward experiential learning aspect, as well as we do advocate for experiential learning to continue to have that funding each year. On a Friday, I took the day off because I was very ill and had tons of schoolwork due. And that is it.

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

So, I'll go through my week in chronological order. So, on Monday, I started off the week with meeting with the mental health committee, which was really exciting because I was able to announce that jack.org was passed through SRC last week which was really exciting for all of us. And we discussed our next steps with that. And I'll start to get the ball rolling with Alex for those constitutional amendments while still kind of keeping that conversation with the committee. So that was very productive. Then later on in the day, I had a meeting with Brock Richardson ad Valeria, who is our activities and events coordinator, as well as Brett from healthy campus. And we just discussed the winter carnival, which will be coming up in January. So, what we want to see out of that, what kind of student engagement activities. Some like free opportunities we'll have in the courtyard, such as like handing out hot chocolate or mini donuts, as well as an ice sculpture, a possible skating rink and maybe some also opportunities we want to collaborate with UNB on. And also, just the sort of the power sharing between the university and STUSU, as well as moving forward with our responsibilities, what we'll look at and also how we'll cover the costs between the two groups. So that was very productive, very exciting. Then I connected the Thomists who will be our jazz band playing at the formal with the Delta. They had wanted to get in contact directly with the Delta so that they can start looking at setting up for the music and the stage. So, I just kind of sent an email with the both of them, introduced them to each other. So hopefully they have the ball rolling with that stuff. Then later on in the day I met with Ryan Sullivan about our rapid test’s distribution out of the help desk with the news of the recent exposures down at UNB and the email that was sent out to the university. We expect that maybe there would be an increase in the number of rapid tests that were taken. So, he just wanted to check in, see how it was going, how many we still had, and if we needed to order more. And then also on Monday I posted another student life giveaway, which was really exciting. I love seeing student engagement with that. Then on Tuesday I sold winter formal tickets. And I also emailed UNBSU about accessible transportation for the winter formal. So, we have the buses going as charters for the winter formal from JDH and Rigby Hall for any students and their plus ones. No questions asked, you don't have to be in residence. But those buses aren't accessible, and we do have a student on our campus who expressed interest in coming to the formal. So, I just wanted to check in with UNBSU and see if we could use our newly equipped safe ride van that has a wheelchair ramp on it. So, I sent them a little email asking if we could maybe make an exception with not only safe ride driving them to the Delta, but also picking them up and bringing them back to campus. Then I checked in with Maria about our quarter zips, which should be ready towards the beginning of this week. So, lookout in your email and on our Facebook page for a message from me about that, because I expect that we'll be able to get them in the next few days which is extremely exciting. And then on Wednesday, I of course had my help desk office hours. And I also had a meeting with the city of Fredericton. So, with Adam Grant who represents the mayor's council, as well as Fox, who is a resident representative of the college hill community and Brendan from UNBSU. And this is sort of a subcommittee from our post-secondary relations committee. It's a subcommittee on like good neighbor initiatives. So, students that live in the college hill area are more aware of how to be a good neighbor, how to respect your neighbors. It was sort of a response from the homecoming type parties that happen on college hill, which is more, of course, as we know a UNB related issue. But nonetheless, I thought it was valuable to sit in on this meeting and contribute my opinion to having a good neighbor program in college hill because a lot of our STU students live on college hill. So that was extremely productive. And then after that, I had a really productive meeting with Brennan Marx, who is the VPSL of UNBSU. And we just talked about all things VPSL including the transportation for the winter formal for accessibility, which they are able to do, which I'm really happy about. As well as winter carnival, because they're also planning their winter carnival as well as a few things about our agendas, like the STUgenda and the agenda that UNBSU makes. And then also an international food opportunity that Sony had emailed me about that. I just wanted to check in with UNB about and see how they kind of did that. That was also really great. And on Thursday, I had a meeting with the women's center, which was very exciting. I spoke on my initiative that I want to bring onto campus of having accessible menstrual products in our all gender and female washrooms on campus, which they were very excited about. So, I'm hoping to get some funding from the university as well as the women's center. And a little bit, of course, from STUSU in order to have some menstrual products, so pads and tampons in our washrooms on campus. So, we'll start with JDH and then move on to like the other more popular buildings on campus. So, they were very accepting of that idea. And we also just discussed some other initiatives. They're hoping to do something similar on UNB campus and also promoting the fact that the 203 center now offers free diva cups. So, I also kind of promoted that on our social media. And I know a lot of STU students went down to the 203 to pick those up. So, it's always nice to speak on women's issues. Something that I'm personally very passionate about. And then Thursday was also the last day to order community food smart bags. So, I accepted all the transfers. Had a little bit of email communication with the students who wanted to order. And then also had a little bit of like a communication with the food bank because the food bank is wanting to order some community food smart bags again from our initiative of having fresh fruit and vegetables in the food bank, we thought that this would be good for us going into exams. So, students can have some healthier, fresh options available for free at the at the food bank as well. So, I did that and placed the order with community food smart with Suzanne. And then I also emailed campus police about having some campus police presence at the winter formal. And they were really excited about this. I can confirm that they want to send four patrollers to be at the Delta on the day of the formal, which is great. And then we also just talked about a few other things, like how many would be actually in the ballroom. So, I'm at the door and then also making sure that the campus police also remind people to have their masks up. If they're not drinking anything. Then on Friday, I had a meeting with Veronica Warman, who is our event planner at the Delta Fredericton. And Alex came along with me, and we met with her, and she showed us the venue. And we talked about where exactly everything would be including the bar. The food and the photo booth and our tables for people to check in. So, this was a really, really important, and great meetings for us to be able to ask our questions and clarify and visualize exactly what the winter formal would look like. And then of course on Friday sold winter formal tickets and accepted the transfers from those who chose to pay through e-transfer. Then I also emailed Ronaldo who's our communications director about making a graphic about a winter formal ticket sale. So just reminding students that it is cheaper to buy presale in JDH but that they can purchase at the door, but it's a little bit more expensive. So, making a graphic, just reminding students that they have until Wednesday to do that, which I believe that will be put out tomorrow. And then also about making a video. I'm hoping to make a video early this week to put out maybe Wednesday or early on Thursday, just telling people about, you know, wearing a mask and how to get there and about the charter buses and just exactly what they need to know with like vaccine cards for plus ones and all the information that's necessary so that the night can go smoothly. And I also talked to Ronaldo about just putting out a graphic for our Grimross' quiet nights initiative. So, its a brewery who's having like quiet nights on Monday nights with discounted beer for students. So, there was a little bit of lagging on that, just because I had to check with UNBSU. If they were able to have safe ride be able to drive people, drive STU students there and drive from back. However, they aren't able to, since it's an establishment that serves alcohol and it's outside the parameters of the safe ride operations, which was no problem. But nonetheless, we're still gonna put out that graphic and promote it for exam studying. Then on Saturday and Sunday, I monitored the emergency bursary account, sent along a few emergency bursaries to Tina and Tyler. Then I also emailed with the Delta about costs and orders for food. So, we're going to have hors d'oeuvres at our winter formal. And so, in our discussion with Alex and with Veronica on Friday she mentioned to us that instead of having someone come around with a plan. We can actually have a table set up with sort of like a bar style hors d'oeuvre option, which I felt would be more suited for this type of event. So just talking about costs around having a poutine bar or having a nacho bar, or also there's going to be a dessert bar. So, I'm just kind of confirming what we're going to do for that. We're looking at having the poutine bar and the dessert bar, which will have like macaroons, truffles, chocolate, fondue, fruit. So, we'll definitely have that dessert bar. And then we're just discussing the cost on the poutine bar to see if we also want to have that. But nonetheless, there will be some snacks for everyone, which is really exciting. Spread the word. I know everyone loves food. Then I also emailed with global brigades who will be doing the coat check at our winter formal, so students can hang their coat and donate to global brigades, which is a great cause if they so choose to. So, the global brigades’ students will be manning that sort of station. And then I also chose the winners for our giveaway. And contacted them through Instagram, told them they can pick up their prize on Monday at the help desk and then brought those prizes up to the help desk. So that's about it for me this week, thanks everyone for listening.

