5th Meeting of the 48th SRC

7:00 pm, Sunday, October 24, 2021

Via Zoom (Online)

**Attendance Record**

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| Position | Name | Present | Regrets | Absent |
| President | Tyler MaGee | X |  |  |
| Vice President Administration | Alex Nguyen | X |  |  |
| Vice President Education | Sydona Chandon |  | X |  |
| Vice President Student Life | Victoria Young | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative | Carol Alvarez | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative | Gregory Robinson | X |  |  |
| Off-Campus Representative | Lindsey Graham | X |  |  |
| Social Inclusion Representative | Manvi Walter |  | X |  |
| Indigenous Representative | Stevie DeMerchant | X |  |  |
| International Student Representative | Sony | X |  |  |
| Member at Large Representative | Julia Evans | X |  |  |
| Grad Class President | Tory Desroche | X |  |  |

**Staff Present:** Kryssonia Wedderburn (Chair), Minahil Fatima (Recording Secretary)

**AQ Representatives:** Jessi Saulnier

**Guests Present:** N/A

**Call to Order and Quorum Call**

Meeting was called to order by Kryssonia Wedderburn at 7:02 pm.

Quorum is met with 8 voting members present.

## **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented to council.

It was moved by Tyler M to approve agenda.

Seconded by Alex N.

The agenda was approved.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the 4th Meeting**

The minutes from last meeting were presented to council.

It was moved by Alex N. to approve minutes.

Seconded by Victoria Y.

The minutes were approved.

## **Executive Reports**

**3.1 President’s Report – Tyler MaGee**

Hello, everybody, I hope you all had a as good of a week as you can. I'm pretty. On Monday, I touched base with the communications people. We got an invite for TDLR, which is transgender day of remembrance. So, the 203 Centre reached out about co- hosting the transgender day of remembrance ceremony, which will be happening on November 20. So, I reached out to the communications people at STU to just touch base on that and see if we will be able to actually facilitate that event given COVID. So, it will be holding in Kinsella auditorium, I believe that start time is at 3pm. And there will be speakers from faculty, students, as well as the STUSU, the 203 and UNBSU. There will also be a candlelight vigil that's in the process of being planned right now. And UNBSU is taking the lead on that one. So that will all be happening on the 20th. I'm happy to announce that STU will be lowering the pride flag and the university flag to half mast on that day to recognize transgender and gender nonconforming individuals who have lost their lives due to their orientations. So, it's a somber topic, but the uptake and recognition from the university and our organizations all together is very, I guess it's heartwarming and good to see. And then Friday. I also had another meeting with communications. This is our standing meeting that I've got with Jeffrey Carlton every Friday. And again, we just we were touching base on the ins and outs at the university we talk about things that were discussed in Senate as well as the Board of Governors, as the communications department and myself boasted as observers on that. So, we just touch base on some of those things and ensure that the administration of both University and STUSU are on the same page every week. We did have a sort of exec meeting on Friday. It was very good to touch base with everybody. And we have some pretty good initiatives coming up. So that's pretty good. And our retreat, we're in the process of planning the retreat, which will be happening next weekend, so keep an eye out for that. That's everything from me.

**3.2 Vice-President of Administration’s Report – Alex Nguyen**

For my report this week, on Tuesday, I had a meeting with Director communications to go and touch base on an upcoming events and website updates for clubs and societies and then I had my regular office hours at JDH Help Desk. On Thursday as a student trustee, I sit on the Campus Trust board of directors, and we have monthly meetings, so I attended board meetings for this month. On the finance committee's we approve funding applications for BSA, and I had a meeting with STULASA to go over training materials. On Friday, I answered emails about Campus Trust, just general enquiries to students. I also received funding applications from Gerontology which is currently pending for review. I also attended exec meetings and proposed the amendments for the SRC committees’ operations policy and the removal of renewal committees which we will discuss later on. I also reached out to international office to help with the promotion size of our joint event, along with STUISA called Winter Warm-up. So, I highly encourage everyone if you can to donate gently use winter items like coats, jackets, blankets, etc. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closet and find a good home for those items that you no longer need. Items can be dropped off at GMH 311 and they will be available for our students during events in late October. So, if you have any questions regarding the events, please don't hesitate to reach out to the international office at internationaloffice@stu.ca. And that is the end of my report.

