**9th Meeting of the 50th SRC**

**Date: Friday, January 19th 2023**

**Location: Holy Cross House, Room 5**

1. **Call to Order**

Elizabeth Namit, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on January 19th, 2024, at 3:04pm.

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 | Stevie DeMerchant |  |  |  |
| Vice President Administration | Ahmik Burneo |  |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Emily Boucher |  |  |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Isabella Baralt |  |  |  |
| Indigenous Representative | Tanner J Augustine |  |  |  |
| International Student Representative | Ana Lucía Pavón |  |  |  |
| At Large Representatives (2) | Lauren Hayes |  |  |  |
| Off campus Representatives (2) | Emma Craib  Taylor Armstrong |  |  |  |
| Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative |  |  |  |  |
| First Year Representative | Aidan Steeves |  |  |  |
| Harrington Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Vanier Representative | Fae Swinamer |  |  |  |
| Holy Cross Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | Colby Beers |  |  |  |
| Grad Class President | Lindsay Graham |  |  |  |

Quorum has been met 7/12.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the 50th SRC as presented.

**[4.2.] VP Education:** I would like to raise a motion to amend the previous agenda with my time off over that time, I had been marked absent I was not sure if that could be changed to regrets since I did have the time off approved.

**Chair:** We can do that. I think it was absent because I was not told prior to starting the meeting so it was absent because of that.

**Moved by:** VP Education

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion** CARRIES

**[4.3.] BIRT** the Board approves the minutes of the 8th Meeting of the 50th SRC as amended.

**Moved by:** VP Student Life

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** CARRIES

1. **Review of Agenda**

**[5.1.] BIRT** the Board approved to amend the minutes to delete the sexuality and gender diversity rep in members.

**Moved by:** VP Student Life

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** CARRIES

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

**Moved by:** VP student Life

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** CARRIES

1. **Unfinished Business.**

No unfinished business.

1. **Executive Reports.**

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

* 1. **President report – Stevie DeMerchant**
* Campus Planning Committee: This was my first meeting with Campus Planning Committee. During this conversation we discussed the utilization of specific spaces around campus and how we can improve the approach to getting new spaces by creating a policy.
* Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Board of Directors: During this meeting all the board members provided their updates. We completed the conversations surrounding Advocacy week and began the conversation about the process of hiring a new Member Relations Officer.
* Senate Meeting: Senators voted in new classes, discussed committee updates, and heard monthly updates from STUSU and STU President.
* Help Desk Hour: I had a few students stop by to ask some general questions about services and where to find their classes.
* Finance Committee: The finance committee received two academic assistance applications.
* Emergency Bursaries: The EB group received a few applications throughout the past two weeks.
  1. **Vice President Administration report – Ahmik Burneo**
* During the break I received an email regarding the dental plan. I was able to guide the person with her inquiry.
* STUSU received a request from the international office to participate in the international orientation of new students this winter. However, due to our different agendas, we weren’t able to join but we shared a presentation that includes all the important information about the STUSU and its services.
* I was in touch with the Director of Communications regarding some updates we needed in the website. She helped us completing those updates.
* I reached out to clubs, societies, and organizations to invite them to the winter clubs and societies fair which took place on Thursday January 11th.
* I reached out to the SRC to schedule the new time for our weekly meetings.
* I also reached out to the governance and finance committee to schedule a new time for this semester.
* I met with the governance committee this week to go through some constitutions that needed our review.
* The Governance Committee has officially approved the ratification application of the Irish Society.
* On Thursday, Jan 18th, meaning yesterday, I joined as a student trustee to the Annual General Meeting of Campus Trust, where we went through different governance and financial documents. However, I couldn’t stay the entire meeting as I had another commitment in the afternoon. So, I had to proxy my vote to our general manager who is also a trustee in the campus trust board.
* Today I had my office hours at the Help Desk.
* I received an email from the Black Student’s Association who were interested in booking the Ted Daigle for Black History Month. I directed them to the person who could help them with the bookings.
* The finance committee approved a funding application from a club.
* We are currently scheduling a meeting between the president, the CRO and myself to begin the planification of the STUSU Spring Elections.
  1. **Vice President Education report – Emily Boucher**
* I attended a meeting with IRCC Minister Miller and MP Atwin on behalf of the NBSA and STUSU. We had some great conversations about international students and I got the opportunity to ask some questions about his intentions with work permits and the cap on working hours.
* Attended the clubs and societies fair on behalf of the NBSA. We are looking for student volunteers to sit on our committees. We have committees concerning EDI, Affordability, Accessibility and Wellness. If you are interested in getting involved with campaigns, advocacy, please reach out to me! We are always interested in hearing more student voices. I also prepared some brochures for UNB Saint John to pass out at their clubs and societies fair.
* I prepared a senate report and attended Senate yesterday. I shared updates regarding what the STUSU has been up to. We had discussions regarding the research fair, online courses, and new classes.
* I met with the director of Accessibility services and the new director of student services regarding the Advisory Committee for Academic Accommodations. We chatted about what was discussed in previous meetings with Cory as he is new and what we would like to see brought up in future meetings.
* I met with Dr. Klein for the Learning and Teaching Development Committee to discuss rolling out a student survey regarding the workload. We are also looking to do an event with pizza where students are able to chat about their workload and how they are feeling in a post-covid world.
* Chatted with the Governance and Internal Review Committee of CASA to approve some e-motions regarding new and updated policies.
* I was invited to attend the Advisory Group for the Mental Health Commission of Canada on behalf of the NBSA. With the storm, I was unable to attend; however, CASA presented data from their 2023 nationwide survey and plan to release a comprehensive report of their findings on the 22nd if you are interested in learning more.
* In the process of scheduling an Advocacy Committee meeting. We are planning to discuss the concerns regarding copyright and its impact on students. We are also planning to complete the Love for Liberal Arts campaign that was worked on last year. We are always looking for more students to sit on this committee so if you are passionate about advocacy and want to get involved in campaigns, please email me at [su\_vped@stu.ca](mailto:su_vped@stu.ca)
* Chatted with the Community Development Manager of Canadian Blood Services to discuss the possibility of them coming to campus to promote their services and encourage students to donate blood.

