



The Students' Representative Council
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1st Meeting of the 47th SRC
6:00pm, Sunday, September 20, 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	Robyn MacCara	X		
Off-Campus Representative	Kathleen Jones	X		
Social Inclusion Representative	Andie Amaya	X		
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Tyler MaGee	X		
Member at Large Representative	Victoria Young	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 6:11 pm.
Quorum is met with 10 voting members present.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council.
It was moved by Tyler M. to approve agenda.
Seconded by Kathleen J.
The agenda was approved.

2. Executive Reports

2.1 President's Report – Sarah Kohut

Excellent! So, welcome everyone. This is so exciting that we have our first council meeting. It's gonna be a fantastic year and I'm so excited to see you all. Although it's virtually, it's much better than nothing. Before I start my report, I'm just gonna go over a little bit I guess of how these meetings are structured. And what to expect? Because we do have some new folks with us. We do have a lot of returners as well, but just a little overview. Nothing too in detail, but so obviously you can see that these meetings operate under some sort of rules or order. This is called Robert's Rules. Don't worry too much about understanding the nitty-gritty of that. Right now, we will go over it in our council retreat, which will happen in the near future, but Roberts rules. I'm sure those that were new last year or when they first began on council there it's really easy to get the hang of it as it goes on, it's the same structure every single meeting. Nothing really changes.? And so yeah, the structure itself of the meeting will also be really easy to get a hang of. Usually, its always approve the agenda, approve the minutes then we go into reports. The executives always start and then representative reports. Then we go into agenda items and such, so the reports themselves. You all will be asked to give a report. Again, this isn't anything to worry about too much, it's very self-explanatory. As we'll go through the meeting, you'll see the returners give a report. I'm about to get my first report and then you'll get a good idea of what it looks like. But basically, it's just, what you've done since the prior meeting? So, from it's usually a week span of what you've done in that week that's relevant to your position. So, you answered a student's question via email. You planned an event you attended this meeting? So, anything that would be important for us all to know that, pertains to your position. So, as I mentioned, the executives start with the report, so we all will be mentioning things that we've done since, I released the August monthly report. So from September 1st, up until today, but we're not gonna cover everything too in detail will cover the stuff that we did last week, more in detail, but, for the things that have happened since September 1st, we won't dive super, super in-depth to them and also, with reports, do not feel bad if you have nothing to mention, especially with today's meeting. It is our first meeting. No one is expecting you to have a page long report of all these things that you've done an especially throughout the school year. I know when I first started on council, I always felt a little awkward if I didn't have anything to report, but I don't want any of you to feel that way because it's really. No one is thinking, oh my goodness, they have nothing to report like that's shocking. No one is thinking that I assure you, so yeah, don't feel bad if you have nothing to mention, especially today, and then after reports after everyone gives the reports, we move into agenda items so anyone can add something to the agenda prior to the meeting. That goes to Brianna. So you just send Brianna an email and say hi, I would like to add XYZ to the agenda for the upcoming meeting and that needs to be done 24 hours before we meet because the agenda is released 24 hours beforehand. And with that, today I would like everyone to once we go through everyone's reports, just to introduce yourselves beforehand. Maybe say what year you're in, what you're studying. And I don't know a fun fact about yourself or anything you'd like to share with the group, so with that being



