**14th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: February 10, 2023**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on February 10, at 3:02pm.

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 7/8 members.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 13th Meeting of the SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** At-Large Representative York

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Review of Agenda**

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

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Education

**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**

President’s Advisory Committee on the Budget (Confidential)

* Serve as student representative alongside Jason O’Hearn.

CASA EDI Strategic Plan Focus Group

* Julia and I attended the focus group meeting to discuss EDI cultures at CASA.

SEC Meeting (Confidential)

* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting

CHSR Meeting

* I met with CHSR Volunteer Coordinators to discuss student outreach.
* Upcoming opportunity for clubs & societies to have their own broadcast show will be advertise this week.
* Future partnership with faculties including Environmental department for student podcast assignments.

Update on Accommodation for students with dependant studying on campus

* The University is installing more changing tables in bathrooms on campus
* The University is also looking for a space which will be reserve for private nursing.

NBSA biweekly Executive meeting

* I attended our biweekly NBSA executive meeting for ED’s updates and preparation of upcoming Board meeting.

**Miscellaneous**

* Office hours @ Help Desk – Thursday 12-1pm

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

Meetings

* I had my office hour in JDH from 12 to 1 PM on Monday.
* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting on Tuesday.
* The Finance Committee met on Wednesday to discuss a few funding applications and the sponsorship proposal that I will be talking about later.
* I had a check-in meeting with the Help Desk Manager and VPSL.

Clubs and Societies

* A few clubs and societies applied for funding which the Finance Committee met to discuss.
* A few representatives from some societies reached out to ask questions regarding the clubs and societies policy.

Campus Trust

* It's been pretty quiet on the Campus Trust side of things.

Administrative Tasks/Miscellaneous

* I worked with Tina on getting the budget update for the month of January ready and that will be presented at next week's meeting.
* Since this meeting was originally supposed to be in person, I contacted IT to set up a meeting to figure out the projector in Room 5.
* I coordinated the transfer of funds for the funding applications that we had received in the last few weeks with Tina.

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

**Meetings**

**Advocacy Meeting with STUSU President Alex**

* Alex and I met to discuss second semester advocacy initiatives and amendments to the Advocacy Document.

**Meeting with the Director of Policy at UNBSU**

* Rose, the Director of Policy at UNBSU, and I met to discuss the plan for February’s MLA Monday. The next event will be February 13th at JDH at 12pm. The theme is affordability, and we created a list of questions to help guide the roundtable discussion.

**Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Accessibility**

* I met with the Committee to discuss accessibility services on campus for students, specifically how to improve note taking services.

**National Advocacy Committee**

* I had a meeting with the National Advocacy Committee to discuss the graphics for the “Half Your Degree” campaign. The first phase of the campaign will be launched on February 23rd.

**Meeting with At-large representatives**

* I had a meeting with Lauren and Chloe to discuss logistics for their upcoming Candy and Conversation happening Friday, February 17th.

**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. The first event is taking place at JDH with the topic of affordability.

**STUSU Sustainability and Advocacy Meetings**

* I sent polls to schedule committee meetings for this upcoming week.

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

**Meetings**

**Meaghan from AIDS NB**

* I met with Meaghan to talk about sex week and her organization participation during this week.

**Brett (Healthy Campus Coordinator)**

* I had a meeting with Brett and the STUSU president to talk about the wellness week that is happening the last week of March.

**Communications Officer- Reinaldo Cascante:**

* I was in contact this week with Rey to advertise sex week.

**Help desk manager - Ana Cañarte and VP Admin**

* We had a meeting to touch base and see how things are going.

**Considerate Rental Companies:**

* I had a meeting with Considerate rental manager to talk about the housing fair.

**SEC Meeting**

* We had our executive meeting on Tuesday.

**Projects and Initiatives**

* Finalizing the logistics for sex week that is happening on Monday.
* Continue planning wellness week.
* I contacted different rental companies and landlords in for the housing fair.

