4th Meeting of the 48th SRC

7:00 pm, Sunday, October 17, 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 |  |  |
| International Students Representative | Sony | 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:** Emily O’Donnell-Shaw (Chair-Women’s Center)

**Call to Order and Quorum Call**

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

Quorum is met with 10 voting members present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Tyler: I'd like to add a discussion about the Women's Center on our agenda for this for this meeting, and also that we do it before we go into new business, just so we don't hold Emily on the line.

**Motion has been moved by the President to add the Women’s Center Chair to the agenda make a presentation.**

**Seconded by Alex N.**

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

Alex: I have one amendment to add to the agenda. So, under new business, I would like to add 7.2 constitution amendments as well.

**Motion has been moved by the Vice-President Administration to add Constitutional Amendments to the agenda under New Business.**

**Seconded by Tyler M.**

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

The agenda was presented to council as amended.

It was moved by Tyler M to approve agenda as amended.

Seconded by Alex N.

The agenda was approved as amended.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the 3rd 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.

## **Women’s Center Presentation**

Tyler: So, for those of you who do not know we are joined today by Emily O'Donnell Shah, who is the chair of the Women's Center. She has joined us today to talk about the Women's Center in an opportunity that is that you all have to put your names forward. So, I will pass it over to Emily now.

Emily: Thank you and thank you for inviting me to attend this meeting. I guess I'll just give an overview about what the woman's center is. So, the Women's Center is a safe space on campus, we're located in room 129 of the Student Union Building. And we're open to all students from UNB and STU. And we offer a physical safe space on campus for students to use to hang out, study. That sort of thing. We also have a ton of resources, both to do with the universities and stuff in the greater Fredericton area. So, we have information on things like see sex, harm reduction, abortion access, that sort of thing. And then we also provide stuff like menstrual products and condoms, and other hygiene products. And then we are getting back slowly to hosting events throughout the year. And why I'm here today is because we're looking at getting a STU student union presence back on our board, which I knew in the past, Andie, her title is the social inclusion rep, she would attend our meetings. And we usually do you have like a STUSU presence and a UNBSU presence on our board meetings, which are once a month. And at those meetings, we just kind of go over what we've been working on and our future plans, and we brainstorm. And then we get feedback from our board members on our plans. And also, for doing any collaborations with our board members. We talked about that sort of thing. Yeah, that was kind of just the gist of who we are. And I can also answer any questions if anyone has anything.

Tyler: Thank you, Emily. And just so everybody knows, the process that we'll be following is, if you would like to represent STU on this board, you can present a little presentation at our next board meeting, like submit your name to either myself or Kryssonia. And you can give a little presentation, next meeting about like, why you feel that you would be a good fit, and then the SRC will vote on who they would like to represent them. So, it's like a mini election. And I do have a couple of names that have been put forward already for people who are interested. So just, again, it's open to everybody. And we welcome all applicants. And if you have any questions about anything, I'm sure Emily and myself would be happy to answer them. So. Right. Awesome. Well, thank you, Emily, for coming in and chatting with us about the Women's Center. And we look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Emily: Yes, we do as well. And again, thank you for inviting me to this.