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said, I will kick it off! My name is Sarah. I am the President of STUSU this year. Really excited to work with you all. I'm in my 4th year. I'm from Niagara Falls, Ontario and I am doing an honors in Criminology, a major in Psychology, and a minor in Human Rights. Please ignore the fact that I'm outside. I have no Wi-Fi at my apartment, so I had to recruit Picaroons and their Wi-Fi to have this meeting. It won't always be this chaotic on my end, so I apologize, so starting with my report, on. So. As I mentioned, this will be going from September 1st. So, on September 2nd. Oh, also, I will preface, you'll hear me mention a lot of things that I do with the NBSA Executive. I'm the vice-chair of the NBSA. So, there's the executive director, which is a non-student hired position. This year it's Waseema. She's a recent graduate of STU and then we have the chair who is Patrick Hickey. He is the president of UNB St John's student union and then there's me as vice-chair. So that's who makes up the executive, and, I'm gonna be asking with Waseema and Patrick to come in and give a little presentation about the NBSA to the STUSU sometime in the future so you all get a little in-depth inner working of what the NBSA is, So on September 2nd I met with Kevin Bickers, who's a former leader of the Liberal Party with the MBS executive and then on September 3rd I met with Mackenzie Thomasson and who's the interim leader of the NDP party on September 3rd. And then on September 3rd as well, I had a president's Advisory Committee on the budget meeting, so that's not me, president. That's the real president. President Dawn Russell, and, some senior administration that make up that meeting. On September 4th, the executive handed out welcome week kits with our welcoming coordinator Mar and then on September 6th, the executive ran the Shinerama bottle drive, which was lots of fun. We got lots of bottles its excellent, and then in during that time frame, I put together a video about elections for the NBSA. You might have seen it be circulated on Facebook and Instagram and Whatnot, and then I also made some Get Out the Vote graphics in a graphic format. The NBSA executive meets every Monday so I've had I think two of those meetings on September 1st maybe 3 on September 8th. I had a Vanier renewal committee meeting. So, this, this committee kind of looks after, what Vanier is gonna look like once it's renovated? And stuff, we talk about lots of things, from plumbing to paint, to furniture. It really covers everything. and then? On September 8th I participated that in the candidate's debate. That STUSU held in collaboration with UNBSU and I sat on the question panel for that, and then I was at the pledge table pretty much all throughout Get Out the Vote. I had my first office hour on September 10th. My office hours will be, Thursdays from 12 to 1 in the JDH help desk and then on September 11th, I had a meeting for STU's upcoming 110th birthday, so I met with some, some members of the University administration to kind of plan some something fun to celebrate that. And I just need to get out my agenda here. So, on the 14th, which is Monday, I had an NBSA executive meeting like I mentioned happen every Monday, and then I also participated in the election watch party. That was also fun. We had a good group show up and watch the results of the election and then Megan and I with Will one of our Get Out the Vote volunteers walked students to the polls, which is also exciting. It's great exercise. And then on Tuesday, we had an NBSA board meeting so that's everyone that makes up the NBSA. So, two delegates, usually the president and the VP external, so it's myself and Megan that sit on the NBSA board from STUSU, Mount Allison Student's Union, UNB Fredericton Student's Union, and UNB Saint John and then? I'm trying to think. I need to separate the school from the work here on my planner and then on Thursday, I attended a University Senate meeting with Megan and our student senator Laura. , there's also a vacant Senate position right now, so we will have a second student senator outcome or election in October. The executive had our executive meetings. We have those weekly, so we meet every Thursday evening for this first semester. So, if you ever have anything that you want the executives to chat about, please just send them to any of us and we'll discuss it in our Thursday meetings and then that brings me here. So that's pretty much the rundown from September 1st, so that's all for me.

2.2 Vice President of Administration's Report – Matthew Oram

Hi everyone! So, for those of you that don't know me, my name is Matt. I was a VP Admin last year and I am this year again, as you can see from my name on the screen. I look forward to working with all of you this year. The SRC was good last year. Hope it's even better this year and yeah, so I'll get into my report. So, I'm working on the clubs and societies fair. It's gonna be different this year because obviously, we can't have in-person events. So, what we're looking at doing is having a sort of a clubs and societies week. At the end of the month where clubs and societies will send in their videos. With the description of their group. How to get in contact with them? Types of events they



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want to put on, that type of stuff, so there's lots of interest in that. And hopefully, I get the videos from every club. As many as possible will be awesome. Also, I'm setting up the clubs and societies exec training. That'll happen after the club and societies fair. Last year we didn't have a very good turn out. I don't know. It was 'cause I had it on a Sunday but hopefully this year I'll have it on a weekday, and everybody will show up. I'm gonna make it mandatory even though it was last year. Hopefully, this year will be a better turn out. Throughout the last month, I've also been working on Campus Trust a lot. For this year especially, it seemed as though a lot of students are having trouble with opting out. I don't know if this is because they're living at home, or they just can't go talk to financial services really. But a lot of students are having trouble with making an account and then not being able to find how to opt-out. So, if any students ever ask you about opting out, just let them know that they can't be logged into their accounts on the Campus Trust website. They just have to go in as a guest and then press the opt-out button and then fill in all the information for whatever reason, once they updated the website, if you're logged in it won't let you opt-out, they only let you make a claim. So yeah. If any student ever asks about that, that's the answer to that question. I've been starting to get out the contracts for various employees. They know, the help desk coordinators contract is already been sent out. I sent one out to Minahil, our recording secretary. Today Brianna, you'll be getting yours very soon. and then etc. etc. I got applications for the Student Advisory Committee. There's 4 individuals this year, so that's good, the training for that will be coming up in the next few weeks. I'm just trying to figure out how to get the presentation setup through Zoom and on what times and what days. I also spoke with Rob Brewer from IT a lot throughout the last month, regarding our old email accounts. Unfortunately, the school has resorted to just using Outlook and not Google, so our Google drives got deleted with the stuff on it. From the past, however many years. So, we had to transfer all our files over, but I think we all got our stuff out before they got deleted. They gave us a good amount of time so. Also, me and Sarah have been dealing with, the bus pass for the past month, along with Reg. We sent a letter out to the city, especially the person who runs the bus pass about making it an opt-in process. In terms of rather than an opt-out or just being forced to pay it throughout this year. Here, the university is on our side with this, and hopefully because other cities like Halifax and stuff like that, they have an opt-in process. So yeah, that letter was sent out in hopes that they'll agree with us and hopefully adjust the contract a little bit. But contracts are contracts, so we'll see how that works out. As Sarah mentioned, I met with the president of the argent committee and the budget. I'm sure he went over that a little bit, so yeah, I wrote the campus tryouts policy and sent it to Laura from Financial Services. Basically, what that is, is that we did we agreed that people will be able to get prorated rates for their Campus Trust plans. If they don't opt out by the opt-out date, this just provides them a little more flexibility, but hopefully, everybody will meet the deadline date 'cause it just makes it easier for everybody. And then also, we agree that students who withdraw from the university will not be able to receive the coverage just because in our policy it says that you have to be a full-time student to receive the benefits. So that's a decision that was also put in the policy. I went over the budget with Tina just to look at some things for the year and what might happen where you might have like money leftover and stuff like that. And then the same as all the other executives I had my office hour on Tuesday from 11 to 12 and that'll be my office hour for this year. So, if you ever want to come talk, I'll be there for that. That's it for me.

