

## CHAPTER ONE: GETTING STARTED

### What are clubs and societies?

Clubs and societies are groups of students who are interested in talking about or taking action on a particular issue. They are groups that are formed outside of classes and open to all members of the STU community, with some clubs welcoming students from UNB and the greater Fredericton area.

There are two main reasons that people start clubs or societies:

- To raise awareness about a particular issue
- To discuss and celebrate a common interest

All clubs and societies serve to unite students with similar interests and help students to reach out to the greater community to promote awareness and action. You can learn more about existing clubs and societies in **Chapter Number** of this guide.

Each club or society is a separate and independent entity of not only the community, but of St. Thomas University and its' Students' Union. They are in no way subject to the Students' Union and its Constitution and By-Laws. This is fundamental as organizers should be aware that they are able to exercise their freedom when developing an organization. Despite this autonomy, it is in the best interest of each club and society to work with the Students' Union, as networking with this body ensures the sovereignty of the developing organization and provides vast opportunities with regards to publicity, funding, and networking with other groups.

When the STUSU officially recognizes a club or society, it gives them some kind of consistency in the community. It lends to each club a stronger voice to communicate with other campuses, members of the region, and the administration.

Although fundraising should be a chief component in any club or society, the STUSU is empowered to provide financial help to all organizations that validate its goals of enhancing the overall student experience in a socially, environmentally, and financially responsible manner, while providing high quality services and fostering a broad-based sense of community between and among our active citizens and scholars.

One of the most important aspects to remember is in order for a club or society to receive funding from the STUSU, they need to be officially recognized.

## Creating a Constitution

To be officially recognized by the St. Thomas Students' Union, a club or society needs an approved constitution.

A constitution is a permanent and long-standing document that illustrates the system of fundamental principles to which the organization will adhere and by which it will be governed. As the nature of a constitution is meant to supersede its drafters, the document should not contain details that are only of immediate concern, such as a contact list or a budget.

## Constitutional Guidelines

For an organization to be recognized, its constitution must follow these guidelines.

Chiefly, there must be a democratic decision-making process for the organization. There can be no fewer than three executive members who hold executive or decision-making power. Most societies chose to operate with an executive of 3-5 people, separate from the general membership. However, many societies choose to operate by consensus, and do not delegate decision-making power to chief officials. These societies are strongly encouraged to have a provision in their constitution that allows for an alternative decision making process if they are unable to reach consensus (for example, two-thirds majority vote).

The guidelines below may be followed to create a Club or Society constitution.

1. Clearly states the name and purposes of the club/society;
2. Outlines the manner in which decision-making takes place at meetings of the club/society;
3. Contains procedures designed to ensure the democratic selection of members of the executive of the club/society;

4. Does not restrict membership on the club/society or on its executive once they have maintained an academic standing of 2.0 or higher;
5. If decision making authority is designated from the general membership to an executive,
  - a. The executive must be democratically elected;
  - b. There must be at least three members of the executive;
  - c. The duties of each executive must be clearly outlined in the constitution.
6. If the club/society operates by consensus and does not have an executive,
  - a. There must be at least one member designated as the contact person for the Students' Union;
  - b. There must be a provision in the constitution that allows for an alternative decision making process if the membership is unable to reach consensus (for example, two-thirds majority vote).
7. Include a minimum number of meetings which must be convened by the club/society in each academic year;
8. State the quorum (minimum number of members required in attendance) for official meetings and votes of the club/society;
9. Include a comprehensive formula for amending the constitution of the club/society;
10. Outline procedures for the recall of members of the executive of the club/society in case when such individuals fail to adequately perform their duties; and
11. For a club/society affiliated with specific academic departments/programs at St. Thomas University, require that such a club/society at all times have a faculty advisor from the academic department/program in question.

## Simple Format for a Constitution

On the following page you will find a template illustrating the simplest format for a constitution. While the template can be used to create a new club or society, a constitution can be completely different in appearance, insofar as it respects the guidelines already set forth.

Once a constitution has been created, it should be sent to the Governance Committee of the Union, along with the Application Form (following the constitution template), where it will either be approved or rejected. In case of rejection, the Chair of the Committee will immediately inform the related organization of the discrepancies and offer help with any changes in order for it to be approved. Once a constitution has been approved by the Committee, the organization is officially recognized and it becomes eligible to receive funds from the Students' Union.

