**12th Meeting of the 50th SRC**

**Date: Friday, February 9th 2023**

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

1. **Call to Order**

Elizabeth Namit, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on February 9th, 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 7/11.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 11th Meeting of the 50th SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Education

**Seconded by:** VP Admin

**Motion** CARRIES

1. **Review of Agenda**

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

**Moved by:** VP Education

**Seconded by:** President

**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:

* Pizza and Policy with David Coon. Our VPED Emily planned and executed an awesome event that invited students to have pizza and discuss their concerns with our MLA David Coon. We had a full house and an amazing conversation.
* Senate Committee on Reconciliation. During this meeting we discussed the upcoming Mid-Winter Gathering along with some upcoming events and services that we want to offer to Indigenous students at STU.
* Touch Base with National Indigenous Advocacy Committee. During this meeting we discussed our upcoming meeting with Indigenous Services Canada and how we were going to present the post secondary student support policy.
* Student Executive Council Meeting. During this meeting we provide updates to one another.

Miscellaneous:

* Help Desk Hour. I had a student drop by to discuss the upcoming election.
* Went through a few emergency bursary applications this week.
* Received a few emails from students interested in running for president. I have set up meetings with them to further discuss my position.
* Update on election from CRO: 16 applications.

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

* Reached out to Director of Communications to coordinate some updates to the website, particularly to incorporate the new clubs and societies that have been reinstated on campus.
* The Executive team has kept in touch with the CRO as this week the nominations for STUSU have opened this week.
* The Activities Coordinator reached out to all executives regarding an event for Valentine’s next week where we will participate. Valentine's Gift Station.
* I have kept in touch with the professor from the Human Rights department who is encouraging students to start the human rights society. There is already an executive team who are working on drafting their constitution before applying officially to ratification.
* This week I have received a couple of funding applications from clubs and societies. These will be sent to the finance committee for their review.
* I was planning to meet with a couple of students this week to provide them with more information about starting a media club, but something came up last minute and we couldn’t meet and we are rescheduling it.
* I didn’t have my office hours this week as the CRO needs to have office hours at the Help Desk during this time.
* The Executive team had its weekly SEC.

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

* Hosted Pizza and Policy with MLA David Coon Monday afternoon. It was a great success and an amazing opportunity for students to ask any questions to their MLA and learn about what he has been up to and how he has been representing student voices.
* Finished the NBSA funding proposal for PETL, this outlined our financial state and a proposal to create a lasting relationship between PETL and the NBSA
* Held a NBSA Funding Meeting with PETL
* Wrote and created a design for the press release regarding the resignation of Minister Dunn of PETL
* Have been emailing with students regarding the STUSU election and setting up times to meet with folks who are interested.
* Have been researching for more grants for the NBSA and have been working on those applications and proposals.
* Been working on CASAs Copyright campaign, collecting some videos to submit.
* Have been working on the shift the narrative campaign and editing the videos to post it. This is to get the message out regarding the vitality of a liberal arts education and its benefits for students.
* Held Student executive council meeting Friday afternoon.

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

* Had a meeting with the MayDay, to discuss possibilities for the course merch
* Had 4 meetings with students to support them with emergency bursaries applications.
* Had a meeting with Brittany to discuss some sex week events.
* Communicated with the students that order community food smart to guarantee pick up.
* Coordinated with the CRO and the Help desk manager, the office hours for election season.
* Coordinated with community partners to organize coordinate their participation during Sex Week (Barbra Wire, Aids NB, Student Health Centre, SVNB).
* Coordinated rooms for sex with with room bookings and other interested parties.
* Had a discussion with the Food Bank BSW to donate some items for a STU Foodbank for a prize draw that they are having at the end of the month.
* Had multiple meetings with the Activities Committee Coordinator to coordinate the Valentines Event.
* Did my office hours at the Helpdesk.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports.** 
   1. **Off Campus Rep report**

* Review and approve some minor changes to the scope of the work of the academic planning committee that is being sent to the senate and I think the changes will bring it more in line for what it actually makes sense for the committee to do.

1. **New Business.**

No New Business

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**
   1. **Mid-Winter Gathering – President**

* The Mid-Winter Gathering will be happening this weekend, sacred fire is going to be on campus for the weekend. It is going to be very close around our campus and UNB, if you have any time you can find the agenda on the Wabanaki Center page and there is also printed out ones by the Wabanaki Center.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:19pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion** CARRIES

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on Saturday February 10th at 12:10pm

**Alyssa Ivany**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council