



**Monthly Executive Report
to the Students' Representative Council**

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Meetings

STUSU Meetings:

- I had my bi-weekly check-ins with the President as well as my weekly SEC meetings with the rest of the executives.
- I had a meeting with the executives to discuss the More Than Tuition campaign and how to proceed further.

Clubs & Societies:

- I created a graphic about Clubs & Societies Fair registration and sent an email to STU Communications so a Student Notices email could be sent.
- I opened the registration for the Fair and collaborated with Welcome Wee Chair on coordinating the registrations.
- I answered emails from different clubs and societies about concerns and questions they had regarding the Fair.

Campus Trust:

- I helped out a few students with Campus Trust related concerns.

Employees:

- I created a graphic about the open CRO position and sent an email out to STU Communications so a Student Notices email could be sent out.
- I started the hiring process; accepted applications, coordinated interviews between the executives and the applicants and checked the applicants' references.
- I sent out the employees their contracts for signatures and then sent them to respective executives for signing as well.
- I sent Tina, the GM a list of employees with all the pertinent information.

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These are the following meetings that I have had.

Advocacy Meetings: "More Than Tuition" Campaign

The team is in the midst of executing the "More Than Tuition Campaign." This campaign was launched at the beginning of the June and will continue into Advocacy Week. The purpose of the campaign is to dismiss the assumption that tuition alone is the source of the majority of post-secondary education expenses. Phase one of the campaign was successfully launched. We collected data from a survey that outlined the objectives of the campaign and sought feedback on student services, advocacy and how to best engage students. The survey garnered nearly 300 survey results and has provided us with a clearer view of the multitude and diversity of advocacy concerns. Now, I am in the process of creating a Phase 1 report which summarizes the findings of the survey. Phase #1 of the campaign is titled: "Advocacy Starts with You!"

Meeting with International Student Representative

President Alex and I met with the International Student Representative, Khanh, to introduce her to the position, answer any questions, discuss her roles and responsibilities as a Representative and some potential initiatives for the upcoming academic year.

Meeting with Indigenous Representative

President Alex and I met with Indigenous Representative, Stevie, to introduce our selves and discuss the Action Plan. Importantly, we discussed what Indigenous consultation should look like and how the STUSU team can become more immersed and educated on Indigenous issues through direct involvement in the Reconciliation Committee. Lastly, I presented on the CASA National Indigenous Advisory Committee (NIAC) and explored opportunities for Indigenous students to become directly involved in federal advocacy.

Meeting with At-Large Representative

I met with one of the two of the At-Large Representatives, Chloe. This was an introductory meeting where I provided her with an overview of the position, her roles and responsibilities as a Representative, committee involvement and some opportunities to collaborate. I wanted to make it clear, before starting the new academic term, that I am here as a support for the At-Large Representatives and their mandate.

Meeting with MLA Coon

President Alex and I met with MLA Coon, outside of JDH! The purpose of the meeting was to discuss MLA coffee talks. Essentially, with the return to on-campus, we want to continue the imitative of having MLA Coon on campus to discuss pressing issues facing students with us, his student constituents! My next step is to meet with UNBSU and discuss how we can collaborate on this initiative to engage more students and widely promote this opportunity to chat live with a government official.

We also provided MLA Coon with an update on our More than Tuition Campaign and our advocacy work with the NBSA.

Presidential Search Committee re: Candidate Application Review

I am serving as the Student Representative on the Presidential Search Committee. We are currently at the Candidate Application Review stage of the search. In the fall, I will be working alongside the team and interviewing candidates.

STUSU Executive Meetings

The executive team meets on Sundays to discuss on-going projects and report to each other what we have been working on respectively. Most notably, we have been discussing the More Than Tuition campaign, the STUSU Action Plan and Welcome Week.

New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA)

As VP Education, I serve as the Primary Delegate and Alex serves as the Secondary Delegate. The New Brunswick Student Alliance is a provincial student organization representing students from universities across New Brunswick. The NBSA is our partner on provincial advocacy initiatives.

Reports concerning NBSA include:

- I am leading both the Affordability and Sustainability Committee, and the Health Wellness and Sustainability Committee. I am also a member of the Communications and Member Relations committee. At the Policy and Planning Conference, we outlined our priorities for these committees. Now, the next stage of policy development is setting a meeting schedule for all of the committees before our next Board meeting in September.

- **Student Financial Assistance Overview**

At the beginning of the month, the NBSA Board attended a virtual meeting with the Department of Post-Secondary Education (PETL). During this meeting, they provided us a detailed presentation on how financial aid works both at the provincial and federal level, eligibility, the distinction between grants and student loans etc. The presentation was very comprehensive, and I know feel more well-versed on the complexities of student aid.

Additionally, we provided PETL with feedback on their current and planned marketing materials and how to better engage students through both social media and a heightened on-campus presence.

NBSA Board Meeting

President Alex and I had our first official Board Meeting with the New Brunswick Student Alliance where we discussed and provided feedback to the government on the proposed increase in minimum wage and NBSA committees.

Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA)

The Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA) is an advocacy student organization on the federal level. In contrast to the NBSA, CASA is our federal advocacy partner. Again, I serve as Primary delegate while President Alex serves as Secondary delegate for STUSU.

Reports concerning CASA include:

- **CASA National Advocacy Committee:** I am serving as a Committee member for the National Advocacy Committee on CASA. Through this involvement, I will help plan and execute an advocacy campaign throughout the year. Beginning the week of September 12th, I will have a bi-weekly meeting schedule for this committee. I am meeting with the Chair of the Committee on September 2nd. I will keep everyone updated on this Committee and its work.

Policy and Strategy Conference: The annual Policy and Strategy Conference was held in Calgary Alberta from August 9th-12th, I attended this conference virtually and Alex attended in-person. Here, we reviewed and approved the Board Action Plans. The Director of each Committee presented their Action Plan, sought feedback, made changes then subsequently sought Board approval. This conference sets the goals, and corresponding metrics for the federal advocacy priorities.

Miscellaneous

Pride Parade

The STU SU Executive team marched in the Pride Parade in Downtown Fredericton alongside our STU friends and the St. Thomas Faculty Association!

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Meetings

STUSU Welcome Week Chair:

I met with Emily to talk about the Shinerma location and the logistics of the event. We also talk about the volunteers and the fundraiser in general

Vice President of Student Wellness of UNBSU - Ridhi Sharm

Ridhi and I met to arrange and discuss more about the students run business fair. We decided the location. We also discuss more about sex week and how UNBSU and STUSU can collaborate with each other.

Mindful Minutes

I met with this organization located in Toronto, since they wanted to offer their mindfulness service to STUstudents.

Panel for Incoming International Students:

Attend to the panel hosted by the international office to talk about STUSU and my role as a Vice Resident of Student Life.

Welcome Week Webinar:

I attend the Welcome Week webinar to talk more about Welcome Week and STUSU for incoming student. In the Webinar I was able to give incoming students and idea of what is Shinerama and the importance of the fundraiser.

SEC Meeting:

I attend every Weekly meeting and give the other executives updates.

Miscellaneous:

Bus Pass:

I answered some emails regarding the Buss Pass and connect student to the financial office if they have further questions.

Initiatives:

Emergency Bursary:

The Emergency Bursary email was monitored every day to see if we had received any applications. We received one application for the month of August.

Community Food Smart

Through the month of May I was checking email to look for orders; however, we did not receive any orders for the month of June.

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