2.3 Vice President of Education's Report – Megan Cormier

Hi everyone! For those who might not know me, my name is Megan Cormier and I'm this year's vice president education. I'm heading into my 4th year here at St. Thomas with a double major in Human Rights and Philosophy, and a minor in Native Studies. And I'm really glad to be back. I was an off-campus Rep last year and I really do love meetings even though we're not in person. Towards the end of the year, there were still fun to just see people kind of interact in this way. So, going to my report, I have my report divided into sections. So, rather than going chronological, just I go through my STUSU, Get Out the Vote, NBSA, and then CASA work. So first of all, I've met with my ad hoc Senate Committee on remote learning three times this month, which is a committee I stood on to give the student perspective on things that are student issues when it comes to remote learning since that's where we are now. We meet weekly, sometimes more than once a week, but we're going to start looking at meeting maybe every two weeks, depending on what's needed at that time because right now we feel it's going pretty well, but once



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we get more feedback from students, I think we're gonna have to ramp up the meetings again. Wednesday, September 2nd. I attended a provincial leaders forum on youth issues hosted by Partners for Youth. That same day I attended a preliminary meeting for an open educational resources campaign. That is being put on in the Maritimes, so it's alongside the members of the NBSA, Students of Nova Scotia, and the UPEI Students Union. So right now, it's just in the planning stages, but we're hoping to get that going by October. September 4th our executive team has it at welcome week kits like Sarah said. Just a heads up there are a lot of things Sarah and I do together so you're gonna get some repeat in my report of what you've already heard from Sarah. September 6th. We did our volunteer work for the Shinerama and we actually filled all of our cars to the roof with bottles. So that was pretty good. Pretty stinky, but it's really good to have that many bottles. I've had two office hours now in JDH, so my office hours are Wednesdays from 12 to 1 if anyone's interested. Wednesday, September 9th I attended The Post Secondary Relations Committee meeting, so it's a committee put on by the city or pretty much our community within the universities and the mayor to kind of talk about how student interactions are going on in our area. Sarah and I discussed and approved a list of Senate committee nominations that were sent to the Senate for approval in our last meeting. Which then we did meet with the Senate along with our student Senator Laura Wade. I did an interview with the Aquinian on the Get Out the Vote campaign and another interview on senior year where I primarily directed them to speak with Alaina Mejia, our grad class rep this year to kind of talk about how we're going to take care of our senior students who might have a fear of missing out as we go forward, and our executive team continues to meet every week as we do for Get Out the Vote. The first week of September, I created a Get Out the Vote Scavenger Hunt, which went live September 3rd. The winners of the scavenger hunt were reached out to and are being sent visa gift cards via mail tomorrow. Once I can get everything sent out. Sarah and I filmed the NBSA Get Out the Vote video. I hope you guys all saw it. We went to UNBSJ to film that. Prior to the All Candidates Roundtable on September 8th, I met with Kelsey, the vice president advocacy for the NBSA to walk her through the event and go over a script I had written for our opening and closing statements for our Get Out the Vote campaign. We walked students to the polls, and then we had an election review or result viewing party that evening. We also had, like Sarah said, our Get Out the Vote table set up and Sarah and I spent some time there. I mostly did my mornings. Max is the NBSA, so the NBSA continues to meet biweekly and at our last meeting, we had our second policy that was written at our policy and planning conference approved. Which was the one on sustainability. So that will be coming out soon and the committee that wrote that was the sustainability committee. and then for CASA. Just a heads up. I am on the board of directors for CASA. There is going to be federal where we have Sarah covering our provincial and their executive team. I will be doing federal advocacy with CASA as the director of member relations. So, I've attended, regularly scheduled meetings. They are also biweekly and follow the same weeks as NBSA meetings, and we had just a sporadic meeting to prepare for the Cas E-Plenary which took place this week where we had Spirit River elected to the board of directors as our new director of equity, diversity, and inclusion. And we also had some new members elected to the committee positions that weren't filled yet. And then every month we have liaison calls. So, this month we finished up our September liaison calls where I made up a liaison call guide, and then I take all the information from those calls and I put them into a bunch of different reports. So, this month we focused on federal writing verifications and making sure that CASA had all the lists of federal writings. In case we ended up going into a federal election and then I presented that to our board at our last board meeting, and that is it for me.