## **Executive Reports**

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

Hello, again, everybody, I will try to keep this brief. I'll just give a brief summary. So, in summary, is basically just regular activities. So, you know, keeping on emails, I attended my office hour, I had my standing meeting with Jeffrey Carlton. And then I also had email communications with the experiential learning office, they are putting together a new, it's like a check list resume builder almost. So, they're essentially, it's like a list of skills. And you can go through this program. It's in development right now where students will be able to go through this program and they can select which skills they feel they have acquired and then it goes enter their profile, which they can then present to employers. And it kind of helps as your resume builder and competencies. That's what they call them. So, it helps build your resume. And then you can present these competencies to your employer. And these range from everything that you would pick up either through work experience, or through studies, as well as volunteer experience, like all these different things, they kind of pulled together and they created a little profile for yourself. So, it's a really cool program. And I went through one of the tests, like a test phase to see how it functions. And the user interface was very easy. I thought that the descriptions were good. And I think this is going to be a really cool program for our students to go through. So, it's coming in the future. So just keep your eye out for that. But I think it's a really cool initiative. And I'm looking forward to it. Last week, when was it Tuesday. So, on Tuesday, I was aiding a student a student had come to me with some issues that they were experiencing, and I had a meeting with them, and we worked them out. So that was good. And then I had a senate reconciliation committee meeting, we are in the process of planning an Indigenous Film Festival. I believe we did one a couple of years ago. And we're looking at bringing it back this year. So it will be in person, we're looking to have it somewhere in the realm of late January. But due to COVID, planning is really hard to figure out like what classes are going to look like next semester, as well as you know what spaces will be available. So, we're not setting hard deadlines yet until we have a little bit better grip on the COVID situation. However, we will be having this festival in some way. On Wednesday, I had the I attended the student reconciliation committee, So I attended their committee meeting. They were cookies, I didn't have one. But they had made cookies. And they look really great. We were talking they gave like some nice updates. But what they had going on, I know that they now have a guest suggestion box, it's being put up or set up on like the billboard that's right next to the help desk. So, students will be able to drop in any suggestions that they have on what the committee can work on. I'm sure Stevie will be touching more on this later. So, I won't take up too much of that space. But I thought it was a really good meeting. And I quite enjoyed it and look forward to attending more of them. On Thursday, I had to cancel my office hours because a student had come forward with another issue and it required my attention so I will be working with them in the future. And then on Friday, I have my standing meeting with Jeffrey Carlton, we will be going over just a number of things in these meetings from like COVID, planning to student concerns to event management, all of these different things are stuff that we touch on. So, I'm really, we're very fortunate to have this standing meeting and a good relationship with the with the communications department. I also had a brief meeting with Hannah Rudderham, the editor in chief of the AQ, just to touch base and ensure that our communication avenues are strong going forward. I know, we had a slight miscommunication earlier this year, just in regard to the way that these meetings are set up and structured. So just a little touch base and made sure that we were all on the same page moving forward. So, I look forward to working with them in the future. And Saturday, we had our Board of Governors meeting, that for those of you who do not know the Board of Governors, the highest decision-making body at the university. These meetings are strictly confidential. So, I cannot talk about what goes on in these meetings. However, I do present a student report to the board of governors. So, anything that the executive team are working on or any of you are working on, that you feel might be pertinent to bring up at these meetings, please send them to me, pretty much whenever they come up. And I am constantly building these student reports so that I can send them to the Board of Governors. So just send out in the future. If you are working on any initiatives that you think might be good to bring up to the Board of Governors, please let me know and I will do so. And today. I was doing some email catch ups and I was reviewing a few of our governing documents just to make sure that I am up to speed on these amendments that we will be presenting a little bit later in this meeting. So that's what I've been up to the past couple of weeks.

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

Hi, everyone for my report, so I'm going to start a week earlier. So, on Monday, October 4, I send out a blast email to clubs and societies for the fair and along with the promotions of the fair with our director communications. On Wednesday I chaired the Governance Committee meeting, and we make recommendations. And this still pending for approval. On Thursday, October 7, I had a finance committee meeting where we passed Venezuela 180’s application and review new funding applications. I also chaired the governance committee meetings where we ratify new societies, the Latin American Student Association. So, congratulations to Carol. progress forward. I'm sure you're going to excel in your new role. On Friday, October 8, I had the clubs and societies fair, which was success, we had up to 13 club/societies participate. And huge shout out to Tyler for helping me set up. I then had a candidate meeting. We welcomed our new international rep and student senator. So, congratulations to our new international rep today. We love to have you here. On Tuesday, October 12, I provide new email to reps, their email accounts, and passwords. I also have my office hours as usual. On Wednesday, October 13th. I sent a blast email to clubs and societies regarding website updates and asking them to provide intro blurbs and logos for promotional purposes. On Thursday, October 14, we have the weekly exec meetings. And I presented a proposal for constitution and bylaw amendments, which we're gonna look over later on. And on Friday, I chaired the finance committee meetings, we received funding applications from the St. Thomas student reconciliations committee, which has now been approved and I will send out the final decisions tomorrow to Stevie. I also answered emails, on campus just opting out as the deadline was October 15. And on Sunday, I mean, before this meeting, I had a meeting with international rep and VPED just to go through any questions they may have and their role as an international rep. And that's pretty much it.

