**3rd Meeting of the 49th SRC**

**Date: October 2, 2022**

**Location: Virtual Via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

Ahmik Burneo, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on October 2nd, at 5:03pm.

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 | - |  |  |  |

Quorum has been met with 6/8 members.

1. **Review of the Minutes.**

**[4.1.] BIRT** the Board approve the minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** Vice President Administration

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Review of Agenda**

**[5.1] BIRT** the Board adopted the agenda as amended: Add agenda item 10.6. Open Letter – New Brunswick Health Coalition under new business.

**Moved by: President**

**Seconded by: Vice President Administration**

**Motion: Carries**

1. **Unfinished Business.**

**6.1.** Funding application for Venezuela 180 – VP Administration

**VP Administration:** Last meeting, we discussed looking for clarification from Venezuela 180 as to why the fundraising event was being held off campus. - As the event is meant to be more of a party, there is limited campus space available.

**President:** Seeing the price breakdown, I believe that $200-250 would be sufficient funds for this event.

**[6.1] BIRT** the Venezuala 180 funding application be approved for the amount of 200$

**Moved by: President**

**Seconded by:** Vice President Administration

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Executive Reports.**

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

**7.1. President report - Alex Nguyen**

**Meetings**

**NBSA Board Meeting**

* Julia and I attended the NBSA Board Meeting with discussion on agenda items included: Institution report, Committee reports, Observer status framework, and preparation for Provincial Advocacy Week.
* As Vice Chair, I took meeting minutes for the meeting.

**SEC Weekly meeting**

* The Executives had our weekly meeting to present reports and progress update. It always great to hear updates from my execs and what they’ve been working on.

**NBSA EDI Committee meeting**

* In the EDI Committee meeting, we discussed policy ideas and drafts in preparation for the upcoming Advocacy week.

**Meeting w/ CRO**

* I met with our Chief Returning Officer to go over some of the logistic for the Fall By-Election.

**Project/ Initiatives**

**MLA Monday**

* I booked the JDH space for Julia and printed out some promotional materials for the event.

**Non-Partisan Policy**

* I finalized the policy draft and have it ready to present to Council.
* It is important as a not-for-profit organization, which frequently work with government from both provincial and federal level, to have a clear guideline and statement on non-partisanship.

**Opening Ceremony – National Truth and Reconciliation Day**

* I helped out with preparation works for the event series in honour of the National Truth & Reconciliation Day.
* I participated in the Opening Ceremony with the St. Thomas Student Reconciliation Committee and the Wabanaki Centre.

**Miscellaneous**

**Office hours**

* I attended my regular office hours at the JDH Help Desk.

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

Meetings

* The executives and I had our weekly SEC meeting where we discussed our reports and the progress of our initiatives.
* I had my weekly office hour at the JDH Help Desk this Monday.

Projects and Initiatives

Clubs and Societies

* Earlier in the week, I sent out the doodle poll regarding the dates for the training. I am hoping I will hear back from almost all of them by end of October 2.
* I also received a few emails from some executives stating that these dates don't work for them or their executives are currently occupied otherwise. I am working on coordinating that.

Campus Trust

* Luckily, things have been pretty quiet when it comes to CT this week.

Miscellaneous

* I updated the website (staff page) and tweaked a few things.

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

**Meetings**

**NBSA Communications Committee Meeting:**

* On Monday, I had an NBSA Communications Committee meeting. Here, we discussed a plan to better reach and attract students about our advocacy in general and for advocacy week specifically. We are planning to look at other student advocacy organizations to see how they manage their socials and website.

**Experiential Learning Committee Meeting:**

* I sit on the STU Experiential Learning Committee. Here, we brainstorm how to encourage more student involvement in the programs, how to attract faculty, and ensure students have ample opportunity to get involved in their community and in internship programs over the course of their degree at STU.

**NBSA Board Meeting:**

* We had an NBSA Board meeting, here all the Board of Directors and the Executive director attended, and we discussed committee progress and advocacy week.

**National Advocacy Committee (CASA):**

* I sit on the National Advocacy Committee for CASA. We were updated on the federal plan for advocacy week which provided us more direction for a national advocacy campaign. Over the next few weeks, we will be brainstorming a plan for a nation-wide advocacy campaign so stay tuned! It will be concerning a student issue and a federal policy ask that affects students across Canada so I cannot wait to have everyone involved.

