



**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the 50<sup>th</sup> SRC**  
**Date: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Location: Holy Cross House, Room 5**

**1. Call to Order**

Elizabeth Namit, the Chair of the SRC called the meeting to order on September 15, at 3:35pm.

**2. 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.

**3. Roll call**

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 Taylor Armstrong	•		•
Sexuality & Gender Diversity Representative	Emmanuelle Jackson	•		
First Year Representative	-			
Harrington Representative	-			
Vanier Representative	-			



<b>Holy Cross Representative</b>	-			
<b>Social Inclusion Representative</b>	Colby Beers			•
<b>Grad Class President</b>	-			

Quorum has been met 9/11 members.

**4. Review of the Minutes.**

[4.1.] BIRT the Board approve the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 49<sup>th</sup> SRC as presented.

**Moved by:** VP Administration

**Seconded by:** VP Student Life

**Motion:** Carries

**5. Review of Agenda**

[5.1] BIRT the Board amend the agenda as presented to include “**Student Senator Positions – President (Stevie)**” under New Business (10.2).

**Moved by:** President.

**Seconded by:** VP Admin

**Motion:** Carries

[5.2] BIRT the Board adopt the agenda as amended.

**Moved by:** VP Admin

**Seconded by:** VPSL

**Motion:** Carries

**6. Unfinished Business.**

No unfinished business.

**7. Executive Reports.**

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

**7.1. President report – Stevie DeMerchant**

**President:**

September 1<sup>st</sup>

- Handing out Welcome Kits
- Indigenous Orientation
- International Orientation
- CASA Board Meeting

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Cheer-Off preparations & Judging

September 3<sup>rd</sup>



- STUSU Paint Fight
- September 5<sup>th</sup>
- Re-Sign the bus pass with STU & City of Fredericton
  - Academic Orientation
- September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Pride Picnic
  - STUSU Gala
  - Clubs & Societies Fair
- September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Assisted in the hiring of a Director of Indigenous Initiatives
- September 12<sup>th</sup>
- First Help Desk Hour
  - STUSU Clubs & Societies training
- September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Interview with AQ regarding the new STUSU team.
- September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Senate Committee

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

**VP Administration:** thank you so much for being here on the first day of the SRC, you are here representing the student committee, the work you are putting into this is very important.

- I had a meeting with the Clara Santacruz, Manager, Experiential Learning & Career Development to invite her to participate in the mandatory training of Clubs and Societies.
- Welcome Week: Along with the executive team, we participated in multiple events during welcome week. Stevie and I gave a presentation during International Orientation, we supported during moving day, cheer-off, STUSU picnic and social.
- I also send all our employees their STUSU accounts, except our CEO who will receive some weeks prior to the start of her contract.
- I also went through my archives and found a training for volunteers at the Help Desk. I shared this with our VPSL and HD Manager.
- C&S fair: As Stevie mentioned
- Clubs and Societies Mandatory Training: Review and updated slides for clubs and societies training. Along with Clara Santacruz and Stevie DeMerchant we did the training this week.
- Training of employees: Last week I met and trained SRC Chair and Recording Secretary.
- I met with the Governance Committee to discuss about some applications for ratification.
- Meet with the Executive Team each week.



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- Met with Brock about clubs and societies policy.
- The Aquinian invited me and Isabella for an interview to discuss more about our plan for this year.

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

- Welcome Week activities
- Clubs and societies fair: helped both the NBSA booth and the STUSU booth
- Preparing funding proposals for the NBSA
- Met with the Executive Director of the NBSA to review policies for the NBSA committees
- Stevie, Dr. Farooqi, Jeffrey Carleton, and I attended the NB Human Rights Award Ceremony where the executive director Sydona accepted an award. I came to represent both STUSU and the NBSA.
- Helped clean out the green room
- Attended the first senate meeting of the academic year

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

Welcome week events:

- o Residence Life presentation on STUSU Services: I did a presentation on stusu services on the residence life staff training to explain them what stusu does and how we can support residences.
- o Move In day (Agendas): During move in day, the STUSU team gave away to welcome week kits as well as the stugendas.
- o Cheer Off: The STUSU team participated on cheer off and did the opening show.
- o Paint Fight: The stusu team organized/ executed paint fight. This was a very fun event; more than 150 students participated and had a great afternoon of paint and slip and slide.
- o Pride Picnic: The stusu team organized/ executed the pride picnic. This event had to be moved inside because of weather concerns. However, it was a great success, we had Imprint Youth and Aids New Brunswick to share their services with the students as well as lots of snacks and drinks.
- o Clubs and societies fair: The stusu team organized/ executed the clubs and societies fair where we had +20 clubs and societies recruiting members and sharing what they do. The STUSU team also had a booth recruiting students for the committees as well to volunteer on the helpdesk.
- o Social: To end welcome week, the stusu team had a social/gala with lots of snacks and drinks. This event was open to all students.
- Meeting Brock Richardson: VP Admin and I met with Brock Richardson, director of student's services to discuss students concerns.
- Community food smart orders: I received, processed and delivered 3 community food smart orders for the month of September.



