3rd Meeting of the 48th SRC

7:00 pm, Sunday, October 3, 2021

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 |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | Manvi Walter |  |  | X |
| Indigenous Representative | Stevie DeMerchant | X |  |  |
| Member at Large Representative | Julia Evans | X |  |  |
| Grad Class President | Tory Desroche | X |  |  |

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

**AQ Representatives:** Jessi Saulnier

**Guests Present:** N/A

**Call to Order and Quorum Call**

Meeting was called to order by Kryssonia Wedderbum at 7:04 pm.

Quorum is met with 9 voting members present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented to council.

It was moved by Tyler M to approve agenda.

Seconded by Alex N.

The agenda was approved.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the 2nd Meeting**

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved by Tyler M. to approve minutes.

Seconded by Alex N.

The minutes were approved.

## **Executive Reports**

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

Hi, everyone. I hope you all had a great week and a good weekend. I know that we're getting into that time of the year where the dreaded midterms are going to be starting to come around. So, I hope that we're all taking the time to have some self care going into that time, as I know that we will most likely be overwhelmed here in the next couple of weeks. So, for my reports, starting on Monday, I had a meeting down in my SUB office with Alex and Lynn our CRO as well as Ray, our Communications Director. We were just chatting about the elections and preparing for the nomination forms to go out and setting the deadlines and the nitty gritties of the election. We have two candidates running so you will see their platforms and campaigns coming out tomorrow. Along the same vein as in the elections, I also did the position writeups for the election, we have to send those to Jeffrey Carlton, and he then takes in or takes that information and sends it off to the registrar's so they can send back out like verifying information such as like, you know, GPA requirements, so X, Y, and Z different years, those types of things. So that was all done and then we had a small problem with our website. There was an issue with the invoicing. So, I contacted Tina, our general manager and we went through all of the different card information and managed to update it. So that problem has since been resolved. On Tuesday, there was an experiential lending committee meeting. This is what the experiential learning office along with a few other like key offices on campus that deal with experiential learning. So, we just got an update on the activities that they have, as well as brainstorm some ways that we can be collaborating going forward and putting out the word to students. on all things experiential learning related. Alex and I put up election posters all over the all over campus, hopefully, you've probably seen them sitting on some table somewhere with a little QR codes. Fun fact, I have no idea how to make a QR code. And then Alex just like up and whips one together and says, here you go. So that's like a brand-new skill that I had no idea how to do. So, kudos to Alex for doing that. So, I had a student approach me with some concerns that they had that they were experiencing within some of their classes, and I helped them out through that. And then on Wednesday, which was our Orange Shirt Day, we pushed our Shirt Day forward. So, I participated in the reconciliation panel. I attended the reflection exercise, the reflection ceremony that was happening in lower courtyard. I also participated in the number of events that they were putting on, such as the orange shirt where you would like write what orange shirt meant to you. Also, I wrote down on the ‘what does orange shirt day mean to you’ poster that they had set up and got to chat with some of the members of the STU student’s reconciliation committee. I thought that the day was beautifully done. I think the events were like super smooth and the turnout was amazing. The reflection ceremony, here's a little my observation, I don't have the actual like facts. So, I don't know if this is like a fact. But based on my observations, that was one of the better turnouts that we've had for any event of its type in lower courtyard in the last four years that I've been here, most of those events don't, like don't necessarily bring in crowds. But this one did. So that was amazing to see. On the same day, I also had a meeting with the CRO and Jeffrey Carlton as well, just to finalize some election stuff. They're always they're very helpful. And Kryssonia and I had a very brief chat, just to touch base and clarify some stuff for these meetings. So that happened on Wednesday. Thursday. You know, our first ever National Day for Truth and reconciliation, I did take some time to reflect on that. And I had to cancel my office hours because of course we weren't on campus. But we did go through with our exec meeting at four. And that one was very productive. Actually, I have got say that the executive team is doing some really amazing stuff here. And I'm looking forward to seeing those things come to fruition and be brought to council when they're ready. So, I think that they're all doing a really good job here. And I really enjoy those meetings. Also, then, there was a governance committee meeting that happened that day, as well as the finance committee meeting that happened that day, I sat on both. I'll let Alex go into the details about those, but I was in attendance for them. And then Friday was basically just a catch up on emails, finalize some things that were left open. I have entered conversations with Jeffrey again, just to touch base on like COVID protocols with the way that stuff has been shifting around and the different phases like the red phase, the yellow phase, the green phase, like those things. That confuses me so much. So, like the terminologies that they have attached to these confuses me, so it's hard to keep up. But Jeffery and I, we maintain conversation about these different things just so that we know that whenever changes do happen, we're prepared for them, and we can put them forward to students. Then I did a little bit of contract work for a general manager. As we're in a renewal year for it. So, I did a little bit of work on that one. And then I started to do a little bit of community outreach. So, I was presented with an email, probably just before Welcome Week. There is a small little corner store that's just on the edge or on Montgomery Street. And they are an immigrant family who came here just before COVID. And they opened up this business here. And then COVID has really started to hurt their business. And they were looking at ways of trying to increase engagement with students because of their proximity to the university. So, an alumnus had reached out to me and was wondering if there was anything that we could do. So, I am in the process of setting up a meeting with them just to chat about some of their stuff, and then see if there's anything that we can do to help out. So that's kind of exciting and good to just see that STUSU’s maintaining our community ties and stuff, and it'd be nice to help them out with some things. And I believe that's everything I have for this week.