**SEC Meeting:**

* We had our weekly executive meeting where we planned the agenda for tonight’s meeting.

**Projects and Initiatives**

**‘More Than Tuition’ Advocacy Campaign:**

* We are in the final stages of drafting the “More than Tuition” Phase 1 report. Throughout the summer, we collected survey data from students to gain insight on student concern, best methods of communication and how well-versed students are in STUSU services and our advocacy organizations (CASA and NBSA). Now, we are putting that information into presentable and actionable items and information to share with students, the administration and to the provincial government. The next step will be to plan an in-person advocacy demonstration, so students feel immersed in the campaign.

**MLA Mondays:**

* Our advocacy at all levels (institutional, provincial, and federal) is guided this year by the value of bringing advocacy closer to students. As such, we have been fostering a relationship with MLA David Coon. We have been in contact with MLA Coon and accordingly, we are bringing the MLA Monday initiative to campus this year and each session will be centered around an advocacy concern highlighted by students (for ex: sustainability and affordability). For this initiative, we are collaborating with UNB so we are rotating between the Student Union Building and James Dunn Hall. We hope this will encourage more participation. The first meeting is **Monday, October 3rd in JDH at noon** so mark your calendars as this is a great way as a representative to learn more about advocacy and share information with your constituents. I reached out to STU Sustainability, Environment & Society professors, and clubs and societies on campus to invite them to the event.

**Truth & Reconciliation Day:**

* I had the privilege of attending the Orange Shirt Day opening ceremony. Throughout the week I was corresponding with MLA Coon to invite him to the event and provide him with the details. We are so happy to have had him join us. On Thursday, I volunteered at the table for the Orange Shirt fundraiser as well.

**Miscellaneous**

**Office Hour**

* I will be having my Office Hour every Tuesday from 1-2pm in the JDH Help Desk. Come visit!

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

**Meetings:**

**Molly Kennedy (Director of Campus Events)**

* I had a meeting with Molly to talk about a future event that we will be hosting in October with UNBSU and STUSU.
* We were talking about the planning of the event

**SEC meeting:**

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

**Winter Warm Up Committee**

* I had a meeting with the International Office, STUISA, International Rep, and Myself to plan the winter warm up event for international students
* I am in charge on recruiting volunteers ( so if anyone is available on October 26th between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm let me know)

**Projects and Initiatives:**

* I am contacting different mental health organizations around Fredericton to see how we can work together and promote mental health in campus.
* I send a Doodle poll to the Sexual Assault Prevention committee members to schedule our first meeting
* I am continuing to plan the SRC retreat

**Miscellaneous:**

* I also have been receiving a lot of Community Food Smart Bags emails, and registration the students to the program
* **I** had my office hours at the Help Desk from 3:00-4:00pm (on Thursday)

1. **Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

1. **Representative Reports.** 
   1. **International Student Representative report**

**International Student Representative:** There is currently discussion around planning of Winter Warmup, which is being planned by STUISA. There are currently in the planning process around volunteers, and what the date will be for the event.

**President:** Do you anticipate a date in particular yet?

**International Student Representative:** Not yet, we are looking to start in the afternoon, however we will be selling

**President:** How long will the collection process be for the clothes?

**International Student Representative:** I am not yet certain at this time, but when I am aware, I will let you know.

* 1. **At Large Representative report**

**At-Large Representative:** We are currently answering answers around the vacant positions on the senate, and also getting the word out about tomorrow's MLA Monday.

1. **New Business.** 
   1. Charitable application – Under One Sky Alex (president)

**President:** Under One Sky is a non-profit that is supporting Indigenous peoples, and as a student body that represents a diverse population, it would be beneficial to look into supporting this organization through charitable donation.

**VP Administration:** I would like to make a motion to support this organization with a charitable donation of $200.

**[10.1] BIRT: Motion to support the Under One Sky Organization with a charitable donation of $200**

**Moved by:** Vice President Administration

**Seconded by:** Vice President Education

**Motion:** Carries

* 1. Non-Partisan Policy – Alex (President)

**President:** Review of the draft version of Non-Partisan Policy, to ensure that the executive members remain non-partisan in their employment (Please see attached). As a non-profit and non-partisan student union, we are to remain impartial in our duties.

