16th Meeting of the 48th SRC

5:00 pm, Sunday, February 27, 2022

Via Zoom (Online)

**Attendance Record**

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| Position | Name | Present | Regrets | Absent |
| President | Tyler MaGee |  | X |  |
| Vice President Administration | Alex Nguyen | X |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Sydona Chandon | X |  |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Victoria Young | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative | Carol Alvarez | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative  | Gregory Robinson |  | X |  |
| Off-Campus Representative | Lindsey Graham | X |  |  |
| Harrington Hall Representative | Lauren Hayes |  | X |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | Manvi Walter |  |  | X |
| Indigenous Representative | Stevie DeMerchant | X |  |  |
| International Student Representative | Sony Phung | X |  |  |
| Member at Large Representative | Julia Evans | X |  |  |
| Grad Class President | Tory Desroche | X |  |  |

**Staff Present:** Kryssonia Wedderburn (Chair), Minahil Fatima (Recording Secretary)

**AQ Representatives:** Jessica Saulnier

**Guests Present:** N/A

**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.

**Call to Order and Quorum Call**

Meeting was called to order by Kryssonia Wedderburn at 5:02 pm.

Quorum is met with 9 voting members present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented to council.

It was moved by Victoria Y. to approve agenda.

Seconded by Sydona C.

The agenda was approved.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the 15th Meeting**

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved by Alex N. to approve minutes.

Seconded by Sydona C.

The minutes were approved.

## **Business Arising from Minutes**

## No business arising from the minutes.

## **Executive Reports**

**4.1 President’s Report – Tyler MaGee**

**4.2 Vice-President of Administration’s Report – Alex Nguyen**

So, for my report this week, I received a total of 70 application applications for affirmative action bursary, and we were able to select 10 recipients for our bursary, which is really a hard decision to make because there's a lot of students who need financial assistance. But at the end of the day, we deemed the decisions based on the most urgent need of financial assistance. So, we're glad that we are able to help some students and open this opportunity. And then I asked our general managers to help with Lhasa to get their letter to the bank. I don't really know what is going to help because that's all I know. Like we can write a letter so if you need any further assistance, just let me know. And for Campus Trust, I received certain inquiries about their account lock-in, so I reached out to the representatives to have that fixed and then I attended my exec meeting on Friday with my fellow executives. And finally, I prepared the website for the upcoming elections. Tyler can answer more of your questions regarding that but feel free to ask me as well. And that is it.

**4.3 Vice President of Education’s Report – Sydona Chandon**

Hi, everyone, I hope you're doing well during this midterm season. I'll go right into my report. So, on Sunday after the SRC meeting, I met with Julia to discuss the remote learning Round Table, where we looked at a few possible dates. Then on Monday, it was family day, so took the day off. On Tuesday, I received an email from the trainer presenter for the cultural competency training, saying due to an emergency they would not be able to attend. So, in light of this, the exec and I decided to postpone the training to March 18. Then on Wednesday, I had a sustainability committee meeting where we discussed in the video submissions for New Brunswick’s next Climate Action Plan. Then on Thursday, I had a senate meeting. And then in NBSA meeting where I spoke about affordability of education, and just us working on policies for that. Then on Friday, we had or weekly exec meeting, which is always productive. And that's it for my report today.

**4.4 Vice President of Student Life’s Report – Victoria Young**

Hello, everyone. So, my report should be quick. I had a pretty light week. So, on Monday, I responded to a message from a Stefania from Global Brigades about getting some STUSU swag for a giveaway that Global Brigades is thinking of organizing or some type of event with a giveaway. And so, I offered to give her some of our lovely swag that we have in our office. And then on Tuesday, I had a Winter Carnival meeting with our activities and events coordinator, Valeria, as well as Brett from healthy campus. And we discussed making Winter Carnival sort of like a spring carnival event in conjunction with the long night against procrastination. So, we're thinking of doing a series of events that can help students with stress, and procrastination during exam time and midterm season. So, I'm really excited to be taking part in that. And then also on Tuesday, I went through some affirmative action bursaries with the executive team, which, like Alex said, was a very hard decision because all of the students are all really, really great candidates for this bursary. Then on Wednesday, I talked to the OC reps about some prizes that I'm going to hand over to them for their giveaway. So, I'm really excited to see that. I'm really happy that I was able to help them out and share some of my prizes with them. So, I’ll get those to them this week at some point. Then on Thursday, I of course, had my office hours. And I talked to Mackenzie from the prelaw society about ordering some prelaw swag, and just helping her out with the communications with one of our partners: Mayday Printing. Then on Friday, I went through an emergency bursary application with Tina and Tyler. And I, of course, had my meeting with my lovely executive team. And then this weekend just been going through a lot of my emails, and I responded to an email from a student who just arrived in Canada who was looking for some help about how to navigate campus, how to get involved in clubs and societies and also how to navigate the bus system. So, it's really help happy to help out with that too. But that's all for this week.

## **5. Employee Updates**

No employee reports available.

