**17th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: March 3, 2023**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on March 3, at 3:03pm.

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 6/8 members.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board amend the minutes of the 16th Meeting of the SRC to change the quorum count to 5/8 instead of 5/5, and to have Representative Lauren Hayes marked as present instead of absent.

**Moved by:** President

**Seconded by:** VP Education

**Motion:** Carries

**[4.2.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 16th Meeting of the SRC as amended.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** At Large Representative

**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**  
SEC Meeting (Confidential)

* The execs had our weekly SEC meeting

Meeting w/ UNBSU Vp Wellness and Services

* I met with Amanda to discuss some updates to Safe Ride services including new light sign and safety vest for drivers for identification purposes.

STU Chosen Name Policy Committee

* I attended the Committee meeting to finalize detail for the policy drafts.

Monthly Meeting with Dr. Fenwick and Karen Preston

* STUSU execs resumed our monthly check-in with senior admin.

**Miscellaneous**

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

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

**Meetings**

* The execs had our weekly meeting.
* I had my office hours on Monday.
* I also met with the candidates who will be running for the position of VP Admin in the general election.
* I also gave an interview regarding the election to the Aquinian.
* The finance committee met to discuss funding applications.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**Campus Trust**

* A few students reached out to me regarding questions about their health plan and the dental plan. I sorted that out with Crystal Baker.

**Clubs and Societies**

* A few club societies had sent in funding applications, as well as questions regarding ratification process is so I helped him out with that.

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

**Meetings**

* I met with the newly formed Advisory Committee on Accommodations, as I am a student representative. This committee looks at improving accessibility services and accommodations across campus.
* I also attended Lauren and Chloe's “Candy and Conversation” event, which was a great success.
* I met with Rei and Alex to discuss the liberal arts campaign, and we decided on a name which will be “Shift the Narrative: Liberal Arts”. I am in the process of reaching out to different professors, and Rei will be handling the graphics.
* I also reached out representatives from the NB Coalition for Tenant’s Rights for the upcoming housing fair.
* As well, the CASA’s federal campaign surrounding the changes to the Canada student grants and how it will be changing from $6000 to $3000.

**Giuliana Grillo:** Do you have a specific number on how many students will be affected by the changes to the Canada student grants?

**VP Education:** No, I would not have that information. It would be the federal portion of student grants that these students would be relying on through their students, however I do not have the exact numbers. That could be something we could survey on, but it is not information that would be available to us.

**Giuliana Grillo:** Okay great thank you. I was not certain if you had any of the data available.

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

**Meetings**

**VPED and President**

* I met with Julia and Alex to talk about housing fair, and check the logistics and the services that the fair is going to have.

**Sexual Assaults Prevention Committee**

* I met with the Sexual Assaults Prevention Committee to talk about sex week and how it went. We also agree on collaborating with SVNB and a training they are going to host with the tri-campus.

**Ryan Sullivan and Brock Richerdson, STUSU Presidents**

* I met with Ryan, Brock, and Alex to talk about the upcoming welcome week.

**Meeting with a Student Interest in Running for VPSL**

* I met with a student that is interested in running for the upcoming election, and she showed interest in running for VPSL. We go over the position role, some questions, and information about VPSL.

**Meeting with SEC**

* Weekly Sec meeting.

**Projects and Initiatives**

* I attend to the sex week events that were postponed.
* I start planning wellness week and contacting different resources.
* I volunteered in STUISA Ticket Booth, for the ticket sell of the Multicultural Fair
* I continue reaching out to rental companies, 211, and residence life in order to ask them if they are interest in participant in the housing fair.

**Miscellaneous**

* I received questions about the food smart program and emails of students to become new members of the community food smart program and received emergency bursaries applications.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

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

* This week, the student’s Reconciliation Committee did not meet, however, we did have the chance to be a part of a Talking Circle with the Senate of Reconciliation. The student’s reconciliation committee has also been looking out for stickers since we are planning to have a sticker sale towards the end of March. I was also an MC at the Wolastoqey Tribal council’s annual general meeting on Wednesday, and we had the chance to discuss post-secondary education and how to best help our students.

9.2 **At Large Representative report**

* Chloe and I had our “Candy and Conversation” event, which was a really great success. We answered some questions and met with students, and it was a good chance to get the word out about the election and STUSU.

**President:** Seeing this event, it is helpful to have this kind of event and engagement with students in-person like this. Hopefully, this is something that we can do again in the future.

1. **New Business.** 
   1. Strategic document review (President)

*Presented strategic document for 2023-2025.*

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**Indigenous Representative:** I just wanted to let everyone know that our Coldest Night of the Year team raised $420. Thank you so much to everyone that donated and helped in this campaign.

**President:** Congratulations to Stevie for participating and raising awareness for this campaign. Because we are moving into reading week, I just wanted to remind everyone that I will not be seeing everyone until the week after when we are back. However, the executives are still working, so if you need anything do not hesitate to send us an email. For those participating in the election, best of luck! I will see you this Sunday at 6 pm for the mandatory candidate meetings. Normally, we have the election result announced at the cellar, however since it will be announced on a weekday. I will let you all know if we decide to still have this, and if not, we can find another day to celebrate. Our next SRC meeting, we will discuss the strategic document and hopefully get it done before the last day of classes. One the week of the last day of classes will be our last SRC meeting. Have a good reading week everyone!

**Giuliana Grillo:** I was just comparing this strategic document to the 2021 one, but I was wondering the pillar on equity, diversity, and inclusion was not included.

**President:** This is because we decided that we wanted to see EDI included in each of the pillars rather than have it just be as one separate pillar. However, that is a good point to raise, and we can discuss that to make sure that it is clear that EDI is always being included in our advocacy.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:46pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on March 16th, 2023.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council