**7.4. Vice President Student Life report – Isabella Baralt**

* I met with Ryan Sullivan to discuss future of the operations of the helpdesk and food insecurity projects.
* I started the planning of Accessibility Week. If you have any ideas let me know!
* Meeting with Valerie, help-desk manager, to discuss operations of the helpdesk and new ideas.
* Estefania, Activities Coordinator, planned STU Got Talent as part of the Winter Carnival. I assisted her during and before the event.
* Executed the Clubs and Societies Fair during the Winter Carnival.
* 3 emergency bursaries applications.
* Replied to many questions about community food smart.
* Answered many new students’ questions about the bus pass.
* I was in touch with the Director of Communications to plan posts for community food smart and different events.
* No community food smart orders.
* Hosted my office hours in the helpdesk.
* Started planning and organizing the Merch for SRC and STUSU employees.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

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

* Reconciliation committee met today, things are starting to be planned, but one of the main things that we are looking at and maybe we will be sent to work as volunteers is at the mid-winter gathering in February on the weekend of the 9th ,10th and 11th that will host on campus I believe. If you are interested in hearing from Elders that will be a nice time.
* We just have the beginnings of what we plan to do this semester of what is in the works such as sticker sales for financing, story telling’s with elders for elders to share their stories with campus. Plans are being made and that is what we have so far for this semester.

1. **New Business.** 
   1. **Budget Update December – VP Admin**

Tabled for next week.

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**
   1. **International rep:** Next Friday there will be Honduran and Ecuadorian food in meal hall, you guys are all welcome to join, CBC news is going to be there so it should be packed.

**President:** Will there be a post about it?

**International rep:** There will for sure be a post on the BIPOC Instagram

**President:** You could tag STUSU and we could repost on Instagram and stuff

**VP Student Life:** Just to add if you have Honduran or Ecuadorian friends tell them to come because it is free for Honduran and Ecuadorian students.

**Indigenous rep:** what day is it exactly?

**International rep:** Next Friday the 26th

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:23pm

**Moved by:** VP Education

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** CARRIES

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on Monday January 22nd at 11:57am

**Alyssa Ivany**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council