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

Alright, folks! Firstly, super super nice to see everyone. nice to see other humans and I'm really looking forward to working with you all and connecting via Zoom, at least for the semester. Second, just to introduce myself. My name is Kyle. I'm in my 4th year at STU. Similar to the execs, well, similar to the rest of execs that I'm in my 4th year. I'm not that I'm from Campbellton New Brunswick but I'm pursuing a double major in criminology and human rights with a double minor in French and Native Studies. So now to get this my report. Earlier in the month of September, I had my track campus sexual Violence Prevention Committee meeting with UNB and NBCC, and it's been nice connecting with those schools throughout the summer. And hearing those hearing about their plans. I spoke to Suzanne from community food smart, regarding distribution for the month of September, and just to give you guys



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an idea, there were 22 orders that were made and orders are now being taken for October and we are up currently up to 7 orders. I completed Valeria's, who is this year's activities coordinators transition document And I've sent that along her way. The Food Bank Committee met earlier this month which I sit on to discuss food programs, recruitment, fundraising, and what we'd like to do this year in terms of the Food Bank and student engagement. They also just met as of recent, but I was unable to attend as I was in a meeting with community food smart at the time. I delivered student agendas in Rigby Hall for all of the students who are going to be living there this year. The rest of the copies as many of you know, are in the JDH help desk, so feel free to pick one up if you would like one. Myself, along with the Exec helped delivered welcoming kits to students and helped with the bottle drive for Shine Day. The Emergency Bursary Committee met three times so far this month and have approved 3 emergency bursaries for students. I submitted my summer report to Megan for Senate. Held my first office hour as VPSL on Tuesday. It was nice to connect with a few students. And my office hour is from 12 to one on Tuesdays this semester. I completed the jack.org chapter proposal and I also met with Grant Hatcher, who is from Balanced Trance Meditation to discuss some potential future opportunities for STU students. I helped out with Megan and Sarah at the Get Out the Vote table well pledge table along with Andy and Matt and some other students. In addition to also helping out at the Round Table event, I have been in discussion with Steve, who is the harm reduction specialist that aids New Brunswick to discuss offering a naloxone kit training for students. Whether that's gonna be in an online or in-person format, so stay tuned. I scheduled a meeting with Megan who is the Co-chair of the STUSU Sexual Violence Prevention Committee. We're going to be meeting this coming Wednesday to discuss the committee, our goals, and everything else for this year. I met with Doctor Zelazny from campus ministry and STU Food Bank to put a donation box at the helpdesk, should any donations be made. I was contacted by a New Horton Lake Inn which is where we book our STUSU retreat every year. And now we just kind of need to figure out what our plans are with that. I called a student on Monday to get them hooked up with us to agenda after a being reached out from residence life. And today I reached out to like 50 businesses here in Freddie for an upcoming STUSU giveaway. Connected a student to volunteer opportunities with community foods mart, and he's gonna be joining us next month to help pack on packing day. And Lastly, I made a graphic for community foods mart and posted that to advertise that we were taking orders for October. And that is it for me.

3. Employee Reports

3.1 Recording Secretary (Minahil F.)

Hi everyone, my name is Minahil. I can't speak right now because I've been sick, but I'm in my second year at STU. I'm an international student from Pakistan and I will be honoring in International Relations and majoring in Political Science with hopefully a minor in Human Rights. And yeah, that's pretty much it. Excited to be working with you all!

4. Representative Reports

4.1 Off-Campus Representative (Kathleen J.)

Can you hear me now? OK, I've been having issues with my previous courses about my microphone not working. Hi, I'm Kathleen. I'm one of the three OC reps this year. I actually graduated my undergrad last year at STU and I'm currently in the education program. So, kind of I guess I'm older than everyone here. Academically, which is kind of scary. I don't really have anything to report. I haven't done that much. I've reached out to a few students that have asked me questions, and I've tried to work a little bit with the French society. I had been emailing Matt about the clubs and societies fair thing, but that's about it for me.



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4.2 Grad Class Representative (Alaina M.)

Oh hello. Hi all, my name is Alaina Mejia. I think all of us have met before which is really exciting. I am in my 4th year and I'll make the joke that I've been making this whole time that if everything goes right, I will be graduating this year. And with that I'm hoping to have an honors in great books, a major in criminology and criminal justice and a minor in Human Rights. I am originally from Vermont, but I essentially call Fredericton home now and I am presently here. I have been lucky enough to get a couple of things going for grad class already. First and foremost, just working on some wrap up from last year as well as meeting with Bri just to figure out what loose ends still existed at the end of last year when it kind of went in chaos, but it was all good. We made it to the end and everyone who graduated made it too. To start off the school year, we did a little photo campaign called Just Like the Last Thursday of Undergrad, following a trend that is done at another universities. I appreciate all the folks who I see here who participated, but we were really fortunate that we had over 20 unique participants who decided to post a photo online and tag us. So, I felt really good to just have that kind of interaction already with the Instagram. That's the grad class Instagram rather. Additionally, Karen Morrison, I have been in contact. She is with the photography company that does all of our grad class photos, which they are now booking for. And they're doing those in person down at their studio, which is about 10 minutes from campus. Because they are unable to get a space on STU campus at this point in time. Ultimately, moving forward from this week, I've got a couple of irons in the fire if you will. For staff, Greg will be recruiting for Grad Class Committee and as Megan said, like at the beginning that the goal is going to be attacking that fear of missing out and figuring out what students actually want to see, whether that just be a space get together, information about actually graduating. We hope to get a lot more information on what students actually want to see, and then I'll be doing a lot of meetings internally that have dates that need to be set. But talking with Tina about the financial standing of the grad classes at this point, the Alumni Association to discuss sitting on their board this year and continuing Bri whose last grad class president's goal of having a permanent spot on that board and then checking in with STU administration as well to get update on where we are in the hearing process and how graduating students can get those rings regardless of where they are in the world. So, in short, that is what grad class is up to you. Thanks.