**[10.2] BIRT: Motion to adopt the non-partisan policy**

**Moved by:** President

**Seconded by:** Vice President Administration

**Motion:** Carries

* 1. De-ratification of Theatre St. Thomas – Minahil (VP Admin)

**VP Administration:** Be it resolved that Theatre St. Thomas be deemed a de-ratified club on campus according to STUSU Policy Part VI - "De-Ratification" S.1 of the Policy be invoked ("All Clubs and Societies who fail to abide by the conditions set forth in the Students’ Union’s Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual, shall be subjected to de-ratification"). As there have not been three executive members for the past three years, it should now be considered de-ratified.

**President:** Considering that Theatre St. Thomas has been considered dormant for the past two years, this de-ratification would mean that funding to Theatre St. Thomas cease.

**At Large Rep:** What are the differences between Theatre St. Thomas and Black Box Productions in their functions?

**President:** These are now two separate organizations, and will be treated differently as such. Black-Box is student-led and independent.

**[10.3] BIRT: Motion to de-ratified Theatre St. Thomas**

**Moved by:** VP Administration

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** Carries

10.4. Finance and Budgetary Monthly Update – Minahil (VP Admin)

**VP Administration:** Please note with respect to Welcome Week we have not received the cheque from STU for the kits nor have we received $1000 from sponsorship. Those will come in soon. Conferences also does not reflect the amounts owed from UNBSU and NBSA.

**[10.4] BIRT: Motion to approve the monthly budget update as presented**

**Moved by:** VP Administration

**Seconded by:** President

**Motion:** Carries

10.5. STU Gala Dinner – Alex (President)

**President:** The Gala Dinner is to thank sponsors who generously donate and contribute towards the university’s bursaries and scholarships. This event will be held on October 22nd at 6pm. I believe that the STUSU should make a charitable donation towards this event, and we will also have a number of seats available for SRC members to attend. I will send another email this week to confirm and ask for your attendance.

**[10.5] BIRT: Motion to table agenda item 10.5 to the next SRC meeting, pending**  **response from SRC members regarding attendance.**

**Moved by:** President

**Seconded by:** Vice President Administration

**Motion:** Carries

10.6. Open Letter – New Brunswick Health Coalition – Alex (President)

**President:** Last night, I received an email requesting that the Student Union to co-sign to the NB Health Coalition letter , with our support. I will share this letter so we can discuss.

**International Student Representative**: How does this letter be affecting international students specifically?

**President:** International student healthcare is covered by Medavie. This letter is not specifically student-focused, however it still reads effectively.

**VP Education:** This letter is purposefully broad. Not specfically addressing students does not mean that it will not benefit them, however we can ask further for clarification.

**[10.6] BIRT: Motion to table agenda item 10.6 as unfinished business for the next SRC meeting**

**Moved:** President

**Seconded by:** Vice President Education

**Motion:** Carries

1. **Questions, Announcements & Notices**

SRC In-person meeting – Alex

**President:** We will be looking at going back in-person soon, and it looks as though these meetings will be held on Fridays. I will ask that the VP Administration send out a doodle poll to figure out once. We will be looking at 2:30 - 3:30, 3:00 - 4:00, 3:30-4:30, 5:00-6:00, or 4:30-5:30.

**VP Education**: We should schedule once we receive the results of the election, in order to have less of a scheduling headache.

**President:** I agree, let’s agree on scheduling once we receive the final results.

Fall By Election update - Alex

**President**: Today, we officially have a candidate list for the election. As of right now, we have a candidate for the Grad-Class President. Because this year has less members on our council, this year will be very hands on. I encourage everyone to participate to the best of your ability, and to support. Attendance will be key this year, and it is important for our quorums to be met. As well, reading the meeting minutes is also essential and I encourage everyone to be reading them.

**VP Administration**: We will be needing students for the Finance Committee, so please feel free to contact me in case you are interested.

**President:** Is there anyone who is interested in joining the Presidential Advisory Committee on Environmental Issue? We are still in need of two members. If interested, please let me know.

1. **Adjournment.**

**[12.1.] BIRT** the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 6:09pm

**Moved by:** President

**Seconded by:** Vice President Administration

**Motion:** Carries

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on October 5th, 2022.

**Grace Steeves**

Recording Secretary

STUSU Student Representative Council