**8th Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: November 20th, 2022**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on November 20th, at 3:08pm.

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 | Jakob Didychuk |  |  |  |
| Holy Cross Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | - |  |  |  |
| Grad Class President | Madison LeBlanc |  |  |  |

Quorum has been met with 6/9 members present.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 7th Meeting of the SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** President

**Seconded by:** VP Admin

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Review of Agenda**

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

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**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.*

**7.1. President report - Alex Nguyen**

**Meetings**

SEC Weekly meeting

* The executive team had our weekly meeting, and had progress updates and check-ins.

NBSA Executive meeting

* The NBSA executives had a bi-weekly meeting to discuss progress reports from the home office staff, and check-ins in preparation for Advocacy week.

NBSA Advocacy week training

* I presented the Advocacy week training along with the ED & Chair to the student delegation from Mount Allision, UNB SJ, and STU.

NBSA Advocacy Week Meetings

* The NBSA Advocacy week took place on Nov. 14-18, with the attendance of the NBSA Board of Directors from three Students’ Union and student delegations. The Advocacy Document contains 7 policies surrounding: EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), Mental Health, Sexual Violence, Housing, University Funding, Financial Aid & International Student Tuition.
* The meetings with stakeholders are as follows:

MLA Coon & MLA Mitton

UNB SJ Administration team

Federation of NB Faculty Association

Fredericton Chambers of Commerce

Deputy Mayor & Post-Secondary Relations Committee

MP Atwin

* We still have a couple of meetings left next week with STU Administration and PETL.

Meeting w/ Cassidy, LGBTQIA2S+ Wellness Coordinator

* I met w/ Cassidy to update on the Chosen name policy work.

Campus Trust Utilization Report Meeting

* Julia, Tina, and I attended the Utilization report meeting w/ Paul from PBAS.
* Overall, our plans are back on track and are being well used by students as one of the most popular plans in the Trust.

Miscellaneous

SRC Retreat

* The SRC held our annual retreat at the Delta on Nov. 7.
* The councillors received training and presentations from the executive team along with our guest speaker Sydona from NBSA.
* The SRC also participated in team-building exercises, a councillors initiative planning exercise, and the first brainstorm session for Strategic planning.
* The STUSU treated the SRC and our staffs to a lunch at the hotel, to say thank you for your dedication.

CASA Bid for Policy & Strategy Conference 2023 w/ UNBSU

* UNBSU and I worked on a presentation document to submit a bid to host the annual CASA Policy & Strategic Conference next June, here in Fredericton.
* STU will be the on-campus residence for delegates and the conference will be hosted at the Wu Centre if elected.

Crisis Communication Manual w/ Director of Communications

* Rei and I started working on the crisis communication plan for STUSU.

Policy Format Update

* I updated all 8 policy (operational and external) format with amendment records added into the policies.

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

**Meetings**

* I had my JDH Office Hour - Monday from 2pm to 3pm.
* The Finance Committee met up to discuss a fundamental application.
* I had my weekly SEC meeting to touch base with my fellow executives.
* I was unable to attend the Campus Trust Utilisation Meeting, but I did read the report and it's great to know that we are on the right track and have a popular plan that students are using.

**Projects and Initiatives**

Campus Trust

* Things were calm on this side of things.
* The last meeting for the Campus Trust Governance Committee, I believe was scheduled for Mid-December.

Clubs & Societies

* I worked on a funding application for a society and that was approved by the Finance Committee. The information was sent to Tina, so the e-transfer could be made efficiently.
* I am working on scheduling an executive training for Student United Way.

**Miscellaneous**

* A few students reached out to me regarding some concerns, so I helped them solve that.
* I also helped a few clubs and societies in helping find the funding application.
* Lastly, I reached out to Jakob, the Vanier Rep regarding his attendance to the meetings. I have yet to hear back.

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

No Vice President Education report available.

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

**Meetings**

Ridhi Sharma

* UNBSU VP wellness, we met meet to talk about the student run business that happened on Nov 17th, at the SUB from 2:00pm.

Help Desk

* I met with the Help Desk Manager to talk about the Help Desk in general, and the volunteers.

Activities Coordinator

* I met with the Activities coordinator to talk about the winter formal and started finalizing the logistics.

SEC Meeting

* We had our executive meeting on Friday and gave all the executives an update of my week.

**Projects and Initiatives**

* I had a meeting with more mental health organizations around Fredericton and invited them to be part of the Mental Health Fair that is happening on November 30th at 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at JDH.
* We are continuing to plan the winter formal and are finalizing contracts and logistics.
* I am currently contacting different resources and people who would potentially be interested in joining Sex Week.

