**15th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: February 17th, 2023**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on February 17th, 2023, at 3:02pm.

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

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

1. **Roll call**

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| Position | Name | Present | Regrets | Absent |
| President | Alex Nguyen |  |  |  |
| Vice President Administration | Minahil Fatima |  |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Julia Evans |  |  |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Anahi Alvarez |  |  |  |
| Indigenous Representative | Stevie DeMerchant |  | · |  |
| International Student Representative | Khanh Hoang |  |  |  |
| At Large Representatives (2) | Lauren Hayes  Chloe York |  |  |  |
| Off campus Representatives | - |  |  |  |
| Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative | - |  |  |  |
| First Year Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Harrington Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Vanier Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Holy Cross Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Grad Class President | Madison LeBlanc |  | · |  |

Quorum has been met with 5/8 members.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 14th Meeting of the SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Education

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Review of Agenda**

**[5.1] BIRT** the Board adopt the agenda as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** At-Large Representative

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Unfinished Business.**

No unfinished business.

1. **Executive Reports.**

*Executives provided verbal report followed by a written one.*

**7.1. President report - Alex Nguyen**

**Meetings**

President’s Advisory Committee on the Budget (Confidential)

* Serve as student representative alongside Jason O’Hearn.

CASA EDI Strategic Plan Focus Group

* Julia and I attended the focus group meeting to discuss EDI cultures at CASA.

SEC Meeting (Confidential)

* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting

CHSR Meeting

* I met with CHSR Volunteer Coordinators to discuss student outreach.
* Upcoming opportunity for clubs & societies to have their own broadcast show will be advertised this week.
* Future partnership with faculties, including the Environmental department, for student podcast assignments.

Update on Accommodation for students with dependant studying on campus

* The University is installing more changing tables in bathrooms on campus
* The University is also looking for a space which will be reserved for private nursing.

NBSA biweekly Executive meeting

* I attended our biweekly NBSA executive meeting for ED’s updates and preparation for the upcoming Board meeting.

**Miscellaneous**

* Office hours @ Help Desk – Thursday 12-1 pm

**VP Admin:** As the President is not here today, please feel free to email her if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report.

**7.2. Vice President Administration report - Minahil Fatima**

**Meetings**

* I did not have my office hour on Monday as one of my meetings ran late.
* I sit on the Advisory Committee to the VP on Remote/Online Teaching, so I had my weekly meeting on Monday.
* The Finance Committee met to discuss funding applications.
* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting.

**Clubs & Societies**

* Aside from a few funding applications. things have been pretty quiet.

**Campus Trust**

* I reached out to Crystal Baker to retrieve the 2023 STUSU Campus Trust Booklet.

**Administrative/Miscellaneous**

* I worked on the budget update that I will be presenting later on.

**7.3. Vice President Education report - Julia Evans**

**Meetings**

**Meeting with the Leader of the Liberal Party, Susan Holt**

* Alex, Stevie, and I met with Susan Holt, and we discussed provincial and institutional advocacy priorities. In my presentation, I spoke on university funding and the value of a liberal arts education campaign plan.

**National Advocacy Committee**

* I had a meeting with the National Advocacy Committee to discuss the graphics for the “Half Your CSG” campaign. The first phase of the campaign will be launched on February 23rd. This national project is targeting the federal government and advocating for the permanent extension of the doubling of Canada Student Grants that was initiated during COVID and is set to expire.

**STU Sustainability Meeting**

* During the sustainability meeting, we discussed how to incorporate sustainability as a pillar into the strategic plan, an addition on the STUSU website surrounding sustainability information, and developing a project to incentivize green initiatives on campus.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**MLA Monday**

* MLA Monday is underway for Semester 2. The two dates are February 13th and March 20th. This is a collaborative event between STUSU and UNBSU. The first event took place at JDH on the topic of affordability, and the next event will be at the Student Union Building.

**STUSU Sustainability Week**

* Sustainability week is taking place from February 27th-March 3rd. Visit STUSU Socials for the full schedule.

**Senate**

* I prepared the Student Senator report for the upcoming senate meeting.

**7.4. Vice President Student Life report - Anahi Alvarez**

**Meetings**

**Rental Companies and Landlords**

* Rental companies and landlords showed their interest in participating in the housing fair that we will be hosting in March, I explained the aim of the fair, and they will talk with their teams to see if they want to participate in the fair.

**Activities Coordinator**

* I contacted Estefania to have a check-in for her Valentine’s activity.

**Communication Officer**

* I contacted Rey throughout the week since we had to postpone and cancel events because of the weather.

**Projects and Initiatives**

* I attended the sex week events; it had a positive outcome for students, and a lot of students enjoyed the activities.
* Continued contacting different rental companies and landlords for the housing fair.
* I began with the planning of wellness week.
* I started alongside STUISA to help them with the recruitment of students to perform during the Multicultural Fair.
* I also worked on the strategic plan.

**Miscellaneous**

* I went to look at the prices for sex week.
* I received questions about the food smart program and emails from students to become new members of the community food smart program.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports.** 
   1. **At-Large Representative report**

* Due to the weather today, our STUSU event was unfortunately canceled. We will be looking at alternative dates in order to reschedule soon. However, both of us have a lot of schoolwork lately. This week, we also attended the Sustainability committee meeting as well.

1. **New Business.** 
   1. Budget Update - January (VP Admin)

*Presented the budget update for the month of January*

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**VP Student Life:** STUISA is looking for volunteers for the multicultural fair to perform, so please let me know if you are interested in performing or if you know anyone musical and interested, just let me know.

**VP Admin:** As we are at the end of February, we will be heading into the STUSU elections soon. The nomination period starts on February 24th and will end on March 3rd. To be an eligible candidate, 1 head nominator and 9 nominators are required. The campaign period will be held from March 6th to March 13th, and there will be an informal candidate meeting on March 13th. March 14th voting period. The reason behind these dates is due to the STUSU by- by-laws, and the spring election must take place in the second week of march. If anyone is interested in running, please contact me, Alex, or any of the executives through your STU email rather than your STUSU email.

**VP Education:** Make sure that you are sharing info surrounding the election on your social media. As well, for those on the Advocacy Committee, I will soon be sharing times for our next meeting, so keep an eye out for that.

**VP Admin:** Everything has been posted to the STUSU socials today, so please have a look online.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:26pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on February 21st, 2023.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council