The Students' Union understands and respects the importance that all clubs and societies have in the community, thus the process has been simplified as much as possible in order not to hinder the development of new ones. The only thing necessary is an approved constitution.

The Students' Union also appreciates that all clubs and societies are distinctive, and as such, may not fit the prototype required. If a student trying to create a society sees fault in the requirements pertaining to his/her new club or society, it is the purpose of the Clubs & Societies Committee to consider the arguments and work with the members to reach a satisfying conclusion.

## The ... Society Constitution

### 1. *Name*

This society shall be known as the ... (hereinafter referred to as the Society).

## 2. *Object*

The purposes of the society are ...

## 3. *Membership*

### a. Of Non-Faculty Organizations

- i. The membership of the Society shall be open to all Students' Union members of the campus.

### b. Of Faculty Organizations

- i. Full membership in the Society shall be open to any full time student studying .... This member has full voting privileges.
- ii. Associate membership shall be open to any other full time student on the University of New Brunswick campus. This member has no voting privileges.
- iii. Honorary membership shall be composed of a student and/or faculty member that Society wishes to recognize.

## 4. *Fees*

The annual membership fee shall be ...

## 5. *Fiscal Year*

The fiscal year of the society shall be from ... to ...

## 6. *Officers*

- a. The officers of the Society
  - i. The officers of the society shall consist of the president, vice-president, Treasurer-Secretary.
- b. A faculty advisor may be appointed by the Executive.
- c. Duties of the officers:
  - ii. The President shall ... (Good example: present at meetings of the Society and of the Executive, have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, sign cheques in payment of authorized accounts and bills after such cheques have been prepared and signed by the Treasurer-Secretary, and sign the minutes immediately upon their confirmation).
  - iii. The Vice-President shall ... (Good example: assist the President in all his/her duties, assist the Treasurer-Secretary in all his/her duties, assume, in the absence of the President, all the duties of the office of the President).
  - iv. The Treasurer-Secretary shall ... (Good example: conduct the correspondence of the Society and report thereon to the Executive, receive all monies, issue and sign cheques for all authorized expenditures and present to the President for signature, give due notice of all meetings of the Executive and the Society, keep minutes of the proceedings of the Society, keep the membership roll of the Society).

## 7. *Meetings*

- a. Meetings of the Society shall be held ...
- b. Quorum at all meetings of the Society shall be ...

- c. Special meetings may be called by the President or written by request of ... members of the Society.

#### 8. *Amendments*

- a. This constitution may be amended by a ... (Good example: two-thirds) majority vote of members present at any Society Notice of Motion indicating the intention of any proposed change to said constitution.
- b. The Society is required to allow the motion to be tabled two weeks in advance of that meeting at which the constitution is to be voted on.
- c. All amendments to the constitution shall be subject to approval of the Student Representative Council.

#### 9. *Voting*

- a. A voting member shall be one who is in accordance with the guidelines set forth in 3.a and/or 3.b of this constitution.
- b. The officers shall be elected by the voting members before ... and actively fill the position within ...
- c. The officers shall hold office for ... or until their successor has been elected. They shall be eligible for re-election.
- d. Call for elections must be posted ... prior to the election being held.
- e. A petition to impeach a member of the Executive of the Society must be signed by at least ... (Good example: twenty-five percent) of the members of the Society and presented to the Executive. When such a petition is received, the Executive shall have ... days to determine the validity of the petition for impeachment. If the petition is found valid the Executive shall

convene a special meeting of the Society, during which time the members present shall be called to vote on the removal of the member of the Executive for whom the petition was drafted.

- f. The said member of the Executive shall be deemed removed from his/her position immediately if a motion for impeachment is carried by at least two-thirds of members present.

# ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY CLUBS & SOCIETIES Ratification Form

## *Section 1 – Name of Club or Society*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Created: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Section 2 – Contact Persons*

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Position: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Section 3 – Executive Information (minimum three names)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a copy of your constitution. Your request will be addressed at the next Governance Committee meeting.*

## CHAPTER TWO: What now?

Now that you have a club or society, you're going to need some things to do. Most clubs and societies meet every week or bi-monthly, and plan events to reach out to the STU community. At your first meeting, you will want to decide on what kinds of events you would like to plan for the year.

To get you started, here are some ideas that have worked well for societies in the past. Your club or society is by no means limited to the ideas suggested here.