**Miscellaneous**

* I received applications regarding the emergency bursary and answered questions about the food smart program.
* We had our SRC retreat, and it was a remarkable success.

**At Large Representative Hayes:** I would suggest more clarification on the theme for the gala, as there has been some confusion.

**VP Student Life:** The theme is broad, but I understand that Rei is currently working on clearing up some of the confusion.

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports****.** 
   1. **International Student Representative Report**

* This week was international student education this week, and everyone put in a lot of time and dedication into making this week happen. The food-fest was also amazing. Also, I had the chance to attend one of the NBSA advocacy week meetings. It was very productive, and I would like to congratulate everyone for their hard work.
  1. **At-Large Representative Report**
* This week, we were throwing around ideas for a potential event that we can hold to engage with students and to have conversations about our role within the student union.

**VP Student Life:** Can you expand on this event, and what it might look like?

**At-Large Representative York:** Nothing has been finalized yet, but we have been thinking of less formal ways for people to talk to representatives.

**President:** It is a great idea to break down those barriers between us and students. If you need any help with booking or equipment, just let me or the VP Student Life know.

**VP Admin:** This sounds like a promising idea, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you need any assistance planning it, do not hesitate to let me know.

**9.3.** **Grad Class President Report**

* This week on Friday, I had my first meeting with grad class committee, which consists of eight members. We will be having a grad class social night in the first week back from Christmas break in January and are in the process of planning it. I also spoke with Alex to talk about our budget for this year. The grad class will also be having an information session for graduates on Wednesday November 23rd in JDH for those who are interested and are graduating.

1. **New Business.** 
   1. **Sign-on the Council of Canadians Fredericton Chapter petition on climate emergency – Alex (President)**

**President:** I hope everyone had a chance to read this report. I will share the request that they are making, and the petition that they are asking us to sign and be in support of. They are hoping that we will support this, in the spirit of combatting the climate crisis.

**VP Admin:** What they are asking aligns with the valuers of our organization and for that reason, I am in support of signing this petition.

**10.1.1.BIRT** the Board approved STUSU to sign-on the Council of Canadians Fredericton Chapter petition on climate emergency based on their submitted report.

**Moved by:** President

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

* 1. **Invoice for the Thomist (the Jazz Band) – Anahi (VP Student Life)**

**VP Student Life:** As most of you know, it is tradition to have the Thomists perform at the winter gala. However, this year, we wanted to make some changes to the music selection, and the Thomists will be for two hours. An invoice will be required for the two hours they will be performing, and this will come from the activities line of the budget for $2000.

**10.2.1.BIRT** the Board approved the invoice for the Jazz Band Thomist for the amount of $2000 CAD from the activities budget for the Winter Formal.

**Moved by:** VP Student Life

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** Carries

* 1. **Amount of transportation for the winter formal – Anahi (VP Student Life)**

**VP Student Life:** For the transportation for winter formal, we are looking for a bus company that will transport students from JDH to the Fredericton. The company that we are in contact with currently are estimating a price of $1067. 20 for transportation fees for the event.

**VP Admin:** Is there a receipt or bill that comes from this transaction?

**VP Student Life:**  There is, but they just wanted us to confirm we are booking and interested first. Upon confirmation, we will receive an invoice.

**10.3.1. BIRT** the Board approved the amount of $1067,20 CAD for the transportation of the event participants of the Winter Formal.

**Moved by:** VP Student Life

**Seconded by:** VP Admin

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**VP Student Life:** If you are interested in helping to sell tickets for the winter formal, please let me know. If you have time, and are wanting to help, just send me a message.

**President**: The STU Reconciliation Committee are wondering if they can borrow the cash box for the Indigenous art sale.

**VP Student Life:** Yes, all we ask is that the cash box be returned when the event is done.

**Union Chair:** Does anyone know if the Vanier representative will be present for the next SRC meeting?

**VP Admin:** I have reached out three separate times, and I have made him aware that three absences would result in action. He confirmed that his email is working previously, however I have not yet received an answer as to if he would be attending.

**President:** To clarify, we are not looking to remove anyone. If he cannot attend these meetings, we can give the opportunity for someone else from Vanier to represent this position instead.

**President:** Grad Class President,if you need extra fundings for grad clothing, please let us know since you are able fill out an application.

**President:** We are only three meetings away until winter break. We will reach out a week before school starts, to figure out everyone’s schedules. In-person meetings are preferable, as they are more productive, however

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 3:53pm.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on November 25th, 2022.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council