**3.3 Vice President of Education’s Report – Sydona Chandon**

Tyler: I'm so just reading this on behalf of Sydona. So last week I Sydona I had a meeting with Julia to discuss her during her office hours, to discuss Julia's role and get her started on the member relations committee. They also discussed the retreat and possible fun icebreakers. She then met with the remote learning committee that day to discuss the current blended model that we're in for our classes. So, they're looking at planning for the winter semester, right now. So, on Friday, we had an MBSA meeting where we discussed the upcoming advocacy week. And they made a list of five to six priorities, which would be carried forward all involved tuition funding, equity, diversity, inclusion, mental health, and campus sexual violence. And then she notes that we also had an exec meeting and many team bonding on Friday, which was great as you got to check in on our midterms and we're doing different initiatives that were that are going on, etc. And that's all that I've got from her report. And if anybody has any questions from this, I can take them down and pass them on to Sydona as well.

**3.4 Vice President of Student Life’s Report – Victoria Young**

Hi, everyone, hope you had a decent week, even though it was probably super busy and stressful for everyone as Tyler mentioned. So, I'll just go through in chronological order. So, on Monday, I had a food bank committee meeting with campus ministry and the food bank we have on campus just to talk about some upcoming initiatives to get people more involved in the food bank, get people to be picking up food at the food bank, and just overall making it more well known on campus. And then we discussed some initiatives to make the food bank more of like a food friendly environment rather than just a place for people to come get food if they are running low on grocery money and such by having some social media initiatives about like food faculty, like what faculty like to cook and that kind of thing. And then I had a meeting with Valeria, our activities and events coordinator to discuss an agenda for the activities and events committee. Then on Tuesday, I responded to some emails about community foods mart as we aren't having community foods mart for the month of November as it would like run right when reading week is happening. So, I answered a few emails of people who wanted to order just saying that their order would be transferred to the December order. Then I put out a poll for our first mental health committee meeting, which is really exciting. Then on Wednesday, I held my office hours and spoke to student who has kind of a unique problem with the bus pass trying to sort of problem solve for them. On Thursday, I emailed Brian Donovan from Coastal Graphics about some STUSU quarter zips for our committee as well as our employees. So those should be coming out soon. So, keep looking at our Facebook group to see an order for those. They're going to be really nice gray with our positions on the arm. So really excited for that. And then I also spoke with Brennan from UNBSU about a possible ballroom event idea coming up soon. Seems like it's pretty much going to be a go as soon as the COVID restrictions are lifted. We aren't able to have it in the Students’ Union ballroom just because as of when the Students’ Union Building closes, as well as the restrictions and the amount of room. So, we're looking at having that club chrome actually. So that should be pretty interesting and pretty fun. So, I look forward to collaborating with them on that. And then on Friday, I had the activities and events committee meeting, which was really great. We talked about trick or eat, which will be happening on the 31st of October, which is in a week from now, at 6pm. So, if you want to be involved in that come to JDH at six o'clock, just to pick up some items for the food bank. And we also did some icebreakers and just got to know each other a little bit better. So, looking forward to working with that committee for the rest of the year. Then I also received an emergency bursary application which I discussed with the emergency bursary committee. Then on Saturday, I sent Vivian an email about trick or eat just to confirm what the Students’ Union is wanting to do it this year, and so that she can spread the word to the food bank and get some of those people involved as volunteers. I then sent some emails to small businesses asking if they'd like to contribute to our students’ union small business giveaway. I'm hoping that our first giveaway will be in November. So just trying to grab a few more cool prizes for that, but so far, it's looking really good. And then I did some retreat planning. So that's about it for me for this week.