### Event ideas

- Set up a table in James Dunn Hall or George Martin Hall to raise awareness about your issue
- Engage in the activity that you're passionate about
- Do a poster campaign
- Host a conference
- Host a panel discussion
- Bring in a speaker
- Put on a festival
- Have a faculty meet and greet
- Put on a pub-crawl, party or social
- Fundraise!
  - Bake sales
  - Movie nights
  - Change drives
  - Donation tables
  - Sponsorships
  - Large-scale fundraising events like concerts, fun-runs and "a-thons"

## YOUR FIRST MEETING

In order to be a successful club, it's good to have lots of people who share in your vision and can help you to organize events. One of the best ways to gauge interest is to host an initial meeting.

### Finding a space

For your first meeting, you may decide that you want to **book a room**. Once you have been approved as a sanctioned club or society by the Students' Union, you have the opportunity to use classrooms and auditoriums within the University. To book a room, send an email to [roombookings@stu.ca](mailto:roombookings@stu.ca) with your request. You will find a specific list of classrooms in the back of this handbook. In your request, you need to include:

- Your name, email and phone number,
- The name of the club or society that you are associated with,
- The room type or number that you are requesting,
- The date and time that you will need the room,
- Specifics that you require, such as access to the A/V equipment or computer.

If you are polite, your request will be answered promptly.

Alternatively, some student groups prefer to meet in an open space such as the JDH or GMH cafeterias. If you want to host a meeting in the cafeteria, it's probably a good idea to have some signage or other indication of the purpose of the gathering so that people can identify you from afar. You don't want to lose potential members because they didn't recognize the meeting.

Now, if you're going to have a meeting, it follows that you want people to show up! There are lots of ways to advertise your club or society, and it takes little more than some ingenuity and a photocopier.

### Advertising

There are many avenues for free advertising within the STU community!

- Notify the STUSU, and we'll do some advertising for you! On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month, the Communications Coordinator sends out the **Clubs and Societies Dispatch**, which goes to all members of the St.

Thomas community. Send a description of your event or meeting to [su\\_communications@stu.ca](mailto:su_communications@stu.ca) with the subject line: C+S Announcement: *society name here*, and it will be sent out in the next dispatch.

- You can **post an announcement on the STU website** under Campus Events by visiting <http://w3.stu.ca> and clicking on “More...” at the bottom of Campus News or Campus Events and following the link to “Submit your own event” at the bottom of the page. You can fill out a form and the listing will be posted.
- **Posters** are a great way to advertise. If you’re going to put them up around campus, try to use the bulletin boards provided, and remember not to affix any posters to glass doors. Facilities Management prefers that either invisible tape or sticky tac is used as an adhesive on walls in the GMH cafeteria. Please **do not post posters on finished walls in MNMH, BMH or JDH**. Exposed brick and metal surfaces are free game – packing tape works best here. **Photocopies are 5 cents each** for black and white 8.5x11 at the STUSU office in the Student Union Building. If you want colour copies, contact **Imaging Services at UNB or Staples**.
- Professors sometimes allow students time before class to announce meetings or events that are related to their discipline. Talk to your friends and email faculty to find out if anyone will give you five minutes to **make an announcement before class**.
- **Put it online!** Whether it’s starting a facebook group, a blog, a twitter account, or a mailing list, an online presence can help your group reach lots of people. **Be careful not to spam** though, or your messages will be ignored, and your hard work will be for nothing.
- **Advertise with *The Aquinian***. Email a description of your new society or event to [aq\\_eic@stu.ca](mailto:aq_eic@stu.ca) and you might be lucky enough to have your event covered by our weekly.

When scheduling your initial meetings, remember that there are classes throughout the day that may conflict. Try to schedule meetings in the late afternoon or early evening, when fewer classes are going on.

## Setting the Agenda

The key to any successful meeting is to have a clear agenda that outlines the goals of the meeting. If you stick to your agenda, you'll get things done quickly, and people won't get bored or frustrated as easily as if you showed no clear direction.

