**16th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: February 24, 2023**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on February 24th, at 3:08pm.

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 HayesChloe 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 15th 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

 SEC Meeting (Confidential)

* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting.

Meeting w/ UNBSU VP Wellness and Services

* I met with Amanda to discuss some updates to Safe Ride services including new light sign and safety vest for drivers for identification purposes.

STU Chosen Name Policy Committee

* I attended the Committee meeting to finalize detail for the policy drafts.

Monthly Meeting with Dr. Fenwick and Karen Preston

* STUSU execs resumed our monthly check-in with senior admin.

Miscellaneous

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

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

**Meetings**

* I did not have my office hour on Monday due to Family Day.
* The Finance Committee met to discuss funding applications.
* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting.
* I also had my monthly meeting with Dr. Fenwick

**Clubs & Societies**

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

**Campus Trust**

* Few students reached out to me regarding questions about coverage.

**Administrative/Miscellaneous**

* I worked on updating the website.
* Worked with Tina on some funding transfers.

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

**Meeting with Alex: Liberal Arts Campaign**

* Alex and I met with Alex to discuss the preliminary plan for the “Love of Liberal Arts” campaign. We discussed the three parts of the campaign: in-person demonstration, social media series, and video.

**Experiential Learning Committee Meeting**

* I am the student representative on this committee. Here, I advocate for student concerns and opportunities with regard to internships and other community-based internship opportunities.

**National Advocacy Committee “Half of Your CSG”**

* NAC has launched the “Half of your CSG” campaign. The maximum for student grants is set to decrease from $6,000 to $3,000. It is a national project is targeting the federal government and advocating for the extension of the doubling of Canada Student Grants that was initiated during COVID and is set to expire.

**Meeting with a student: Spring General Election**

* I met with a student to provide them with context and an overview of what the position of Vice-President Education entails.

**Senate**

* I attended the Senate meeting where I delivered the Student Senator report.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**STUSU Sustainability Week**

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

**President:** As well, it is important to get more social science professors involved since it is usually humanities professors who are involved.

**VP Admin:** I can ask Dr. Narine if he would be interested in attending.

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

*No report available at this time.*

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports.**
	1. **At-Large Representative Report**
* We are excited to announce that the At-Large Representative event, “Candy and Conversation,” has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 1, from 12-2 pm in the JDH cafeteria. We look forward to chatting with students who may be interested in becoming involved with STUSU and answering any questions they may have before the end of the nomination period for the Spring General Election. If you are available, we would love to have as many SRC members present at the event to showcase what STUSU is about and to talk about each of your experiences in different STUSU positions (s).

**President:** I'm glad you could re-schedule it during the election period. I was wondering if you would be able to help answer some questions about STUSU on socials through this event potentially. Just let me know if you’d be interested in that.

1. **New Business.**

*No new business at this time.*

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**President:** From our recent meeting with the senior admin, I was wondering how people feel about the timing of the March break. The most recent survey was in 2019, but the senior admin was wondering about how people feel lately about the timing. If you could ask your friends or roommates about their opinion. Any kind of feedback would be great. The nomination period will be until next Friday. If you have any interest in running for positions, make sure you have your nominators before the deadline. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

**At-Large Representative:** I was wondering if the nominator form is on the STUSU web page.

**VP Education:** This is something that is on the table for next year, but if it comes it’s good that STUSU has a gauge on student interest.

**President:** The valedictorian process will be rolled out by the end of next week so that the timing of the election results and the valedictorian can be announced near the same time.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:30pm

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** At-Large Representative

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on February 28th, 2023.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council