**Miscellaneous:**

* I received applications for the emergency bursary and questions about the food smart program.
* I picked up the food bag orders
* I have my help desk hours on Thursday at 1 to 2

**President:** Would it be possible to know if there’s any vacant shifts for the help desk?

**VP Student Life:** Yes, I can send an email and let you know.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

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

* Due to the weather, the Students Reconciliation Committee could not meet this week. During this time, we also decided that we will be donating $150 to the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser for the John Howard Society. We will also be ordering apparel in the near future. Additionally, we also had an informal meeting regarding the Wabanaki students centre and some possible expansions in the future. I also spoke with Rachel Burke, who invited me to mc at the Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc. AGA.
  1. **At-Large Representative report**
* This week, we worked together and met with other SRC members to plan for our upcoming At-Large Representative event. Our event will take place next Friday, February 17th from 12-2 in JDH. The event will be called “Candy and Conversation” which will be an opportunity for us as At-Large Representatives along with any other SRC members available to answer any questions/concerns students may have about STUSU and put STUSU out there as we get closer to Spring elections. We have the table booked, have submitted a funding application to the VP Administration, and the first social media post went out earlier today on the STUSU Instagram.

**Indigenous Rep:** What day and time is our event?

**At-Large Representative York:** It will be on February 17 from 12:00pm-2:00pm.

**VP Student Life:** I will be there from 12pm-1pm.

**VP Education:** I will also be attending. I would also encourage anyone who knows someone who might be interested in being a part of STUSU to encourage them to attend.

**Indigenous Rep:** What social media was the event advertised on?

**At-Large Representative York:** On the STUSU page.

**Indigenous Representative:** I will be there for the entire event.

1. **New Business.** 
   1. Multicultural Fair sponsorship (VP Admin)

*Presented the letter from the STUISA sponsorship letter*

**VP Admin:** We were asked to participate in sponsoring in the multicultural fair by STUISA, and the SEC recommended that the STUSU approve a gold level partner partnership for this event.

**[10.1**] BIRT Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Gold Partnership Package for STUISA's Multicultural Fair for the value of $500 be approved.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** Carries

* 1. CASA Presentation (CASA Member Relations Officer Wasiimah)

*Presentation from CASA Member Relations Officer Wasiimah Joomun*

**President:** Thank you so much for being able to attend today, and we are really grateful that you could give us such great insight into CASA.

**VP Admin:** I also wanted to echo those sentiments as well, and we are thankful for your time today.

**Indigenous Representative:** CASA not only opens door of opportunity in networking, but also to grow personally. Thanks so much!

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

No questions, Announcements & Notices.

**Indigenous Representative: The** Coldest Night of the Year event is on February 25th. Spread the word to your peers to let them know, and the link to donate is online.

**President**: It might be easy if have a QR code scanner at the help desk so people can attach the event to a location. As well, SRC meetings will be held virtually for the rest of the semester on Fridays from 3pm-5pm each week. Also, the spring general elections in the next two weeks are coming up soon. Info will go out at the end of next week, and it will be finalized soon. Hopefully, we get more engagement and events like Chloe and Lauren’s would be great in helping students understand what STUSU is like, and the roles of each of the positions.

**VP Student Life:** Sex Week is on Monday, so please get the word out as best as you can.

**Sydona:** It’s so nice to see everyone. I just wanted to share that on behalf of the NBSA, we are looking for students who are being affected by the housing crisis. We also have the budget announcement in March, and if you have any concerns or suggestions that are external, just let me know.

**President:** Sydona is speaking on the provincial budget, and the NBSA was invited along with the university institutions. For example, we can suggest more mental health advocacy and funding, which is why it is so important to raise these points to Sydona, myself, or Julia in order to advocate for the concerns of students.

**VP Education**: Just a reminder that the MLA Monday will be on Monday, so please try and advertise on social media.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 4:05pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Education

**Motion:**

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on February 15th.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council