An agenda need not be complex. It's as easy as making a list of things that you want to cover while you have the attention of your group. Some societies like to keep things formal, and follow rules of order to get through their business, while others stick to a more casual format. Below is a simple agenda with no frills that covers all of the bases for most purposes

1. Attendance/Roll Call
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes (not applicable for first meeting)
4. Business arising from previous minutes
5. Executive reports or chair's report
6. New business
7. Questions, Announcements and Notices
8. Adjournment

Some societies will not need to meet formally very often if they are more concerned with engaging in an activity as opposed to planning events and discussing issues related to their focus. Although the tradition at STU is for societies to be focused on issues that require campaigning and advocacy, more and more societies are starting to spring up that are composed of like-minded individuals who enjoy a particular activity and want to do it together. It is still important for these societies to meet in an organized fashion, but they don't need to with the same frequency of groups that are planning large events.

## Cementing your membership

There are a few things that you can do in your first meeting to cement your membership. The first thing that you'll need to do is to **keep track of the people who are interested**. Most groups pass around a **mailing list** so that people can receive updates on the society's meeting times or events. Make sure that you pass it around at the beginning and the end of the meeting to avoid missing people who came in late or left early, and remember to ask for **names, emails and phone numbers**.

Another helpful thing to do is to plan a concrete, simple action to take immediately. Whether this is getting a petition signed or organizing a round-robin badminton tournament, make sure that you **plan an event that people can participate in right away**. This may take some prior organization on your part, but it is useful to keep people engaged with your group.

Finally, make sure that you work towards **planning a social event in the near future**. This will give the members of your group an opportunity to get to know each other in a casual and fun setting, and not feel that they are under pressure to stay on topic.

## CHAPTER THREE: Finances

Now that you have a society, and some ideas about what it is that you'd like to do, it's time to gather your resources. The STUSU has a line in the budget that is designated for Clubs and Societies funding. In order to access this spring of enormous potential, you will need three things:

1. A ratified constitution (that is to say, approved by the STUSU)
2. A legitimate budget
3. A bank account in the name of the society

We've already covered point number one, so the next thing that you'll need is a budget.

### CREATING A BUDGET

A budget is not only necessary because you need it to apply for funding from the Union. If followed, it can help you create a Society that accomplishes what it is set out to accomplish. There are three primary purposes for developing a budget:

1. To put the group's plans into monetary terms
2. To provide a means of allocating limited resources among the organization's activities
3. to aid in tracking the organization's actual revenues and expenditures against its goals.

Creating a simple budget is just that – simple. All that is needed is where the money is coming in from and how much is coming in, and then the bigger part is where and how the money leaves the society. Take a look at the mock budget on the next page for ideas.

## **Fish and Apples Society of St. Thomas University**

### **2005-2006 Budget**

#### **REVENUE:**

##### *Semester 1*

Fundraising Event – September 20th, 2005.

Selling caramel covered apples. **\$30.00**

Fundraising Event – October 5th, 2005

Guess how many goldfish contest. **\$20.00**

Fundraising Event – November 25th, 2005

Movie in Ted Diagle **\$15.00**

Money from membership fees **\$10.00**

Expected funding from STUSU **\$250.00**

##### *Semester 2*

Fundraising Event – January 15th, 2006

Indoor Basketball Game **\$15.00**

Fundraising Event – March 2nd, 2006

Bobbing for apples contest **\$30.00**

Expected Funding from STUSU **\$250.00**

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**Total: \$620.00**

#### **EXPENDITURES**

##### *Semester 1*

Fishing Trip – September 28th, 2005 **\$100.00**

A trip to the apple farm in Maine

December 1st, 2005 **\$300.00**

Society Social – December 4th, 2005 **\$40.00**

##### *Semester 2*

Buying and caring for 2 goldfish **\$70.00**

Charity for the fish habitats in New Brunswick **\$70.00**

Society Social – March 16th 2006 **\$40.00**

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**Total: \$620.00**

## SETTING UP AN ACCOUNT

Finally, you're going to need a safe place to keep all of your cash. Time to set up a bank account!

In order to set up a bank account in the name of a society, you'll need a **letter of authentication from the STUSU Office Manager**, guaranteeing to the bank that you are indeed members of the St. Thomas University Students' Union, and that your group has been officially sanctioned by the Students Representative Council.

You'll also need to decide on **two signing officers** within your group, who will need to make the trip to the bank together. **TD Bank** serves the STUSU, and there is a **Bank of Montreal** branch on campus...you can use any bank that your society chooses, but those two are the most convenient.

**Call your bank of choice** and make an appointment to set up an account. Your two signing officers will both need to be present - remember to bring **two pieces of photo ID** to the appointment.