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

Hi, everyone, I hope everyone's doing great and had a great week so far. For my report on Monday, I had a meeting with Tyler, Ray, and Lynn like Tyler mentioned, I'm not going to say the same thing. And I set up registration form for our club and societies fair, which will be on October 8 at JDH. Taira and I make a coalition and we start our nominations process. And I contacted IT services to have the passwords reset for clubs and societies as well as the representatives. On Tuesday and Wednesday, I responded to emails regarding Campus Trust and stuff. I had my usual office hours at JDH on Tuesday and host a meeting with a club executive to go over training they unfortunately missed. And finally, the executives and I attended a series of events for Orange Shirt Day. Thursday, I chaired two committee meetings, the finance committee, and the governance committee. For the finance committee, we received and approved one of the two funding applications for clubs and societies and the other one is pending. For governance committee, we reviewed to set up constitutions for new clubs and societies. And both require some minor changes that are pending. And later in the day, the executive team and I had our weekly meeting. On Friday, I sent out confirmation emails to clubs and societies for their booth registrations for the fair and answered then emails for general inquiries. And on Sunday, today, just before this meeting, Tyler and I had mandatory candidate meetings with our CEO and our candidates to go over the bylaws and constitutions and answer their questions if they have any. And that will be it for my report.

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

Hi, everyone. I hope you're having a wonderful weekend and excited for the long weekend next week. Now to get into my report, on Monday I answered emails regarding committees, and created Facebook groups. On Tuesday I had my office hours, which recently changed from Wednesday. It's now Tuesdays from 1 to 2pm. Here I answered some questions from a student regarding access to her bus pass. I referred her to the hotspot support email and President Tyler on that. On Tuesday, I also had an experiential learning committee meeting with faculty. We discussed the current learning in action platform and making it more accessible to students. We also discussed what our plans are this year, and how we can contribute to the committee. I suggest that that experiential learning create a video about how their platform works with frequently asked questions for us to share on our pages and website. On Wednesday, I participated in the Orange Shirt Day events by attending the wonderful reflection ceremony. And then I also sat on a panel in Kinsella along with Ty, and the St. Thomas University reconciliation committee to discuss what Truth and Reconciliation means to us, and how we can further support the decolonization of the university. A lot of great points were raised as we listened and witnessed how important it was to recognize the National Truth and Reconciliation Day. On Thursday, the exec had a short meeting, and I took the rest of the day off to reflect. Friday, I reviewed my emails and started planning for the month of October. So that's a wrap on my report this week.