4.2 Off-Campus Representative (Robyn M.)

Hi! So, it's my first year as like most people probably know where I know there's a lot of returners on STUSU. But I'm one of the three OC reps. I'm in my second year. I'm double majoring in Psych and Gero with a minor in Spanish. The plan is to do an honors in Psych. But have to apply for the new third year, so we're just gonna wait and see on that. But I don't really have anything to report for the OC reps. We've just kind of been talking like amongst ourselves to try and plan something, but nothing has been really set in stone.

4.3 At-Large Representative (Victoria Y.)

Hi! Can you hear me or? Yeah OK Hi! I'm Victoria. This is my first year on STUSU which most of you probably know. I'm in my third year and I'm doing an honors in Political Science with a minor in Criminology. I'm from Winnipeg, Manitoba but I am here in Fredericton this semester which is really nice. I've been talking with one of last year's at-large reps, Megan Gibson, and she's been kind of filling me in on the role and giving me some tips and yeah so. Excited to work with you all.

4.4 Social Inclusion Representative (Andie A.)

Hi I'm Andie. I'm from Calgary, Alberta and this is my first year on the STUSU so I'm very excited to be working with all of you. I've been kind of trying to hash out some sort of event for January. So, I want to bring in an anti-racist, policy kind of expert. Her name is Larissa Crawford and I kind of want her to come to STU and talk about anti-racism



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and all of that. So, I've been kind of having some correspondence with the Human Rights Department for some funding for that, specifically Dr. Murphy. And I've also been talking to my predecessor, and she's been kind of giving me tips and you know, kind of how to, you know, do this role. So yeah, that's about it.

4.5 Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative (Tyler M.)

Hey Queens, welcome back to everybody who is back and hello to all the new people. It's great to see everybody so my name is Ty. I'm in my third year and I'm returning as Sexuality and Gender Diversity Rep from last year. I'm majoring in Sociology and Women and Gender studies and then I have a double minor in Communications, Public Policy, and Journalism, which is a weird combination, but that tends to be what happens at STU. So, I've been busy. So, the terminologies guide that introduced last year. We'll get into it a little bit later. We updated that. I say we myself and Cassidy Wilson. We were working together for the summer and we updated our terminologies guide. It has also been sent out to a few students and we've used it in a couple of these safer spaces training modules that we have put forward and we've gotten a lot of feedback from it, so we thought we would update it and finalize it. We also updated existing safer spaces modules so the ones that were put out for the first year, like introductory videos and the ones that were put out through the welcome week, the welcome week training. I believe the RAs also received safer spaces training as well and we updated all of that as well, which is great. I've been working with Cassidy, Ashland Henry, who is our communications person for STU and UNBSU as well, and we're going to be rolling out a tri campus safer spaces workshop. We're going to try to make it 100% virtual, and fully interactive, so it's a big undertaking, which is why we're working with so many people. And we're going to try and bring it across as I said the tri Campus. So that way we have a community that is all on the exact same page. It's, you know, kind of collective information. Which is, I think, very beneficial that we were all talking on the same things. For Fredericton Pride. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get any official events into pride this year due to COVID-19, especially considering there was a lack of funding and all of the private organizations decided to pull in together and they put on a virtual week. I attended some of the events. I don't know anybody else did, but if you did some of them were really cool. I particularly really liked like there was like a backyard like it was called like a backyard pop-up show type thing. So it was like little performers in their backyard and stuff and a lot of them were Queer performers and Queer artists. It was really cool to see. We did organize a like community building, a STU community building thing on our Instagram for pride so people could send in answers to these little questions and stuff and Sarah helped out and put that all over the STUSU social media so thank you Sarah for doing that 'cause I'm not tech savvy at all and we actually got a little bit of national exposure because CASA picked it up and shared it. So, you know, that's awesome for us. I'm also in the middle of Pride History Month organizing so pride History Month is October. Like the month of October. So, we've got four major events currently in the works and they will be completely virtual, so we're revamping. I say, were again 'cause I'm also collaborating with UNBSU and CASA on this one. So, we're bringing back the block out homophobia event that we ran last year and we're gonna revamp that to make it virtual. Not entirely sure how we're gonna do that yet, but it's in the works. I'm talking to Ashland and seeing what we can be do or what we can do there. We will also be running a panel on intersectionality in the second week, so we're looking to have prominent community members, Queer figures from various and organizations of heads to come together and talk about the queer experience in in Fredericton in New Brunswick and that way it's a little more hands on and in depth and provides a more real-world view. It was run last pride. Husoni, the previous STUSU president moderated the event and it went really well. I sat as a panelist on it an and we had a lot of community members like Federation community members and Queer community members that came together and it was a very positive environment so we're going to try and run that again. Again, virtually so a little bit complicated, but I like the challenge. It would be fun. We are also planning on doing a fast-fact Friday. Try saying that five times fast so it would be via Instagram and Facebook where we will share some highlights of the LGBTQ+ and Queer History. And finally, our brand-new safer spaces training workshop and terminologies guide will be introduced in the final week of the month, so very excited for that. Yeah, that's it for me.