**TD Prospect:** 459-1300

**BMO Dineen Dr.:** 453-0260

## REQUESTING FUNDING

Good work! By now, you've successfully completed all of the necessary steps to be considered eligible for union funding. Now you can apply to Finance Committee for some help with your event.

You will need to **submit a funding application to the Vice President Administration**, who will take it to the Finance Committee for approval. The application form can be found on the SU website ([www.stusu.ca](http://www.stusu.ca)) or in paper copy at the Help Desk. Finance Committee meeting times are posted outside of the Help Desk, and your request must be submitted at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting if you want it to be considered that week. Please ensure also that your application for funding is submitted at least three (3) weeks in advance of your event. This gives Finance Committee enough time to consult with your society if there are adjustments to your funding request.

**Electronic applications are to be emailed in .doc format to [su\\_vpadmin@stu.ca](mailto:su_vpadmin@stu.ca)** with the subject line: "C+S Funding Request: *Organization*

*name here*", no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Finance Committee meeting for that week.

The **funding application form is readily available in the Help Desk, SUB Office or at [www.stusu.ca](http://www.stusu.ca), under Clubs, Societies and Organizations**. The application asks for an explanation of what your society wishes to receive funding for, with fields for how many students can be reasonably expected to be impacted by your society's activities, and a detailed explanation for the amount of your request. Try to break down the amount requested as much as possible. The more details, the better.

Please keep in mind that **all funding is contingent upon the submission of receipts**. All societies are expected to submit their receipts from any SU-funded event within one week. Failure to meet these conditions may result in future financial sanctions. **Don't jeopardize the financial future of your society, submit your receipts.**

## SOME NOTES ON WHAT WE **DON'T** FUND

**The STUSU does not fund retroactively.** That is to say, you cannot host an event, pay for it out of your own pocket, and submit a funding request to the union weeks later, expecting to be reimbursed. **Make sure that Council has approved your request before you spend a cent**, and avoid sticky financial situations, which are no one's favourite thing to deal with.

**The STUSU will not accept receipts for alcohol**, so don't even bother.

Other than those two points, you're pretty much free!

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

At the present time, there is \$6000 allocated to Clubs and Societies every year. Although that seems like a lot of money, it is often a challenge to fulfill each funding request that we receive. Please be creative and try to find other sources of funding within the University and outside of it. Remember that many local businesses are happy to offer donations if you will give them promotion, or if you support a similar cause. Try to connect with other groups and team up on events to stretch out the costs. Talk to other society executives and brainstorm on fundraising methods. There are lots of different ways to bring in some cash; you just have to be creative!

## CHAPTER FOUR: Getting involved

Here's a list of some of the active clubs and societies currently operating at STU. If you don't see one that you're interested in or you have an idea for a new society, then follow the steps in this guide, and start your own! If you need help, contact the STUSU VP Administration at [su\\_vpadmin@stu.ca](mailto:su_vpadmin@stu.ca).

### **African Students' Union**

The goal of this society is to act as a representative organization of students and other nationals from the continent of Africa, in Fredericton, on matters of local, national, and international concern and of significance to members of ASU; to promote and encourage better understanding between African and non-African students, and between Africa, Canada and the rest of the world. Contact: [asu@unb.ca](mailto:asu@unb.ca)

### **Amnesty International**

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of "ordinary" people who work together to achieve extraordinary results. Each day we stand in solidarity with - and help protect - individuals and communities around the world whose human rights are under attack. We appeal for the violations to stop. We mobilize public pressure to prevent human rights abuses from taking place.

Amnesty members come from many different cultures and backgrounds. What unites us is our determination to build a world where all people live in dignity, security and freedom. The Saint Thomas Amnesty International Club is proud to maintain a dedicated membership who works in an empathetic environment towards the common goal of promoting human dignity.

If you have an interest in human rights or wish to know more about Amnesty, please contact us!

Contact: [amnesty.passion@gmail.com](mailto:amnesty.passion@gmail.com)

### **Anthropology Society**

The object of the Anthropology Society is to invoke discussion; organize excursions and events and to provide help and support to other members of the anthropological community.

