**12th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: January 20th, 2023**

**Location: In-Person**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on January 20, 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 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 8/9.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 11th 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 amend the agenda include** The Board amend the agenda to include agenda item 10.1 Budget Update for the month of December under New Business (VP Admin)

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded By:** VP Education

**Motion:** Carries

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

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**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**

Senate Committee on Intersession

* I served on the Senate Committee to discuss and pick Intersession courses for this summer.

International Student Orientation

* I did a presentation for newly arrived international students, providing them with information about STUSU, and our services.

Dean of Humanities End of Term Review Committee Meeting

* We reviewed Dean Loiselle’s renewal request through receiving feedback from the community as well as conducting an interview with our dean.

STU Chosen Name Policy Committee

* As a continuation of the planning phase, I continue to work with the policy Committee on drafting and mapping out the information system to determine where would legal name be required and where students can go with chosen name.
* The Committee comprised with staffs from different department including Residence life, IT and Human Resources.

Career Week Planning

* I continue to meet with Clara (Experiential Learning) and Erin (Career Development) to plan the upcoming career week with exciting workshops, and job fair on campus.

Bi-Monthly Meeting w/ PETL

* I attended the bi-monthly meeting with Sydona (NBS) and Rachel (PETL) to keep each other in the loop with upcoming events/ activities and initiatives from the government as well as member institutions.

SEC Meeting

* We resumed our weekly SEC meeting for this semester.

Senate Meeting

* I attended the monthly Senate meeting with Julia.

Senate Committee on Reconciliation

* I attended the bi-weekly Senate Committee meeting and continue to support initiatives organized by the Committee in any way we can.

**Miscellaneous**

* Accessibility: I communicated and worked with Dr. Fenwick and Karen Preston to help accommodate students with children on campus.
* Office hours @ Help Desk – Thursday 12-1 pm.

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

**Meetings**

* I had my office hour in JDH from 12 to 1 PM.
* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting on Tuesday.
* The Finance Committee met to discuss an academic assistance application.

Projects & Initiatives

Clubs and Societies

* We had the clubs and societies fair on the 12th of January so part of December before winter break started and early January was spent planning and coordinating that. In the beginning, the C&S fair was going to be held on the same day as the Resource Fair during the Winter Carnival but due to some communication troubles, we chose to have it on different days. I contacted facilities and communications, and it ended up working out great and we had decent attendance.
* I also received a few emails from C&S regarding some questions they had so I spent some time sorting that out.

Campus Trust

* It has been quite busy on the Campus Trust side of things. I received quite a few emails regarding coverage, account troubles, opting out, and billing concerns. I coordinated that with Crystal Baker, our PBAS rep.
* I also had a meeting with a student on Thursday regarding concerns they had about Campus Trust, and we are working on sorting those out.

Administrative Tasks

* I worked with Tina on getting the budget update for the month of December ready for today's meeting that I will be presenting later.
* The academic assistance application previously mentioned was approved so I coordinated the transfer between Tina and the student.
* Before we went on break, I had sent everyone a doodle poll to schedule our meeting time for this semester. Once we had a consensus, I reached out to STU Bookings to book this room as well as getting in communication with our Chair.
* I also received some miscellaneous emails that either needed to be forwarded to other execs or contained students concerns.

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

**Meetings**

**SEC Meeting**

* We had our weekly executive meeting.

**Presidential Search Committee:**

* I am the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee. Over the Christmas break, I attended meetings. I have no updates currently regarding the status of the search.

**NAC Committee**

* The CASA National Advocacy Committee is in planning mode for the National Advocacy Campaign. The theme is surrounding the modernization of student financial aid in 2022. We had a meeting to lay the groundwork for the first stage of the campaign.

**Experiential Learning Committee**

* I am the student representative on this committee. We had our monthly meeting to discuss experiential learning updates, events, and planning for the next academic year.