## **6. Representative Reports**

**6.1 Off-Campus Representatives (Carol A./Gregory R./ Lindsey G.)**

Carol: So, this week, we have been in contact with Victoria. We are so happy because after this meeting, we're gonna post our giveaway. So just make sure to participate. The prizes are awesome. And that's all for us.

**6.2 Grad Class President (Tori D.)**

Hi, everyone. This week, I mostly just responded to emails. I've had so many emails in the last couple weeks of people wondering about grad class clothing, or if graduation is going to be in person. And also, I've had a couple people reach out about events. I've been in contact with Rachel Burke. And she was asking me about maybe getting an event during March Break, like little T pins, like we all get in first year. So, we're hoping to have that go on around March Break time. She hasn't gotten back to me about like funding or anything yet. So hopefully that event can go on. Besides that, I've mostly just been responding to emails. And on Tuesday, I'll be giving out grad class clothing orders in JDH. Thank you.

**6.3 International Student Representative (Sony P.)**

So last week, has not been eventful on my part, except for a meeting wit STUISA that I attended on Wednesday evening. In that meeting, I was provided with more details about the multicultural fair. I want to say that there are some updates to the plan, and they are rather ambitious. So, the plan that I was informed at first was a to-part event with a ceremony which had several talks concerning multicultural reality and some performances, which can be easily made online if needed. The second part was a food package that had international foods made by students which also had some kind of merch and brochure on advocacy and some resources, which can be also easily adapted to online, if necessary, by having people sign up and pick up the packages during the whole week. But the new update is that they would plan to have an entrepreneurial fair as well, which is a separate event from the multicultural fair, but under the same scope of international day. I find it pretty ambitious because they would involve the participation of UNB Enactus and UNBISA. so far, their plan is to use Kinsella or JDH to have around 10 international students’ businesses and these businesses could sell their own merch, their own products there. And the profits would go to their own budgets and not go back to any of the organizers. Well, I expressed my concerns over how ambitious this plan was. And I also give my input that if STUISA were to work with other organizations’ funding and personnel then it would be better and appropriate if they consulted with STUSU first. But so far, I plan that I will be attending future meetings as well and contribute where I can!

**6. 4 At-Large Representative (Julia E.)**

I hope you all had a great week. So, I know Sydona quickly mentioned this at the beginning of her report that we actually met after the SRC meeting. And we basically just meant to go over some of the basic details for like communications and promotions and as well as setting down a date for the remote learning roundtable. So, I just wanted to put that on everyone's radar. Right now, we're thinking either the Wednesday or the Thursday, this is March 23rd, or 24th. That's like the two dates that we have in our calendar just to keep on our radar. We didn't want to put it too close to March Break. And then we wanted ample time to talk to Ray, get the communications, get the promotions out. So, the next step is the creation of questions. So basically, what I'm doing is, I have a document going that has a list of potential questions. Sydona sent me some inspiration for some of those from past roundtables that she's been a part of on remote learning. And then Sydona and I in our next meeting are going to go through some of those questions, narrow them down, and then hammer out some of the final details. So, I just wanted to put that on everyone's radar because I know it's becoming a busy time in the next couple of weeks with March Break and with elections going on. But yeah, besides that, that's basically everything for me.

**6.5 Indigenous Representative (Stevie D.)**

Hi, everyone. I took it pretty slow this past week. I did order some stickers for the reconciliation committee though. So that should be coming in next week. I ordered 150 little stickers, so they're gonna be pretty cute. Hopefully, I'll be able to give some out to you guys. But that's it for me. Thank you.

**7. New Business**

No new business.

**8. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

Alex: So, I have a two-point announcement today. So, the first one is the elections. So, as you know, student notices went out and contain all the information you need for the elections. So, the nomination period will start tomorrow and all the way to Friday. Nominations forum for this time can be accessed directly on our website under elections. I don't know if they included it in the link. But I will have Ty send something out, so everyone knows where ethe nomination form is and how to access it. For executive candidates, please do remember that you need to have a mandatory meeting with your current execs before you put your name forward. I highly recommend it and it's something that should be taken care of during the nomination period. Campaigns this time will be run fully online just because its reeding week and we want everyone to have safe and equitable access to information. So, if you need any help, any questions, comments, concerns, email Ty directly and they'll be glad to help you out. Secondly, and this is regarding our SRC meetings. On the day of our SRC meeting, we’ll have mandatory candidate meetings at 6. So, I just wanted to put this out there that we not have a meeting next week, so we can start reding week early and then of course we won’t have a meeting later as well. Logistically, for those running and Ty, this would be easier and prevent a conflict of schedule. I’ll open the floor now to your opinions.

Stevie: Would that be two weeks without an SRC meeting?

Alex: Yes, if there are no urgent matters. And everyone seems to board so great! I'll send an email out for everyone to know that we're not going to have an SRC meeting next week and that you would have a two-meeting break. So, enjoy your reading week early. And I really hope that you enjoy your break because you all deserve it. And good luck to whoever running in this election.

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Alex N.

Seconded by ­­Victoria Y.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 5:27 pm.

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on February 25th, 2022.

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Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council