Contact: Moira McLaughlin at [mclaugh@stu.ca](mailto:mclaugh@stu.ca)

**Best Buddies**

Contact: [stubestbuddies@gmail.com](mailto:stubestbuddies@gmail.com)

**Campus Ministry**

Campus Ministries offers friendship, pastoral counseling, liturgical celebrations, programmes in faith development, interest groups, retreats, music, dance, a listening ear, and a “drop-in-and-say-hi” approach.

Contact: Janice Ryan at [jryan@stu.ca](mailto:jryan@stu.ca)

**Chess Club**

Contact: [rchrisjo@stu.ca](mailto:rchrisjo@stu.ca)

**Criminology Society**

Contact: [crimsociety@stu.ca](mailto:crimsociety@stu.ca)

**Economics Society**

The goal of the Economics Society is to create a wider interest in world economy and the state of our country, as well as offering a casual atmosphere for students to consider such issues.

Contact: [secord@stu.ca](mailto:secord@stu.ca)

**Education Society**

The purpose of the Education Society is to foster a closer union among the Education students at STU; to provide a voice for the Education students in the greater university community; and to help promote the cultural aims of STU, both within the academic community and outside the University.

Contact: Leigh Muething at [hdcnj@stu.ca](mailto:hdcnj@stu.ca)

**English Literature Society**

This Society helps to bring together people to talk about the benefits that English Literature brings to a society and to share ideas on how to best enhance general interest in English Literature and improve the literacy of the general student population of St. Thomas University.

Contact:

**Gerontology Society**

Contact: [gersociety@gmail.com](mailto:gersociety@gmail.com)

**Habitat for Humanity**

The purpose of the group is to help provide housing to those people who cannot afford it themselves. The group will volunteer to build; raise funds to pay for travel and accommodations; raise awareness through UNB, STU and the

Fredericton community of the need for affordable housing; and encourage participation in Habitat for Humanity activities by members of the STU, UNB and Fredericton communities

Contact: [unbstuhabitat@yahoo.ca](mailto:unbstuhabitat@yahoo.ca), [habitatchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:habitatchallenge@gmail.com)

### **History Society**

The purposes of the Society shall be: to encourage student engagement and participation in activities of historical relevance; to organize events of academic interest to students of history; to encourage student participation in academic conferences relating to the study of history; to disseminate information about career opportunities available to students of history and to foster a sense of community among students and between faculty in the Department of History.

Contact: [rvose@stu.ca](mailto:rvose@stu.ca)

### **Human Rights Society**

The purpose of this society is to promote the human rights program offered at St. Thomas University; promote both national and international human rights issues on campus to students, faculty and staff; campaign for students' leadership and input where decisions are made regarding the Human Rights Programme and provide a forum for students to learn about and discuss human rights and related issues.

### **French Society**

The goals of the society are to promote the French language and culture in and around the St. Thomas community.

Contact: [stufrench@hotmail.com](mailto:stufrench@hotmail.com)

### **Frontier College Students for Literacy**

Frontier College Students for Literacy aims to bring university student volunteers to the forefront of the literacy movement. The club shall attempt to improve the literacy rates in the Fredericton area by offering programmes to youth, children and adults that promote reading and writing. The club will offer remedial help to those who wish to improve their readings and writing skills.

Contact: Deborah Campbell at [frontiercollegeunbstu@hotmail.com](mailto:frontiercollegeunbstu@hotmail.com)

### **IOTA BETA Sorority**

The Iota Beta Chi Sorority promotes sound scholarship, leadership and life-long friendships. They believe in bettering ourselves by helping others and serve as support during our sister's undergraduate endeavors. The sisterhood is about having fun and learning about yourself, your friends and your community in the process.

Contact: [ibxbeta@hotmail.com](mailto:ibxbeta@hotmail.com)

**Independent Film Society**

Contact: [amongstyouall@hotmail.com](mailto:amongstyouall@hotmail.com)

**Jewish Student Services of UNB and STU**

The Jewish Student Services of the city of Fredericton, New Brunswick, strives to initiate contact with every Jewish student at the university level on an individual basis. By doing so, the JSS is attempting to break down the barriers and stigmas that are usually associated with Fredericton and people of the Jewish faith or identity. By focusing on students, the organization is acknowledging that only via the youth can social environments be bettered in the future. The JSS is dedicated to providing an opportunity for Jewish students to either maintain or strengthen their religious ties and Jewish identity while pursuing their education in Fredericton. The JSS will always be a friendly, easy to contact institution that works for the students, ensuring their freedom of belief and practice. In addition, by representing the culture in public and educational assemblies, rallies, and celebrations, the organization is reaching out into the entire community to promote peace and tolerance through understanding.