Tyler: Yeah, I just wanted to just give Alex an extra little pat on the back for the clubs and societies fair. I have heard from a few of our partners, namely, UNB down the hill and Mount Allison, talking about how their clubs and societies fairs went. And based off of what I've heard, ours was among one of the most attended. And I think that that all goes to our VP Admin for putting on an amazing event. So, kudos to you, Alex. And I just thought I would pass on that information.

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

Hi, everyone, I hope you all had a cozy weekend. I know it's been raining. I'll head on into my report. First, I want to say I'll be talking about my report from the week before Thanksgiving weekend. So, it's a bit of a summary. So, during the week of October 4, I had meetings with the CASA advocacy committee, and discussed new campaigns that we plan to run during the year. We also worked on reviewing our advocacy toolkit to see how we can better our relationships with our local MPs. On Friday we had our clubs and societies fair here at STU where the NBSA was present. And I helped in recruiting students for committees at the booth. So, we're currently still taking committee applications. So, feel free to reach out if you want to become active externally would be NBSA. On Tuesday of last week, I worked on responding to emails that were sent on Thanksgiving weekend. One of such involves setting up a meeting with experiential learning to give feedback on their competency test before it is launched on learning in action. And this is the test that Tyler mentioned earlier. I also submitted our biweekly report for the NBSA and send in a policy I created for or board meeting. On Wednesday I responded to emails to change the times for MLA Mondays with David Kuhn and began to review our advocacy policy to see if there is need for any unmet amendments. On Thursday, I was present for our exec meeting, where we gave an update on what is currently happening for all executives. On a Friday, I attended a two-hour biweekly meeting with the NBSA, where we pass the policy that myself on the affordability committee work on for international students to gain access to student loans in New Brunswick. I also emailed or large rep to meet so we can discuss the running of the Member Relations Committee, which will be the committee that is responsible for planning our upcoming retreat. On Sunday, which is the day I participated in a meeting with Alex and our newly elected international representative to discuss their new role and responsibilities. And that's about it. Congrats to all or new members, to our SRC. And I hope you have a relaxing week.

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

Hi, everyone. It's been a while so it's nice to see you. So, I'll start with Monday, October 4. I met with our activities and events coordinator Valeria, just to talk about the upcoming year and set a bi-weekly date and time that we would be meeting to discuss just the two of us, which would be opposite to the biweekly time that the committee would be meeting so that was really productive. And then we just talked about the committee as a whole, about it starting up for this year about some of our motives and what we want to see accomplished. I also talked to the UNBSUVPSL about potential ballroom events for this year. They're having a bit of issue with it because of the ballroom and the capacity as well as the closing time of the SUB. So not sure what's going to happen with that. But I just was kept in the loop about that because I would love STU to be involved if they choose to do something like that. Then on Tuesday, October 5, I transferred the payment of $120 for Community Foods Mart over to Suzanne from Community Foods Mart for our order for the month of October. And then on Wednesday, October 6, I sent my availability over to Valeria for the poll for the activities and events committee, just because we combined both of our availabilities to put out the options for times out to the group. And then I put out some graphics about safe ride just because it seems like not too many STU students have been using safe ride this year. So, I just really want students to take advantage of this really great service we offer. I also attended the tri campus sexual assault prevention committee with sexual violence New Brunswick, and then I also attended the mayor's post secondary Relations Committee, which is with NBCCD and UNB. And this was pretty productive. We mostly talked about the homecoming parties, which was mostly UNB related but nonetheless it was good to be there. On Thursday, October 7, I sent over an emergency bursary application over to the Committee, which is Tyler and Tina, our general manager. Then on Friday, October 8, I approved that emergency bursary with the two and just sent the transfer email information over to Tina so that that student could receive that email, or sorry, receive that payment before the long weekend. Then, moving on to this past Tuesday, I answered an email from the financial office about the bus pass for a student that was sort of in a unique situation. Then on Wednesday, I figured out a solution for a student who is in the Bachelor of Education program who wasn't able to grab their community foods mart bag, just because they had their practicum. Then I sent another ED application over to the committee. Then on Thursday, I emailed with Brian Donovan from coastal graphics, about quarter zip design for STUSU. So that would be for our SRC members and our employees. So that's super exciting. So, keep your eye out in the Facebook group for an order for that should be coming out soon, just waiting on a little bit of a proof on that. And then Thursday was Community Foods Mart Day, second Thursday of every month. So, I informed the Help Desk volunteers that they were in the help desk. I sent an email out to the people who had ordered one, just saying that they're available for pickup and that they would have to pick them up by Friday at three or else they would start to kind of stink up the help desk. So, we wanted them out by then. And then I also brought some two of the bags over to the to campus Food Bank, they had ordered two bags. So, they had asked that I just bring them over and I took the fruits and vegetables out of the bags and kind of placed it on their shelves, made it look all nice, put some colorful fruits and veggies in between the bags. So hopefully a lot of students take advantage of that, some healthy fresh options there at the food bank. Then on Friday, I met with Carla Sutton and Sarah Lloyd about jack.org chapter for STU. They also sent over some information which I look forward to discussing with the mental health committee. On Friday, I also cleaned up the Help Desk as some of those Help Desk volunteers that are here in SRC, you might know that help desk was a bit of a disaster, there's a lot of Shinerama stuff just kind of packed in there. So, I got all that stuff out. It's a lot more spacious in there now. I went and saw Wanda from Alumni Relations. I love seeing Wanda, she's a great person to chat with. So, I brought her some of our STUgendas she had requested that I just bring her 12 or so because they were kind enough to donate some money to sponsor STUgendas. So that was really just out of appreciation for that. I gave some to the agendas for those agendas to be passed on to some of our alumni, which is really exciting. And then I picked up our Shinerama check from Buttercream Dreams, just from that. Just from that fundraiser that we had over the summer. It's been a while since that, but I just took a while to get that check. So, I finally picked it up on Friday. And that's about it for me for the last few weeks.