**Senate Meeting**

* I attended the January senate meeting alongside Alex.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**MLA Monday**

* MLA Monday is continuing into Semester 2. The two dates are February 13th and March 20th. This is a collaborative event between STUSU and UNBSU. I will update everyone on the theme and location closer to the date.

**STU Sustainability Event**

* The Environment and Society Department & STU Sustainability are hosting an event next Thursday, January 26th from 7pm-8:30pm in the Ted Daigle Auditorium (main floor of ECH). It will be a guest lecture by Elizabeth May (leader of the Green Party) about the climate crisis. I would love to see STUSU attend, especially the Sustainability Committee.

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

**Meetings:**

**Brett (Healthy Campus Coordinator)**

* I had a meeting with Brett, STUSU president, to talk about the winter carnival, and the STUSU activities for students.

**Activities Coordinator**

* I met with the Activities Coordinator to talk about the Accessibility Awareness week and plan the activities for this week.

**SEC Meeting**

* We had our executive meeting on Tuesday, and I gave all the executives an update on my week and the winter vacation.

**Projects and Initiatives:**

* Finalizing the logistics for Accessibility Awareness Week , which is happening on Monday, and making sure the organizations I contact to be part of the fair know the event's purpose.
* Continuing to contact different resources and people who will be interested in joining Sex Week.
* Worked with VPED and STUSU presidents for our Affordability Week.
* I talked to the VP ADMIN to see if she is interested in doing a survey about the STUSU services and to ask the student body how beneficial or not the services we have work for them.
* I contacted Brittany (Mental Health Coordinator) to see if she wanted to collaborate on Wellness Week.

**Miscellaneous**

* I received applications for the emergency bursary and questions about the Food Smart program.
* I also picked up the STUSU hoodies.
* I have my help desk hours on Thursday at 1 to 2 pm.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports.** 
   1. **Indigenous Representative report**

* Over winter break, I began creating a team on behalf of our union for the John Howard Society for the Coldest Night of the Year event. I helped build a team online, and I would encourage everyone to attend and share thoughts to get the conversation started.
* The Students Reconciliation Meeting had their first meeting today, and we discussed welcome week to brainstorm and include multiple different organizations within the Fredericton area. We also discussed our thoughts on the spring elections, and if anyone is interested in conducting the election, please let me know.
* The Wabanaki Students Centre is beginning monthly Indigenous tradition meals, which is exciting. As well, the Mid-Winter Indigenous event will be held on Feb 3-5 at Marshall Davies Hall. This is ceremony comprised of different traditional aspects of Indigenous culture. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please let me know. A schedule will be released on Monday for those who are interested.

**President:** If you need promotion for these events, send Rei an email and he would be able to assist.

* 1. **At-Large Representative report**
* We plan on meeting next week to start planning our event for this semester, which was originally postponed. We also attended the Paint & Sip event last week. This semester, we also look forward to continuing our work with the Sustainability Committee.

1. **New Business.**

**[10.1] Budget Update for the month of December (VP Admin)**

**VP Admin:** *Presented the budget update for the month of December.*

**President:** I noticed the STU-genda line is in the negative, is there any reason for that?

**VP Admin:** We are in the negative for that line because we are still receiving those funds from the sponsors.

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**President:** Julia and I are planning to welcome CASA representatives on February 10 to our STUSU council meeting. I would like to encourage everyone to attend. As well it would be nice to have an event/dinner with the UNBSU and CASA representatives.

**VP Education:** Regarding CASA, I thought of doing a campus tour with them. If anyone here is a campus tour ambassador and would be interested, please let me know if you would be interested in assisting. On January 26th,, there will be a presentation from Elizabeth May in the Ted Daigle Auditorium. The sustainability committee will coordinate the event with the STUSU, and I would encourage everyone to attend.

1. **Adjournment**

**[12.1.] BIRT,** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:39 pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on January 23rd, 2023.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council