Website: <http://www.unbf.ca/clubs/jss>

**Journalism Society**

The Society shall endeavor to nurture the growth of the craft of journalism and its study, while creating a pleasant atmosphere in which to do so.

Contact: [stujournalismsociety@gmail.com](mailto:stujournalismsociety@gmail.com)

**Journalists for Human Rights**

JHR is an organization designed to promote awareness about the media's role in human rights around the world.

Contact: Derik Montague - [dewik\\_betsy@hotmail.com](mailto:dewik_betsy@hotmail.com)

**LASS (Latin America and Spanish Society)**

The goal of this society is to unify the Spanish and Latin American culture and language with interested people creating awareness, entertainment and academic help activities.

Contact: [lass.unb@gmail.com](mailto:lass.unb@gmail.com)

**Native Student Council**

Established in 1989, Native Student Council, to its capacity, established itself as an active community on campus. Its mandate is to support indigenous students of the continent at St. Thomas University and the University of New Brunswick. The community is strengthened by potlucks, drumming, fundraisers, and

support for indigenous struggles against the ongoing colonialism. Each year, Native Student Council invites guest lectures on various issues pertaining to First Nations and the Canadian public. Everyone is welcome!

Contact: [nativestudentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nativestudentcouncil@gmail.com)

### **Philosophy Society**

### **Political Science Society**

The Society shall actively support and promote the study of the Political science and facilitate discussion and debate of matters of interest to students of the discipline.

Contact: President – Michael Manning - [hchm@stu.ca](mailto:hchm@stu.ca)

### **Pre-Law Society**

The object of the Pre-Law Society is to aid students in the preparation for law school admission.

Contact: [pre\\_law@hotmail.com](mailto:pre_law@hotmail.com)

### **Psychology Society**

The goals of the STU Psychology Society include but are not limited to: providing a liaison between psychology students and faculty; encouraging and promoting an interest in psychology; providing a peer support group for those majoring, minoring, or interested in psychology; promoting and facilitating a social community among psychology majors and those interested in psychology; fostering education and career development in psychology; applying and examining psychology or the real world through media and discussions and hosting guest lectures relating to topical issues in psychology.

### **Religious Studies Society**

The objective of the Religious Studies Society is to enhance, encourage, promote and support the concerns and interests of students minoring, majoring and honouring in Religious Studies at St. Thomas University.

### **SHOUT**

The goals of SHOUT (Students Helping Others Understand Tolerance) are few in number, but robust in scope: SHOUT brings together diverse student groups on

university campuses to 1. Raise awareness and facilitate education and dialogue about past and current genocides, 2. Facilitates campus-based programs that promote understanding, cooperation and respect; and 3. Fosters a generation of students with the power, voice and determination to affect change. SHOUT was created by, and is governed solely by university students. [shoutstthomas@gmail.com](mailto:shoutstthomas@gmail.com)

### **Social Work Society**

The Society is formed to: promote awareness and encourage student involvement pertaining to various social issues; promote social interest and recreational opportunities for social work students, faculty and their families; provide opportunities to bridge social work students with the rest of the St. Thomas community through various activities throughout the academic year and to facilitate and encourage dialogue and provide support and information between social work students and students interested in social work.

### **Sociology Society**

The focus and goals of this Society include but are not limited to: promote and encourage a general interest in the discipline of sociology at St. Thomas University; provide a forum for students to learn about, critically evaluate and discuss topics relevant to sociology; serve as a link between students interested in the discipline at STU to the department's faculty and the larger academic community; host on and off campus social events for student minoring, majoring, honouring and/or interested in sociology; critically examine upcoming and existing sociological issues and related subjects in the real world; encourage and provide information about educational and career development in the field of sociology and invite guests and information speakers to inform, expand on and generate discussion on sociological topics of interest and relevance.

### **Spectrum**

Spectrum is an organization which supports the interests of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer, and questioning (GLBTQ) university students, faculty and staff at UNB and STU, as well as the local community. The participation of allies who are not GLBTQ identified is strongly encouraged.