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

Hi, everyone, hope you all had a great week. So, I'll just go through my report in chronological order, starting with Monday. on Monday, at 10am, I had a meeting with the food bank Committee, which was really great. So, from that meeting, I reached out to Alex about possibly including the food bank in the clubs and societies fair. And then I got that information from Alex and reported back to them just about how they can go about that, about registering themselves or/and contacting Alex for further information on that. I then sent an email out to the winners of the raffle from Shinerama. So, we had a raffle with prizes for classes at Precision Pilates in Fredericton. So, we had two winners for that. So, I put the names on those prizes, put them in the Help Desk, and then contacted the winners saying that they could pick those up at the help desk. And then on Tuesday, I reached out to Tory about her Halloween event that seems really interesting, just reaching out saying that I'm here available to help out with that. And I also answered an email regarding the bus pass and someone who is having some troubles with that. On Wednesday, I reached out to Suzanne from Community Foods Mart about our payment because our first order is coming in this month, which is really exciting. So that payment is due towards the end of this week. So, I just emailed her confirming exactly how that should be done. And then I attended the Orange Shirt Day reflection ceremony and then the panel discussion on residential schools’ truth and reconciliation, I found that really great, really interesting. And I just generally was super, super impressed with that committee and the work they've done. And then I purchased the $100 gift card for the winner of the STUgenda art contest. So, the winner of the front-page art received a $100 MasterCard gift card. So, I purchased that. And then on Thursday, I had the governance committee as well as the finance committee, which is run by Alex. I sit on both of those committees. And then at four o'clock, as the rest of the executive said I attended the executive meeting, of course, then on Friday, I reached out to the winner of the gift card and met up with them and gave them the gift card which was nice because who doesn't want a $100 MasterCard gift card. So, a great way to start my day. And then I accepted all the Community Foods Mart money. So, all the e-transfers came in for this month's order. And then I just accepted all the transfers all at once. And then on Saturday, I did some a little bit of work for emergency bursaries. I sent out an email regarding an application that had already been decided on and then I forwarded an application to the committee. The committee consists of Tyler, the President of the Student Union as well as me and our General Manager, Tina. And then today I sent an email out to the UNBVPSL just about a ballroom event that might be happening towards the end of the month with STU and UNB, which would be really fun. Then I added some people to my committee groups on Facebook, which is really exciting as well, and just sent out an email to a rep from jack.org possibly looking at some different framework for the mental health committee and seeing how we can best work with jack.org to make it best fit for STU. So that's about it for this week.

## **Employee Updates**

No employee report available.

## **Representative Reports**

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

Gregory: Hi, so I do have something to report, something major, but I just wanted to let everybody know that the off-campus reps had a meeting this week, and we just started to discuss some potential activities that we may be involved with. I think we're also going to lend Tory's committee a hand with the Halloween idea. But other than that, we're good.

Carol: Same as Greg.

Lindsey: It's the same as what Greg and Carol said. Just to add on, we did have our meeting, and we did discuss some different things that we can do through October and for Halloween and fall. We talked about just doing some more with the Instagram and we're still kind of figuring out what we want to do to get out there to the students so that they can interact and also kind of give us some feedback on what they want to hear and what they want to see from us. But that's really it. That's all I have to add.

**5. 2 Indigenous Student Representative (Stevie D.)**

Hi, guys, so I have a full list to update you guys on. It was a pretty busy week. But it was super enjoyable. Monday, I started off with beginning to create the information booth. So, it was me and a couple of the members of the committee that put their ideas together to create the fair board. Tuesday, I created a video to send, just talking about what Truth and Reconciliation means to me. And I had the pleasure of introducing Ron Tremblay and Mi’gmaq on a elders panel to talk about the long-lasting effects of residential schools. And I also, throughout the day, spoke to students about the Orange Shirt Day and the events that we would be holding. And then Wednesday was an awesome, awesome day. I started off with the fair booth, just trying to connect with some students talking about truth and reconciliation, speaking about the committee, and I attended the reflection ceremony. And I also had the pleasure to sit on a student panel to talk about truth and reconciliation, or Shirt Day decolonization and it was a really, really awesome discussion. Throughout that day, I spoke to a couple of journalist students. They were they were asking for interviews. So, I did a couple of those. And then Thursday was a pretty cleared out day, I took that day for myself to reflect. And then Friday, we had an information session for the St. Thomas Student Reconciliation Committee. And after that, we had a chair and co chair meeting talking about future events, well possible future events. So, we were bringing up ideas such as book clubs, an indigenous art fair, possibly a Dropbox so students have a chance to ask questions and bring up concerns about the committee. And we also spoke about a possible event with a speaker talking about disconnection from culture and revitalizing language. But that was pretty much my week. It was really awesome. And I had an awesome Wednesday. It was really enjoyable, being able to sit on the student panel with some of my fellow committee members and some of my student union members. So, it was really great.

**5.3 Grad Class President (Tory D.)**

So, this week, we had a meeting about our haunted house. And they said at first that we weren't going to be able to do it because of COVID. And then we decided that that wasn't a good enough answer. So, we appealed it to someone else, and they decided that we were going to be able to do it. So, we were put a little bit behind. But we're gonna have a meeting the next week to talk about what we didn't get to talk about this week. And I sent an email to the person for the grad class clothing this week. Hopefully, it'll be here by next week. And everybody who made an order is going to get a free gift from the grad class. So, I picked that up this week, and we're just waiting on another shipment. So hopefully that gets here this week, too, before the cloths get here. And I had a meeting with the STU Alumni Association, had a meeting with Wanda this weekend, because we're really trying to focus on making the Alumni Association closer with the grad class students. And that will show in November, we're going to have a pop up with them. We're going to do a lot of stuff, working on making our connection stronger with the STU Alumni Association. I think that's everything I did this week.