## **Employee Updates**

No employee report available.

## **Representative Reports**

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

Carol: So, basically, tomorrow we are posting in our social media like some stories so students can interact with us, or just, we just want to hear more about what activities they want to be involved. And yeah, that's it.

**6.2 Indigenous Student Representative (Stevie D.)**

Hi, guys. I just have a small little update. This past week, we just had a meeting about just touching up on a couple of things that we've spoken about the previous week. Since it was just a short week, it wasn't a really long meeting. We touched upon the suggestion box as Tyler mentioned, we're hoping to have this box located outside the help desk. And we're pretty much just putting it there for all students, faculty, to have the opportunity to give us suggestions, ideas, questions. And we're hoping to address these on our social media pages. And then we are also in the midst of planning a student led book club. We're going to be reading 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act. And we're just hoping that it's going to be a nice space for all of our students who enjoy reading to learn a little bit about indigenous culture, lifeways, and just social issues that we face every day. And what else did we do? Yeah, that was most of our meeting. We just touched upon those two aspects.

**6.3 Social Inclusion Representative (Manvi W.)**

Tyler: So, I will just read Manvi’s report that they sent in. Good evening, everyone. I hope everyone is doing well and have been getting enough rest between these hectic days of school and work. I apologize for not being there virtually to deliver this, but I hope I can make it to these meetings sooner. From my side. There isn’t much to report from the past few weeks, however, our president did email everyone about having a presence on the university Women's Center board, which is one of the things in the agenda from my side. Tyler will have further explained, I'm assuming as to have fair nominations criteria for everyone who's interested and to give their pieces to why they would be an ideal candidate for the position. I will be planning some events and hopefully in partnership with either STUISA, international representatives to begin with and then see how I can reach out to other associations as well. I've been going through the minutes of the past meetings as well. And if I have any questions, I will put them forth. Thank you, everyone.

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

Hi, everyone. I hope you're all having a great weekend. Yeah, I just have a brief report. So first of all, I've been working with Tori and the grad class team, basically to plan their Halloween grab events. So, I've just been kind of just an additional support and volunteer for that. So, we had a meeting there last week, I'm pretty sure yeah. Also, a meeting with Sydona this week with regards to the members relations committee and getting that thing kick started. Also, I wrote a blog this week for student recruitment on STUSU and different positions and how to get involved for prospective students. So, you'll probably see that on the school’s website this week. But aside from that, that's pretty much it for now.

## **7. New Business**

**7.1. By-Law Amendments**

Alex: So, the only change that we make would be the subsection O, name change. As mentioned before, the name will be changed to St. Thomas Students Reconciliations Committee.