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4.6 Off-Campus Representative (Sydney S.)

Hi! I missed you all and welcome to our new friends. That's kind of a tough, you know little spiel to follow. Great job Tyler. So, I just kind of mentioned today. I was like man; we have a meeting in three hours but we haven't talked about anything so I mentioned really quickly about maybe a virtual/in person, coffee house and so what that would look like. I talked to Sarah this week and she said that we could still have smaller events in the OC lounge. Obviously if we take the right measures and follow all the Covid rules, but I would like to do that. So, we have a poll on Instagram just to see if there's enough interest and stuff and if there is, we'd like to kind of have a sign-up sheet for students to come in person and we represent a large population of students this year, especially with all of the residences except for Rigby not being open. So, we have people from I don't know all around the world that are going to be joining us at STU this year, which is super awesome. So, doing it virtually as well as in person would include more people. So once the OC lounge is full, we'll stream it online, so I know last year we were super successful. I know Megan would like to speak to that too. You know, she knows that we were really good and Kathleen as well, so I think that's a really good event for us to have. So that's kind of what I've been talking about within the last three hours. Sorry, I speak really fast when I'm nervous. Oh, also sorry I forgot to introduce myself. I'm Sydney 4th year, French is my major.

5. New Business

5.1 Code of Conduct

Matt: So, for those of you that were on the SRC last year, this was supposed to be kind of brought up at the last meeting, but because it was the last meeting we had other stuff to discuss. Husoni and I just kind of decided to push it to next year. So, for this meeting, 'cause we probably would had a table it, and then it wouldn't happen anyway. So, I'm just going to pull it up here and then I will discuss it and hopefully get your feedback. If you have any. So if everybody could pull it up on their screens. If you're able to, I'm just going to go over a few sections that I added in at the end of last year. So hopefully everybody has it up now. So basically, the purpose of this? It's something that Husoni and I discussed last year and the year before. We wanted to make it happen last year because our Human Resources Policy is a lot smaller than most schools Code of Conduct, other universities. Our Code of Conduct was buried in our Human Resources Policy in recent years, so we wanted to change that because we do feel that Code of Conducts are very useful for Student Union related matters except something such as clubs. Everything like that. So, what I added in? We don't have to go over the purpose. It's pretty straightforward, but the sections that I added in are basically having to do with the conflict of interest and then some of the code of conduct sanctions, and also confidentiality. So, for the conflict of interest, it's on the 5th page I believe. Basically, we just added that in to cover more widely different conflicts of interests within clubs, within the student union, even volunteers and it relates to everybody. But basically, it just kind of keeps us more safe and away from different conflicts. I guess between different individuals and stuff like that because it can arise, especially during volunteer during clubs activities, all that kind of stuff but yeah, if you haven't had a chance to review it, basically that's what it is. It helps us in kind of feeling more safe with the way we govern I guess throughout the union, but yeah, if you haven't read it yet, it's there. And if you have any feedback, I'd be glad. I just want to get it from everyone before I actually just put it on the website just because obviously the SRC provides valuable feedback on everything.

Andie: Yeah, so for the Code of Conduct Section 12.11 do you think that we could include pictures without your consent.

Matt: Which section is it? Again, I just, you know, pull it up.



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Andie: Section 12.11.

Matt: Yeah, we could probably do that. I'll just let me write. You want to repeat that? I'll put it down right here in my notes, and then probably something we can do for sure. You said pictures, is that correct?

Andie: Oh, yeah, sorry, yeah pictures.

Matt: Yep, that's good. If you all haven't reviewed it, by the way, we could table it and then push it through next week. I know, that's something we have done, because obviously people are busy the first week of school. Maybe didn't have a chance to review it, so if you wouldn't feel more comfortable tabling it and then voting on it next week. That's something we can do, or we can do it right now. It's whatever, you decide. It's democracy, so majority rules. Anyway, I can make a motion right now it doesn't, yeah, it's first meeting. I'll make a motion to table code of conduct for next week pending the review from everybody.

