**13th Meeting of the 50th SRC**

**Date: Friday, February 16th 2024**

**Location: Holy Cross House, Room 5**

1. **Call to Order**

Elizabeth Namit, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on Friday February 16th, 2024, at 3:05pm.

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 | Stevie DeMerchant | **-** |  |  |
| Vice President Administration | Ahmik Burneo | **-** |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Emily Boucher | **-** |  |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Isabella Baralt | **-** |  |  |
| Indigenous Representative | Tanner J Augustine | **-** |  |  |
| International Student Representative | Ana Lucía Pavón |  | **-** |  |
| At Large Representatives (2) | Lauren Hayes |  |  | **-** |
| Off campus Representatives (2) | Emma Craib | **-** |  |  |
| Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative |  |  |  |  |
| First Year Representative | Aidan Steeves | **-** |  |  |
| Harrington Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Vanier Representative | Fae Swinamer | **-** |  |  |
| Holy Cross Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | Colby Beers |  |  | **-** |
| Grad Class President | Lindsay Graham |  |  | **-** |

Quorum has been met 8/11.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approves the minutes of the 12th Meeting of the 50th SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** Indigenous Rep

**Seconded by:** First year Rep

**Motion:** CARRIES

1. **Review of Agenda**

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

**Moved by:** VP Education

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** CARRIES

1. **Unfinished Business.**

No unfinished business.

1. **Executive Reports.**

*Executives provided verbal report followed by a written one.*

* 1. **President report – Stevie DeMerchant**

Meetings

* Meeting w/ Indigenous Institutes Consortium: On Monday, I had the honor of meeting with IIC to better understand their advocacy and how Indigenous institutes in Ontario function.  We discussed their advocacy for PSSSP, ISET and how the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee may be able to collaborate with them.
* Touchbase w/ CASA policy analyst & communications: This was a brief touchbase to talk about the upcoming AFN x NIAC campaign.
* Meeting w/ students interested in executive positions: During the week I had two meetings with students to discuss the President position and what this position entails.
* Meeting w/ National Indigenous Advocacy Committee: We had a lot on the agenda for this meeting. We discussed the upcoming AGM, campaign, elections, and possible collaboration with IIC.
* Meeting w/ Exec Team: During our weekly executive meeting we provided updates to one another and asked general questions.

Miscellaneous

* Picked up prizes and supplies for sex week activities.
* Finished Board of Governors report to present at the next meeting
* Valentines Day activity at James Dunn Hall
* Office Hour

**7.2. Vice President Administration report – Ahmik Burneo**

* The English Society has sent a new draft of its constitution for review by the Governance Committee.
* I met with a candidate interested in running for VP Administration in the upcoming elections to go through some of my responsibilities and what the role entails.
* I’ve been in contact with a student who started this year and is interested in getting enrolled in the benefits plan.
* I received three funding applications from clubs and societies, currently under review by the Finance Committee.
* I also attended the Valentine’s event organized by the STUSU.
* I met with the Vice President of STUISA to discuss some internal things. Next week I will be attending their executive meeting as part of my responsibilities as VP Administration.
* I attended the STUSU Sex Bingo event last night, which was organized by the VPSL. It was great to see the amount of people who attended the event.
* I had my office Hours at the help desk today.
* The Executive team met for its weekly SEC Meeting.

**7.3. Vice President Education report – Emily Boucher**

* have been setting up pizza and policy with MP Jenica Atwin for next Wednesday from 12-1, more details to come shortly on the stusu Instagram page.
* I have been working on NBSA funding proposals still with the Executive Director, we have various proposals intending to be distributed.
* I had a few meetings with candidates that are interested in the role of VPED
* Attended a biweekly meeting for NBSA executive team
* Wrote my senate report for the upcoming meeting, this discusses any updates or events STUSU, CASA, and NBSA.
* Met with NBSA executive director Friday to chat about funding and internal NBSA committees.
* Working on shift the narrative campaign, a collection of videos from students discussing what a liberal arts education means to them. Hoping to have this on our socials next week.
* Working on copyright campaign, a collection of videos that will be sent to CASA’s home office, that raise awareness of textbook costs and how copyright plays into this.
* Helped out with sex bingo for sex week with VP Student Life, great event with great turnout.

**7.4. Vice President Student Life report – Isabella Baralt**

* Finished hosting all Sex Week events besides the Art event tonight.
* Hosted with the Student Health Centre the STIBII Clinic where 36 students got tested.
* Hosted Sex Bingo with Drag Queen Barbra Wire, around 70 students came.
* Continue discussing and organizing the STUSU merch.
* Started the communications to book the Dawn Russell Students Lounge for Pizza and Policy with MP Janice Atwin and the Candidates’ Debate.
* I have been coordinating a giveaway for the foodbank with Social Work Students.
* Had 2 meetings with Students to support them with emergency bursary applications.
* Had meetings with Students Interested in the VPSL position.
* Help my helpdesk office hours.
* Went with Stevie and Emily to purchase all supplies for sex weeks.
* Received and processed 3 emergency bursaries applications.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports.** 
   1. **Vanier Rep report**

* This week had sex trivia over 45 members of the house attended. Spent a lot of time organizing it as it is one of our last events for the year and it went amazing. **Indigenous Rep report**
* I had one of the candidates of VP Education to understand Indigenous issues, it went well. Just a general point on how much the school knew about Wabanaki knowledge, and it was a bit disappointing.

1. **New Business.**

No new business.

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**
   1. **SRC Retreat - VP Student life**

* We are going to have our SRC retreat March 16th the weekend after reading week, we are still trying to find the place hopefully in the crown plaza restaurant/conference room. We are finalizing speakers, we will have and games we are going to play. It is not mandatory, but we hope you can all come.
  1. **Painting Event Tonight for Sex Week – President**
* Another reminder about our event tonight for sex week. We will be doing painting tonight from 4:30-6:00pm in the Wabanaki center.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:21pm.

**Moved by:** President

**Seconded by:** Indigenous Rep

**Motion:** CARRIES

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on February 19th at 1:30pm

**Alyssa Ivanny**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council