**Motion has been moved by the President that be it resolved that the amendments to the STUSU bylaws be accepted.**

**Seconded by Alex N.**

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

**7.2. Constitution Amendments**

Tyler: Okay, so the main change that's in here would be down here so where it says, student representative councils. So, this is the SRC, which is council that we're on right now. The biggest change that we're taking here is you'll notice there's the removal of the Rigby Hall position, because Rigby is no longer a residence on campus. It's now Vanier. So even though the actual facility of rugby is in use currently, those students will be moving to Vanier next month actually. So, because of that, we are removing this position. And in doing that we effectively will be shrinking the size of the Union. So, all we'll be doing is going through the like quorum numbers and making sure that the quorum numbers are reflective of the fact that we have one less representative.

Alex: So, under Title 9 Section 6.

Tyler: Yeah, so I think that was it for this change in here so it might not seem like a big change, but we've actually just shrunk the size of the SRC by one position, so it means that it's a bit of an administration thing. We need to just go through and make sure that this is reflective, that our quorum counts, and everything are OK. So that we can still function.

**Motion has been moved by the Vice-President Administration that be it resolved that the proposed amendments to the STUSU Constitution be accepted.**

**Seconded by Sydona C.**

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

**8. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

Tyler: So, the first one is just going to be a little request from all of the SRC members who have not given me their list of which committees are going to be sitting on yet. Please stick around after this meeting for a few minutes and I'll just pull up the spreadsheet. You can just tell me which ones you want to sit on right now because it is mandated under all of your positions that you do sit on two committees and I know that our executive team are eager to get those committees up and running, so the more members we have on those better. The second announcement that I've got is we are planning the STUSU retreat, so we were waiting until after us by election, because that way we've had our new members all put in so. A retreat happens every year and what we do is we go through the like Bylaws, Constitution, Roberts rules. There's a little bit of team bonding stuff that happens so that we get to know each other a little bit more. And then we do agenda setting and planning. So, it is essentially takes or gives each of you the opportunity to and the space to set out. What you would like to accomplish this year and build the relationships with your fellow councillors so that you're able to achieve these things. So that's kind of what the goal of this retreat is. I believe the date that we are looking at is the 30th of October and it will be held virtually just because of COVID constraints. So, it will be a virtual event. We're looking at putting it all in one day. That way we're not taking up a ton of your like weekend, I guess. But if it is to be put across two days, it'll be the tail end of Friday, so it might be just the last half of Friday and then Saturday. Essentially so, and there will be like some social time. There will be some work time. It's always a fun time and I enjoy it a lot, and I know that the executives, when we were all representatives, we had quite a bit of fun at these retreats. So, looking forward to seeing all of you there. So now that we have a full, well near full SRC since our election is now past, if everybody and we do have some SRC members who struggle to meet this time due to work constraints and like class times and all these different things. I'd like to just put it to the SRC just as like an informal vote, like not like a formal thing, but just an informal vote as to whether or not we want to put out another doodle poll to try and change the meeting time. So just like an informal show of hands. If you're alright putting out, like going forward with another Doodle poll, just informal, yeah. Cool perfect, that's majority alright, so I'll put send out a doodle poll tomorrow. I'll write it down for tomorrow and we'll put out a doodle. Poll to get.

Alex: Like Tyler said. We have had a busy week, weekend so we’re trying to have the time changed since our meetings usually go 3 hour long, so we don't want to start meeting at 7:00 and then end at 10. Which will be too late for everyone. And final thing. Since we already passed our constitutions and bylaws amendments. Stevie, I'm gonna present a policy amendment following up with that name change to make it all uniform across our policies and documents so just a heads up on that.

Tyler: So just to announce to everybody formally and to give to give them a formal welcome. We have a new international student rep, Sony. So, everyone could give Sony a very warm kind of like mini applause and a welcome. That's amazing. And also, we have a new student senator as well. Chloe York was elected as student senator, so these senators don't necessarily need to attend these meetings. They aren't a part of the SRC, but they will be our representation in liaison at the university Senate, which is another major decision making body on this campus, so they will be sitting on some committees directly with professors and high level administrators, so don't be afraid to use them as a resource with anything that you would like presented at those bodies and stuff, so they're a little bit separate from us, but there's still a part of the team, so if you see them walking around, congratulate them and make sure they feel welcome.

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Alex N.

Seconded by ­­Victoria Y.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:53 pm.

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on October 18, 2021.

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Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council