Sarah: Not necessarily a question, nor concerned, but I just kind of wanted to build off of what Matt said, and if everyone could do their best and this goes for all of our future meetings. Any documents that are attached with the agenda to review them prior to the meeting. It just makes these meetings go by a lot quicker. If everyone's had a chance to look at it and inform an opinion on it, before it goes through counsel. But also, Matt is right that we all are very, very busy people, so it's OK if you don't get the chance to look at it. Just ensure that you're making a decision based off of what you know, so if you didn't get a chance to look at the document, please just be honest, I don't want anyone to feel pressure to vote on something if they haven't had adequate time to review it and look it over. And yeah, as Matt mentioned. Again, it is something that we do. Hopefully we won't have to make a habit of it and that everyone ideally will be able to review documents prior to meetings but If the general consensus is that you haven't had a chance, Oh my goodness, craziness is going on behind me. If you have another chance to read it over, then we can table. And this goes for any document. We can table it until the next meeting so that everyone gets a chance to look it over.

Motion has been moved by VP Admin to table the Code of Conduct pending a review from members of the SRC Council.

Seconded by Kathleen.

That motion has been approved by all present 10 voting members of council.

5.2 Discussion on the 2SLGBTQIAP+ Initiatives

Tyler: Hello everyone again! So, my reason for bringing up this discussion is because well, just to bring everybody up to speed again. I know it's been awhile since we last spoke about the terminologies guide. If you have heard it before or you haven't heard it before, I thought that I would just bring it up again, so everybody is on the same page. Last year, I proposed or brought forward a terminologies guide which essentially broke down the various labels that we attach to people's identities within the Queer community. I think that's the best way that I can say that. Along with a change to the acronym. So, the acronym is now well, I'm proposing that it will be 2SLGBTQIAP+. Don't worry if you don't know what all of those letters are. Once the terminologies guide is finalized, which I'm hoping will be for next meeting, I'll attach it into a document so everybody can review it all and you all be brought up to speed. So, the reason for switching it around is because each letter, the way that it appears in the current acronym, and the one that you see on the agenda. That is the order in which the terms appeared historically. So two spirit came first and then lesbian, gay, bisexual were then introduced afterwards and then all subsequent transgender, queer and so on came afterwards, so by organizing the letters in this way it better, Well, in my opinion anyway and Cassidy's and the 203 have all have all reviewed this, and we've agreed that if UNBSU and STUSU agree to use this acronym that it does better reflect queer history without assigning a hierarchy, I guess because the previous organization of them a



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lot of people ask that why is it organized that way? Doesn't it put one above another like and all those little those nuances, so by organizing it this way, it's one universal thing. So that's that's for that. The other thing was the terminologies guide itself. The reason why we're bringing forward this terminologies guide is to aid students in the writing of academic papers. Because we're on a university so when you're doing a research project or a presentation, or you know anything of that sort when you are doing your research the paper that you may be referring to could be, say it's a 2018 paper. Some of the terms that are in that might not be the ones that are used today, so this terminologies guide will act as a resource that students can access, hopefully through Moodle and also on STUSU's website, hopefully if once everybody reviews it and we vote on it and everything else like that's kind of the end goal. So that way it can be used as a reference material for academic writing and academic presentations. It will also be a part of the safer spaces workshop, so this workshop. I'm working very closely with Cassidy Wilson and we're trying to basically, form a almost curriculum style structure to safer spaces training because right now safer spaces training is. Is everyone clear on what safer spaces training is? Do I need to explain that or are we good like thumbs up thumbs down? Yeah, OK awesome. So safer spaces training as we know it right now is very inconsistent between and dependent on what the presenter chooses to highlight. So by Cassidy and I are working together and we're working with the 203 as well as a couple of STU and hopefully a few UNB students as well will be our reviewer's and we're pulling together almost a curriculum based standard for safer spaces and we're organizing it in two branches. So, one branch will be for students to go through, and then the other branch will be for counselors like us, student representatives, and administrators. That way is 'cause it's a little bit different between how a student or an ally should have safer spaces versus the safer spaces that somebody who is in charge of organizing events or working with individuals beyond that of allyship into more like administrative tasks. So, I guess the purpose of this discussion is just to introduce these ideas to everybody. That way we're all on the same page. We have an idea of what they are and for next meeting I'll have an outline of what we have so far for the safer spaces workshop, as well as the updated terminologies guide. I have the old one I was gonna screenshare it, but there's so many gaps in it right now that it doesn't work, so I'll get the new one. Then we'll just send that next meeting. If anyone has any questions or comments or ideas, even initially just right now, or thoughts that you'd like to share. If not, I would propose to table it till next meeting, and that way we can have all the documents out for everybody to look at. So yeah.

Robyn: Hi! I just have a random question for you Tyler. I was kind of discussing this earlier because we had like our campus tour ambassador training and then I had a presentation for peer tutoring training as well and we were discussing Cassidy's position and her title is outdated. So, I was wondering with this new acronym change if her title would be updated as well?