**5.4 Member at Large Representative (Julia E.)**

It's nice to be here with all of you. I hope you all had a great weekend. So, for me, I mostly have an update for you guys. So essentially, what happened to me as to excuse why I haven't been here the last couple weeks is because I was experiencing problems with my Outlook, both my student account and this account where I could open it, but wasn't receiving emails since like, mid September. So, once I got that sorted out with IT services, I got all the emails and realized. Anyone who knows me knows I was devastated, seeing like what I had missed. So basically, I was playing catch up this weekend, caught up on all the minutes and the notes, and just glad to have that resolved moving forward. And with the election coming up, I'm also really excited to have someone join me as the fellow at large representative. In the meantime, I'm just getting started by starting to brainstorm some events. And if there's anything at all, that's coming up that anyone needs help with, I just wanted to make it clear that I really would be eager to help. So yeah, I'm looking forward to working with you all.

## **6. New Business**

**6.1. indigenous Students Reconciliation Committee Name Change**

Stevie: So, the reasoning behind the name change is that one of the main goals within this committee is creating a safe space for people, for all students, faculty to learn. And in order to do so, we thought the name change would be appropriate. Within the past year sitting on the committee, we've received a lot of questions. Just kind of touching upon, is the committee only for Indigenous students or like would I be allowed to join is what I would hear most of the time. So, we just thought it would be appropriate to change the name to go forth with inclusion and just to clear the air.

**Motion has been moved by the Indigenous Student Representative that it be resolved that the Indigenous Student Reconciliation Committee be renamed the St. Thomas Students Reconciliation Committee.**

**Seconded by Victoria Y.**

**That motion has been approved by 7 present voting members of council.**

**6.2. Education Liaison**

Tyler: So, I've been in contact with the education program here at STU. And they have requested that we add an education liaison for this year. This is not unprecedented. We've done it in the past. My second year as a representative, we had an education liaison. So, it's fairly standard procedure to do it. So, they'll be invited in under the same restrictions and privileges that the grad class president has. So, they would be joined in as a non-voting member, they would give a report the same as all of us and be able to liaise between the education program and here. The way that they have this set up because the education program is practicum based, would be that they have two students who would share the email and swap in and out based off of their practicum schedules. So, there would only be one position added, but the individual filling that position would switch between these two people, depending on when their practicums are. So, I guess before we go further, and I move any motions or anything, I'll let our Chair call for questions.

Victoria: Should we have a social work liaison as well since we're having like an education liaison?

Tyler: So, the way that this works is those schools reach out to me when they have individuals who are willing to take those roles. So, since they're not formally written into our constitution and bylaws and those types of things, it's down to the school to reach out if there's somebody interested in filling those slots. So, with the education program, these two students approached their Registrar and stated that this is what they would like. And then that individual reached out to me and said, I have people who are willing to take on this role if the union wouldn't mind adding it. So, these are like things that we do have open to like all the programs here, but it's on a case by case provided that they have students that are willing to take on that role.

**Motion has been moved by the President that it be resolved that we add the Education Liaison as a non-voting member to the SRC for this year.**

**Seconded by Alex N.**

**That motion has been approved by 9 present voting members of council.**

**7. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

Tyler: So just a reminder to everybody that all positions do need to be sitting on two committees for the year. And I did send out an email with the committees that are available. I have not received replies from everybody yet. So, if you would please take some time this week to get those responses in that way, we can fill up these committees and they can start doing the work that they need. That would be amazing. So that's my little update.

Alex: So, I just want to add on since we have passed the motion for name change on the reconciliation committee. So, the next step in the procedure would be that Tyler and I would make a by-laws amendment. And we will present it to the next SRC meeting with the full board, hopefully, and we'll have a vote on that to officially change the name on our documents. I just wanted to clarify on that.

Tory: I just wanted to say if anybody wants to help out with the haunted hallway, we're going to be having a meeting next week. So, if anyone wants to be a part of that, you can send me an email and I can give you the information. And if you're unable to make the meeting, then I can just fill you in on what's going on for everything. We're going to do a call for volunteers. So, if anybody on here wants to join to that would be so fun and awesome. It'll be a really good time.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Tyler M.

Seconded by ­­Alex N.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:43 pm.

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on October 4, 2021.

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Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council