## **Employee Updates**

No employee reposts available. **Representative Reports**

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

Greg: Hey everybody. Not too much this week. I met with Ty earlier in the week to discuss how we could go about planning events during COVID and what the parameters would be and the requirements and all that kind of stuff. And the OC reps are having a meeting Tuesday morning to discuss some early second semester events that we may want to put on.

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

Hi everybody. I just have a small update that happened at the beginning of this week. I began creating the teams page to communicate with the students that will be involved with the indigenous literature book club. And just on that page, I started posting about how book pickup has begun and registration is now closed. And for anybody who is involved in the book club, the books are now sitting in the Wabanaki student center in JDH, and you can just go in there and pick them up and just let me know. But on this team's page, this is where I'll be communicating with all the students and just posting about readings. So, yeah, that was pretty much my week.

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

Hello. So, this week, I contacted STU, STUISA and Ray from STUISA about the international award about promotions and graphics and I sent some references regarding that. Ray got back to me by Thursday, and I was glad to see on STUSU’s Insta story. And on the same day, I received an email from Carrie, she informed me about an international food service that wanted to have a presence at STU. He's a STU alumnus. He runs an international food service at UNB that allows for pickup. I emailed Victoria about this, and she asked about the feasibility of this. And I will email back to Carrie and the restaurant early next week. And yes, on Thursday and Friday, I helped sell the tickets. It was fun. That was my week.

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

Hi everyone. So, this week we decorated for Christmas, which is super fun. We had a lot of help from other residents in the building as well. And we are planning to do a Whiteboard Christmas Drawing competition. It was approved by Rez Life. So, we're going to get that going. And the prize will be a $20 Walmart gift card. So that's a very exciting and we're judging on Wednesday. So yeah, that's all for me

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

Hi everyone. This week I'm mostly focused on grad class ax, throwing that's happening tonight at 6:30. I also sold some grad clothing and I think that's it.