Contact: [spectrum@unb.ca](mailto:spectrum@unb.ca)

### **STEEDS (St. Thomas Early English Drama Society)**

The Society strives to introduce the STU community to dramatic works from ancient and early English eras and allows students the opportunity to

produce/perform in a Classical or early English work each year.

### **STUISA (St. Thomas University International Student Association)**

The goal of STUISA is to promote cultural awareness and diversity at STU and to help integrate incoming international students to the university community by events like movie nights, parties, field trips, or other events appropriate to integrate both national and international students and promote the diversity of STU.

Contact: [stuisa@stu.ca](mailto:stuisa@stu.ca)

### **STUSAC (STU Student Athletic Council)**

The purpose of STUSAC is to actively build a sense of community among the athletes; to facilitate the flow of information between the athletes, the athletic department and students; to serve as the organizing body for varsity athlete activities; to promote athletic events; to encourage a high standard of sportsmanship and school spirit at St. Thomas University; and to act as a medium for St. Thomas University Student Athletes to express their views and opinions.

### **Theatre St. Thomas**

Theatre has always been an important part of the St. Thomas University community. Its tradition goes back to Chatham, New Brunswick at St Thomas University's original home. This tradition continued in the Ted Daigle Auditorium in Edmund Casey Hall, and continues today in the Black Box Theatre, Sir James Dunn Hall. Theatre St. Thomas makes a vital cultural contribution to the school's liberal arts mission, as everyone is welcome to participate in a production. Theatre St. Thomas has a strong following both on and off campus, and it is renowned for its quality and dynamic productions. Some students choose to make theatre a career and have gone on to train in the field after graduating from St. Thomas University. Most, however, do it for the love of theatre and the social and communal experience they share by being in a play. Many make life-long friends, and all are enriched by their involvement.

Contact: Ilkay Silk - [silk@stu.ca](mailto:silk@stu.ca)

### **UNB/STU Catholic Students' Association**

The purpose of this society to provide a welcoming forum that encourages all students, regardless of their established religious ideologies, to continue exploring the role which the doctrines of Catholicism play in their own lives, in the sphere of education and in the ever expanding secular environment of the modern era; and where they as students who subscribe to Catholic values, stand in relation to the broader societal framework and its standards.

Tera Villenoweth: [gtmq@stu.ca](mailto:gtmq@stu.ca)

#### **UNB/STU Fencing Club**

Established in 1968, the UNB Fencing Club has had the privilege of instructing students and non-students alike in the sport of fencing. Besides providing a friendly and social atmosphere, the club also promotes the values of team spirit and sportsmanship. Training in all weapons is available, and equipment is provided by the club. Beginner programs are usually held at the beginning of each semester. For those wanting the thrill of competition, our fencers compete regularly in the Atlantic Fencing League, with several tournaments every year. For information purposes, our website is [www.unbf.ca/clubs/fencing](http://www.unbf.ca/clubs/fencing)

#### **UNB/STU REDS Co-Ed Cheerleading**

The UNB/STU REDS Co-Ed Cheerleading Club is an athletic club of males and females who compete at the national and provincial level. The club's aim for 2006-2007 is to train hard, travel to Nationals in Brampton Ontario and represent UNB and STU with spirit and athletic dedication. No experience is necessary and males and females are welcome!

Contact: [cheer@unb.ca](mailto:cheer@unb.ca)

#### **STU Running Club**

Contact: Olivia Long - [hbykv@stu.ca](mailto:hbykv@stu.ca)

#### **Varsity Christian Fellowship**

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is a mission arm of the church, mobilizing a diverse community of Christians through its camps, student and alumni movements to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Contact: [unb.stu.vcf@gmail.com](mailto:unb.stu.vcf@gmail.com)

#### **Volunteer Tutoring Society**

The object of the society is to co-ordinate education related volunteer work with an external third party (Albert Street Middle School) for the mutual benefit of both parties involved.

Contact: Sarah Michaud at [michy1984@hotmail.com](mailto:michy1984@hotmail.com)

### **Young Conservatives**

The UNB/STU Young Conservatives is made up of a diverse group of students between the two campuses who represent the Conservative Party of Canada and the Progressive Conservative Party of New Brunswick. The club has a keen desire to be involved in the world of politics on campus. The club is involved in a variety of social and political events during the course of the year – everything from pub-crawls to the Party's AGM to political debates and any current elections. Through the club, students have an opportunity to discuss and experience the political scene of our province and country.

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