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- Emergency bursaries: The emergency bursaries received and processed 3 emergency bursaries applications.
- Helpdesk Volunteers and operational plan: I have been working with Valerie to have enough volunteers for the helpdesk. As well as we have been creating a new operational plan.
- Meeting Estefania Martinez: I met with Estefania Martinez, STUSU's Activities and Events Coordinator to discuss the events for the year as well as book the Winter formal space.
- Meeting Carla Guibovich: Stevie and I met with Carla, STUSU's director of communications, to discuss the expectations for the academic year as well as some posts ideas.
- Community Event: I have been working alongside Estefania, to develop and do STUSU's community event.
- Interview Aquinian: Ahmik and I had an interview with Cesar Camacho to discuss STUSU's priorities and plans for the incoming academic years.
- Committee List: I sent the list of students that signed up to be part of a STUSU committee.

## **8. Employee Updates.**

No employee report available.

## **9. Representative Reports.**

### **9.1 At Large rep report**

**At Large rep:** Volunteering at the help desk, and talked with students, students also asked if there was a date for fall elections/

Do we have date for fall elections?

**President:** we are currently trying to figure out the date for fall elections.

### **9.2 International student report**

- Planning on having a meeting with Dr. Farooqui to talk about exchange programs, met with Carrie and president of STUISA to prepare for when we meet with Dr. Farooqui.

### **9.3 Indigenous report**

- Nomination happens next week,
- Showing of Indigenous Meeting Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup>, meet and greet with elder and director of the film. It will be open to all.
- Indigenous craft fair is in the works and plan for November.

**President:** What time is the film at

**Indigenous Rep:** 7pm, not sure if that is when the film starts or meet and greet.

## **10 New Business.**

### **10.1 Operational Policy 5 - Students Services Policy – VP Admin (Ahmik)**



**VP Admin:** Throughout the summer, we have been discussing the student service policy. We want to hear your perspective on this regarding the academic assistance, we provide two types of financial support for student, emergency bursaries and academic bursaries.

- Section 1. Gives room for confusion, and if the conference is academic or not. The lack of clarity gives room for being bias and for conflict of interests. I want to hear your comments and the next SRC we can continue with the discussion.

Applications should resolve the following requirements:

- Subsection b; letter should be supported by a faculty member that it should correlate with their studies
- Subsection c: completed at least 15 credit hours in the that field of study, this only applies to upper year students.
  - i. This subsection only applies for upper year students. First year students are exempted from subsection (c).

**President:** We will put these within the notes, ensuring we have perspectives on the implications of this and it can be taken advantage of easily. We want to provide our students with the best services as possible, possibly having these changes could help us. Just an idea for next week please.

**Off campus Rep:** My only concern is the 15-hour rule, most likely at the 2<sup>nd</sup> year you would only have 12 hours. In our constitution do we have definitions of year?

The only thing is we need to have definitions for these.

**Indigenous Rep:** My first semester was in the winter, had a hard time defining myself even if I was a first year or not.

**At large rep:** Having the minimum those student spots at a priority compared to others. Say I was given the opportunity to go to a conference but doesn't fall into my major. Even though it doesn't fall into

President: we are hoping the letter provides that as well, and ensuring we have that support in the letter.

**Off campus Rep:** As someone in an honours program, thesis supervisor I understand the purpose, but I don't know the example as a thesis supervisor, or section professor may be better.

**Tabled for the next meeting.**

## 10.2. Student Senator Positions – President (Stevie)

**President:** Dr Kim Fenwick Gives me a letter of student's senator position, I am also going to send these to put on a note if you want to have a deeper look at it.

Academic planning committee: this committee looks at new academic programs and creations of academic departments, policy creation of academic departments at the



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university. They are looking for an upper year, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> year student. You meet once a year. They have a few proposals this year.

Curriculum committee: they propose changes on existing course. Focuses on the modification of courses that we already have. This one commonly has a bit more; it is a bit more busy but manageable.

Learning and teaching committee: Further advance the teaching in the faculty at STU. How to help teachers become better teachers. They said last year they only met once. It is pretty laid back; they aren't looking for any specific age group.

Board senate growth and future committee: For the new Strut plan, Dr. Farooqi is hoping to do a new plan, and this is to make sure students are heard, in this strategic plan. I wasn't updated on how busy this one is. This one would probably be a bit busy

Advisory committee on online teaching: Could provide that student perspective on online teaching, needs based, meets amount once a month, not too busy since we are getting in the routine of online teaching. Senate committees that we are hoping to have filled. I will also put these in the notes.

**Sexuality & Gender Diversity Rep**: If we know we are interested in a role, I am I interested in the learning and teaching role.

**Off campus: Rep Academic Planning** I am interested.

**At large Rep**: The first few and the last one that you mentioned I am interested in that one.

**International Student Rep**: I am interested in the advisory committee.

## 11 Questions, Announcements & Notices

### 11.1 Off campus rep:

**Off campus rep**: I want to discuss off campus Facebook group. I can check with the off-campus Facebook group to see if I can become an admin, I will reach out to her this week to get the Facebook in our control again because there has been very minimal communication this year.

### 11.2 VP Student Life:

I just want to add as an announcement that next week's SRC will be online.

## 12 Adjournment.

[12.1.] BIRT the meeting of the SRC adjourned at 4:16PM.

**Moved by**: President.

**Seconded by**: VP Admin

**Motion**: Carries

## Submission:

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:50pm



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