**18th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: March 19th, 2023**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on March 19th at 3:01pm.

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 6/8 members.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 17th Meeting of the SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Review of Agenda**

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

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Education

**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**

End of Year Dinner w/ Senate Committee on Reconciliation

* Stevie and I went with the Senate Committee members for dinner at Wolastoq Wharf to celebrate the work we have been carried out for this school year.

STUSU Spring General Election

* Candidate Mandatory Meeting
* Executive Candidate Debates.
* Candidate Meet & Greet

SEC Meeting (Confidential)

* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting

Housing Fair

* Over the break, I worked with Anahi and Julia to plan and secure participants in our Housing Fair on Tuesday, March 14.
* The event was a success, featuring different resources for students living on/ off campus with the present of the GNB Residence Tribunal and the NB Tenants Rights Coalition.

NBSA Board Meeting

* Julia and I attended our Board meeting with the NBSA to discuss committee works, budget & upcoming planning for AGM & Transition conferences.

Senate Committee on Reconciliation

* I attended the Senate Committee meeting to discuss the upcoming job opening for the Wabanki Centre.

Liberal Art campaign - #shiftthenarrative

* Julia and I setting up the liberal art campaign in JDH for display as well as gathering student input.
* We also start collecting videos of faculty, staffs and students to make the campaign video project.

**Miscellaneous**

* Office hours @ Help Desk – Thursday 12-1pm
* Safe Ride update: Safety vest, car sign & promotional materials

**Giuliana:** Is there anything that will be done for Safe ride in order to advertise it more to students, so that they are more aware of it being a service that’s available?

**President:** The new safe ride drivers just started getting things set up this week, and they will be sending us promotional materials for us to use on social media to promote it more soon.

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

**Meetings**

* I had my weekly SEC meeting with my fellow executives.
* The Finance Committee met to discuss some funding applications.
* I had my JDH Office hour on Monday.

Clubs & Societies

* I received a few funding applications and coordinated the funds transfer through Tina.

Campus Trust:

* A few students reached out to me to ask some coverage-related questions.

Administrative:

* During the reading week. I conducted the VP Admin debate. Congratulations Ahmik!
* VPSL and I worked on a student services survey that will be rolled out shortly.
* I also worked on getting the Budget Update ready with Tina.

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

* The Liberal Arts campaign is underway, and on Friday we had an in-person set up where we interacted with students and asked them what a liberal arts education means to them. Thank you to everyone for the help with this campaign!
* The Housing Fair was a great success, and we had lots of diverse groups involved.
* I attended the NBSA board meeting this week, and I am looking forward to finishing some advocacy policies.
* I attended the Sustainability Committee meeting, and we started renovating the STUSU website to include sustainability. We also brainstormed on how to incentivize green initiatives on campus.
* MLA Monday is coming up at UNBSU this upcoming Monday, and the topic will be on sustainability. I cannot wait to see people attend, and feel free to share it on social media.

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

**Meetings**

**Candidate Debate:**

* I had the Candidate debate for the upcoming VPSL.

**Off Campus Representative- UNB**

* I met with the OC Rep of UNB to talk about STUSU housing fair.

**Psychology Society**

* I met with Katelyn President of the Psychology Society. We met to discuss the psychology formal they are hosting with the Psychology Society of UNB.

**Healthy Campus Assistant: Carla Guibovich**

* I met with Carla to talk about wellness week and the participation of the office of healthy campus during wellness week.

**Meeting with SEC**

* Weekly Sec meeting.

**Projects and Initiatives**

* I attended and co-cost the housing fair.
* I contacted different organizations and services around campus to be part of wellness week.
* I volunteered in STUISA Ticket Booth and attended the Multicultural fair.
* I attended the Liberal Arts Campaign.
* Finalized with VPADMIN the STUSU services survey and asked Communication Officer to create promotional materials.
* I had my office hours at the Help Desk on Thursday at 1:00pm.

**Miscellaneous**

* I received questions about the food smart program and emails of students to become new members of the community food smart program and received emergency bursaries applications.

1. **Employee Updates.**

**President:** I wanted to let everyone know that the CRO that has been working with us from February 15th to March 15th, has done his part of the contract and we will be paying out his salary soon.

Additionally, the help desk was recently broken into. A cashbox went missing, and a certain amount of money from the STUISA multicultural fair’s ticket sales was stolen. The STUSU will assume responsibility, and we will be sending payment to STUISA to recover the cost. I wanted to remind everyone that if you are volunteering at the help desk, please keep in mind that it is not a hang out spot. The items in the help desk are STUSU’s responsibility, and you must lock up the help desk when you are not there.

**Giuliana:** How much money was stolen exactly? Do you have a time on when this money was stolen?

**President:** I do not feel comfortable sharing that number at this time, as it would be the role of STUISA to disclose that amount. Please feel free to contact them, and they may be able to answer. As well, the money was taken either late at night or early in the morning. It is impossible to know when exactly the money was taken.

**Giuliana:** What exactly was missing?

**President:** It was the cashbox. Additionally, it is important to make the SRC aware of situations like this to be transparent when these things happen.

1. **Representative Reports.**

**9.1**  **Indigenous Representative report**

* Over the March break, I was working on the campaign for the student union election. During this period, I was also appointed as the Chair of the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee through CASA. I am working on planning a workshop for the conference in Halifax. I attended my first CASA board meeting this week, which was exciting. Also, the Student's Reconciliation Committee will be having a sticker sale on March 23rd from 9 am-3 pm. The Student's Reconciliation Committee will be having a board game night on March 20th from 2-4 pm.

**9.2**  **At-Large Representative report**

* This week, we shared information surrounding the Value of Liberal Arts campaign, and we also answered questions from students surrounding STUSU and the election.

1. **New Business.**

*No New Business at this time*

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**President:** Next week, Julia, Stevie, and I will be going to Halifax for a CASA conference. If we are unable to get back in time, I will let Ahmik know so that we can reschedule our SRC meeting. Also, it will be vital to be attending the meetings in the next few weeks, since things are starting to wind down in the semester and we will need to pass some upcoming documents, policies, and the budget. Hopefully, we will be having an end-of-year dinner with everyone as well.

**VP Student Life:** Just as a reminder, Wellness Week will be from March 27-31. Please participate if you are able to attend.

**President:** Also, would the executives be able to stay back after this meeting?

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:29pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** At-Large Representative

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

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

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council