## **Employee Updates**

No employee report available.

## **Representative Reports**

**5.1 Off-Campus Representatives (Carol A./Gregory R./ Lindsey G.)**

Carol: We did our poll last week and we’re going to meet on Wednesday and that is it.

**5.2 International Student Representative (Sony)**

So, this Thursday, I sat down and decided on tentative plan of action for the next few months in first semester. So, my main activities will be fulfilling the responsibility of the speech in International Education Week. I'll work with Carrie to bring back international leadership awards. And I'll start working with STUISA on their activities. On this note, I did email and message STUISA last Tuesday, but I got no reply. So, this Friday, I informally met with VP Admin to ask her to contact STUSU for me. So, I'm going to start on my role as liaison. Also, this Friday, I cast a vote in Finance Committee for funding activity of BSA. That is it for me this week.

**5.3 Grad Class President (Tory D.)**

So, in last two weeks, I gave all of the grad clothing orders. And we had to cancel the haunted house because a lot of people were feeling like, it might not be good with COVID. And it was really difficult to try to get it approved and even though they said it would be approved. Still there was a lot of steps that we had to follow. And there was just cutting it really close. So, on Friday, we're going to give out candy to everybody. And we were hoping that we could ask for non-perishable food items to help Victoria with the Food Bank donations. So, we're going to have a little box and we're going to make a sign and I'm going to have it posted by today. Probably buy after this meeting. But yeah, that is it.

**5.4 Indigenous Student Representative (Stevie D.)**

I just have a small update; it's been a pretty laid-back week. Just about the book club. We're going to begin registration soon. So just keep an eye out for that. And we just began ordering the books for the book club. We are also beginning kind of a social media initiative. Just to put out I don't know more ways to learn about indigenous history and indigenous culture. And we're gonna do that through an initiative called Fun Fact Friday on our Instagram page. So, we're really excited for that. We're hoping to begin that this week coming up, actually. So, keep an eye out for that. And it should be pretty awesome.

**5.5 Member at Large Representative (Julia E.)**

I hope you all had a great weekend. I know that Ty touched on this briefly when he was providing Sydona’s report. But I met with Sydona first on Tuesday, and we just discussed my position, we discussed the members relations committee and made a game plan for that. And then we also discussed some potential ideas for some events, I'll bring you guys more information once they're further developed. But one thing that we were discussing was potentially a remote learning roundtable event to allow students to voice their opinions and provide feedback and have just like an open dialogue about people's experience this first semester with online learning and like the mixture of online and in person. So that's something that I'll be keeping an eye on and keep you guys updated on. And then I met with Sydona again Thursday to discuss the retreat as the co chair for the members Relations Committee, I'll be running some of the team bonding activities and icebreakers for us on the retreat this weekend. So, I'm really looking forward to that. I'm meeting with Victoria this week, probably Tuesday, and we're going to further discuss some of those ideas. So, I'm really looking forward to that. And I also attended the events and activities committee meeting and I'm really looking forward to trick or eat as well. So yeah, that's everything.

## **6. New Business**

**6.1. Removal of the Yearbook Committee – SRC Committee Operations Policy**

Alex:So, the SRC committee’s operations policy is one part of the Union policy that laid out House committees works like guidelines and such. So, at part five, Yearbook Committee. So, this committee has been inactive for like four years, as far as I can go and check. So, I am proposing to remove it because we used to have a yearbook editor and that position has been vacant for years as well. So, it would be meaningless to have this committee in the policy. I guess it's pretty much straightforward. Also, as mentioned before, I made the name change throughout the document to St. Thomas Students Reconciliation Committee to have that on our SRC policy. So, I guess I will move motion now.