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

I hope you guys all had a good weekend. Basically, the only thing I have to report on is that Sydona and I finally managed to match schedules and find a time to meet. So, we met to discuss an event right now we're tentatively planning to have it the second week back from after the break. So, like the third week of January. It's about remote learning and like basically for people to reflect on their experience with like the mixed model this semester. And basically, the way we're planning it is that once we get the feedback from students, Sydona can take it back to the remote learning committee at the end of the month. So that's going well, I'll probably reach out to you guys, maybe over the break to see if anyone wants to help out. But that's really exciting. And otherwise, I just sold tickets for the winter formal. So, I'm really excited to see while there

## **6. New Business**

**6.1 Winter Formal Shifts**

Hey everyone. It's me again. So, I just wanted to take this time to discuss winter formal shifts. So, this is a students’ union event. So SRC in the past has always been expected to help out. And we're carrying that into this year as well. So as being a part of union and being representatives, you do get to come to the winter formal for free. So, I don't think anyone's bought a ticket yet. But since you can come for free, you are expected to volunteer at the formal. So, I created a little shift schedule, and I would like to share my screen so I can explain it a bit. So, this is what I have for shifts. So basically, we are closing the doors at 9:30, so the winter formal begins at 8 and then it's from 8 until 11, but we decided that at 9:30 we close the doors. That's something I'll say in that video that I make this week. But nonetheless, that means that we have shifts from 8-9:30 at the door. So basically, at the door, we have three things that have to be done. We have to check our lists or spreadsheet that we've been making when people come to buy. You have to check that they already paid. They do not need to show us their ticket. We just need to make sure they're on the list. So, we are sending out an email ticket, but it's more just for fun. They really don't have to show this ticket because we have them on the list if they've paid. So, we have to ask for their name, see that they're on the list. And then we also have to check their ID. So, every single student, no matter if they're a STU student or plus one or anything, we have to check their ID to see if they are over 19 or not. And then only for non-STU students, we have to check their government issued proof of vaccine. So, we'll have one person doing that, checking the list, checking the ID, and checking the vaccine. And then we will also have someone doing wristbands. So, we have black and white wristbands. So, if you are over 19, you've got a black wristband. If you're under 19, you've got a white wristband. So, this way, the bartenders know who’s who and they are informed of the wristbands. And then also there is a wristband that's given from the Delta hotel that just shows that you're vaccinated and that you have access to the hotel. If someone chooses to go to the bathroom or go to a lobby or something, that way the hotel staff just knows that that person's vaccinated. So, I will have two tables from 8-9:30 of one person checking ID and vaccine records and than the other person putting on wristbands. We'll have two tables of that. So, four people in total, and then we'll also have one person at a third table doing the at the door purchasing. So, three tables, two people at two of the tables doing the same thing. And then one person selling at the door tickets, and then also we'll have a photo booth as well. So, I think that's about it. We will go over this at the winter formal, so all of you should be there at seven. So, an hour before it starts just so we can go over everything and if we need any extra help, the execs will be there early in the afternoon, but SRC is expected to be there an hour before, and we'll go over all of this and just show you exactly where stuff is and what to do. And I know I already told you, but in a little bit more depth, so that we're ready to go. When people start showing up at eight. So, this is what I have for the shifts. So, I've placed everyone there. If you were on this list and you weren't planning to come to the formal, please tell me right now. Or if you were planning to take the chartered buses, then also tell me, and we'll make sure that you're the second shift. So, if you're planning to take the chartered buses, obviously you can't take the eight o'clock right at the start shift, but we can put you for the 8:45 shift. And so basically these tables. You'll be working together. So, for example, Sony and Lindsey will be, Sony will be checking the list of vaccines, asking for ID, and then Lindsay will be putting on the wristband and then right beside them, they'll also be two people doing the exact same thing. Tori will be checking IDs, checking vaccines and Greg will be putting on the bands. And then we'll also have at the door purchasing, which I have put Julia to do that from 8-8:45. And then as well as a photo booth, which Ray and Alex have been put on it. And then it's the exact same thing for shift too. So, each shift is 45. We have Carol and Lauren together at a table working together. We have Tyler and Lynn working together at a table, and then we have Stevie doing at the door purchasing, and we have Sydona at the photo booth. And I'm not on this list, but I guarantee you, I will be like kind of a floater. I'll be running around helping. And if you have any issues, you can give me a call. You can give me a text, let me know. I want to make sure this night goes really smoothly for not only our guests, but also us, of course. So, I will email this out and I'll also put it in our Facebook group, so hopefully everyone got a good look at that schedule and everyone's good with it. Please, just let me know if you have to switch and if you don't show up for your shift, that is extremely problematic. But that is it.

**7. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

No questions, announcements, and notices.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Alex N.

Seconded by ­­Tyler M.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 4:47 pm.

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on December 17, 2021.

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Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council