Tyler: Upon the acceptance of this acronym change, the idea is we're going to bring it to the universities, and we're going to reflect it in our official working documents. So, Cassidy's position title will shift over to include this acronym. The outline in our Constitution and in our bylaws, any reference to the Queer community will have this acronym there utilized. All of the bylaws pertaining to the sexuality and gender diversity position will switch over as well, so that way it's consistent. And by including this acronym and the terminologies guide in the safer spaces workshop that where the hope is that we'll be able to spread that across the three campuses, so that way no matter where you are on Fredericton's college hill, you're using the same terms, same acronyms, same everything. So, we're on the same page. So, like I said I'll have an updated version of the terminologies guide and an outline of these safer spaces workshop as we currently have it right now and I'll slide those in for the next meeting. That way everyone can have the chance to look over them. Yeah, so I guess I'll motion to table this discussion till the next meeting.

Motion has been moved by the Sexuality and Gender Diversity Representative to table the agenda item 5.2 pending the next meeting of the SRC Council.

Seconded by Andi.

That motion has been approved by all present 10 voting members of council.



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6. Questions, Announcements & Notices

Sarah: Do Tyler first.

Tyler: I don't know if this is what your announcement was Sarah, but I had to ask, did we win GOTV?

Sarah: Unfortunately, we did not have the most amount of pledges. We came in a very respectable second. However, we should all be very, very proud of ourselves because we are the only institution out of the four of us that have exclusively online classes and we still came in second. So that's something to be proud of.

Tyler: Did we beat Mount A?

Sarah: I love the Get Out the Vote engagement; it warms my heart. So firstly, I apologize if you hear people in the background. This is the last meeting I will be taking a Picaroons. Firstly, I want to thank everyone. I want to welcome everyone to STUSU. We have officially basically completed our first meeting, very exciting, and it's gonna be fantastic year ahead. I can't wait to work with all of you and we're gonna do some tremendous things despite the cards that we've been dealt with this year looking a lot different, but I have absolute faith that we're also gonna do some great things for students. And really make the most out of this year. So I have something to say and then I'll finish my little concluding thoughts, but I didn't want to add this as an agenda item because I thought it be much easier to just chat about it here and just have it be an after the meeting thing. But as, the returners are familiar with this. But for the folks that are new, as per the bylaws in the details of your duties of your position, you need to sit on two STUSU committees. So, I'm just gonna do. Usually what we do is we'll pass around a sheet and everyone will kind of sign up for what committee they want to be on. Of course, we can't pass around a sheet right now, but I'm just gonna read them all out and then you all can expect an email from me immediately following this meeting that basically just reiterates everything that I'm gonna say and the details of all the committees. If you have any questions about what the committees entail, then please reach out to me and I can answer all those questions for you. And then if everyone could answer or respond back to my email of which committees, they'd like to sit on no later than Wednesday evening that would be fantastic. This will be in the email as well, so don't worry if you forget that. But I'm just gonna read them out really quickly and also read out who chairs them as well. Just so that you get a good idea and then please keep an eye out for my email and respond as timely as you can no later than Wednesday evening because I know the folks that chair these committees will like to like to publicize them to the general STU body pretty soon but we wanted to present them to you all first, so we've got the Finance Committee. I'll go in group so the Finance Committee and the Governance Committee. Those are chaired by our lovely VP Admin Matt. The Member Relations Committee. all of you sit on that. That's chaired by Megan technically. That one's a little bit of a different committee. It's not usually, it's not like our standard committees. We'll talk about that one at a later date. I'm sure Megan will bring it up. We have the Academic and University Affairs Committee and the External Affairs Committee, which are both chaired by Megan. We have the Activities and Events Committee, which is chaired by Kyle and our activities coordinator. We've got the Off-Campus Committee, which, our off-campus reps kind of setup and make happen. Then we have the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee, which is chaired by Kyle. And then we have the Mental Health Committee, which is also chaired by Kyle and then we also have our new committee, which was introduced last year, the Sustainability and Environmental Awareness Committee, which is chaired by Megan so. If anyone has any questions about those committees, what they entail, what they do. Please reach out to me once I send that email out later on today and I'd be happy to answer any of your questions. Yeah, so that's that. And then as a concluding thought, I just wanted to mention to all of you that if you have any questions in general about the student's union or what meetings look like, or anything that we've kind of covered tonight or what STUSU is gonna look like for this coming year, please reach out to me. I was a counsellor just two years ago and I was in the same shoes as those that are new and so I can really understand how confusing this all can be, especially the fact that we're online and that we're doing our meetings virtually. It kind of adds to the confusion so if anyone has any questions for me please reach out. Please don't be scared to reach out to me. I love chatting and anyone can attest



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to that. I'd be happy to answer anyone's questions. So please reach out and thank you everyone I am going to mention something after we adjourn. It's kind of like a side note but that's everything for this meeting and thank you all for taking time out of your Sunday evening to chat with all of you how.

7. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was moved by Megan C.

Seconded by Kyle M.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:17 pm.

Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on September 26, 2020.

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