**Motion has been moved by the Vice-President Administration to remove the Yearbook Committee from the STUSU’s Operations Policy.**

**Seconded by Tyler M.**

**That motion has been approved by 9 present voting members of council.**

**7. Questions, Announcements & Notices**

**Tyler:** Well, there are two things that I want to bring up. And the first one is just a reminder that the Doodle poll was sent out to change the meeting time. Now that we do have a full council and I know that most of you have already participated in it. But it's just a friendly reminder to have that done by Wednesday. And then the second thing that I wanted to bring up because it's not an official SRC vote or anything. So, this is why I put it under this rather than a business item or anything is, with Halloween coming up, it is not officially a holiday. So, because of that, like there's nothing that says that we need to push our meeting, like next week, and I know that we do have our retreat happening on Friday and Saturday. So, with the retreat being there. And at the end of the retreat, we can like amalgamate this meeting to the ending, like to the end of the retreat rather than having it on Sunday. So, I thought I would just put the feelers out with the SRC while we have you here to see if we want it to amalgamate the last meeting into our retreat, or in Sunday's meeting into our retreat, or if we wanted to leave this meeting on Sunday, even though it is Halloween.

Victoria: I would say I think it's good to have it at the end of the retreat on Saturday, just since we're all together. And also Sunday at six is trick or eat. I know I'll be there, and hopefully other people here will be there too. So that kind of conflicts a bit with our regular meeting time. So, I would vote to have it on Saturday.

Tori: This might be said in the policies online, but I was just wondering, whenever I have to spend money out of my budget, do I have to run it by you guys first. I know I have to ask Tina. But over the summer, I had to ask Alex. So, I'm like, do I do both of you guys? Or do I just buy it and then get reimbursed?

Alex: The answer depends. I know that the Grad Class committee has its own budget. So, if you take it out from that line, you can just go through Tina. But if you want to take out from any lines in SRC’s annual budget you can submit that applications and finance committee will review it.

Tyler: So, we're good moving the meeting into the retreat on Saturday, just like a thumbs up is great, just so we can note it so we can schedule for it. Yeah, yes. Awesome. Okay. We'll put that at the end of Saturday, then.

Tori: Are you going to send out an email with everything that happens at the retreat so that we know about the meeting?

Tyler: The retreat is essentially where we go over all of the policies, all the practices, all the procedures, you learn about Robert's Rules, you figure out why I make sure that all of our motions are worded as be it resolved that x, y, and z like we go through all that nitty gritty stuff. And it also gives you the opportunity to agenda set for the year to bond, to make sure that we're hitting all of our key points. So, all of our, like materials that we have are accessible post retreat, but if you can go to the retreat, like we would recommend going to it, because otherwise we're just reading slides.

Alex: Yeah so, our retreat is like an annual thing that we do every year to offer a chance for all SRC members to bond and such and I will let Victoria explain a bit more.

Victoria: Yeah, I just wanted to jump in and say, there hasn't really been anything sent out yet. It's just what we've discussed in SRC here, as well as in our exec meetings. But I will be sending out sort of like an agenda slash schedule type of thing on probably like Friday morning. And that'll say what time and what we're doing and exactly who's speaking, and when we're doing icebreakers, that kind of thing. So that should be sent out by the end of the week. And that'll just tell you everything you need to know. But definitely, I would just block out like, that whole day. It will start sometime in the morning.

Tyler: And just to add on to that to the reason why we're putting it out on Friday morning is because our exec meeting is Thursday, and that's when we really like hammer in all of the dates and make sure that our materials are up to date and ready to go. And I know that we did mention the Women's Center last meeting. And I haven't actually received anything from anybody if they wanted to run for it or not apart from our social inclusion rep. And they're not present at this meeting. So, if it's alright with the SRC, we can push that vote to next meeting and we can ensure that the social rep is here so you will be able to hear from them to make an informed vote. So that's the last thing that I've got.

## **8. Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment was moved by Tyler M.

Seconded by ­­Victoria Y.

Motion for adjournment was carried.

Adjournment at 7:36 pm.

**Submission:**

The minutes were respectfully submitted to the Vice-President of Administration on October 29, 2021.

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