



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

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Meetings

SEC Meeting

The executive board met to coordinate our role during Welcome Week. We also updated each other about the work we have been doing during the summer, and how our priorities have been developing.

Board of Trustees – Campus Trust

Early in the month, the board of Trustees of Campus Trust met to discuss different agenda items like the updates of the Governance Review, Consulting Agreements, and the transfer of money to Investment Manager. We are currently expecting to meet in October.

Miscellaneous

Updated Clubs and Societies Funding Application Form

With the aim to facilitate the process of approving funding applications from Clubs and Societies, I added a section in the form where applicants will include their e-transfer information.

Clubs and Societies Fair

20+ Clubs and Societies, both from STU and external, have registered to be part of the Clubs and Societies Fair 2023, which will take place on September 8th from noon to 2pm. The list has been shared with the Welcome Week Chair and Vice President Student Life.

Complete Website Redesign

As part of my priorities, I have committed throughout the summer to not only update the current website, but to redesign it to launch a new version. This redesign has been officially completed, and is intended to be launched on September 6th, first day of class. With the help of our Director of Communications, the redesign will be shared on social media.

Ratification Process

Both the Economics Society and Anthropology Society requested information about the ratification process.

STUSU Student's Health & Dental Plan Booklet 2023-24

I have been in contact with the PBAs group regarding the Student's Health and Dental Plan for this upcoming academic year. This month I requested them to send me the updated booklet for this year's plan coverage. I reviewed and approved it.

Finish Hiring Process for the Vacant Positions

This month, the team interviewed and selected successful candidates to assume the positions of SRC Chair and Recording Secretary. At the beginning of the month, our Help Desk Manager resigned from her position, and therefore, we conducted another interview, and a successful candidate has been selected.

STUgenda

The Vice-president Student Life reached out to each of the executives to review the draft of the STUgenda before sending it to print. I provided some feedback and editions to make.

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Hi STU!!

As I am writing this, we are three days away from move-in day! I am beyond excited for the new year and to be back on campus with all of you. This month, the STUSU has been busy making sure everything is in place for welcome week and preparing for the start of the academic year.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to reach me at su_vped@stu.ca, and I would be delighted to discuss the report with you further.

Warmly,
Emily Boucher (she/her) STUSU VP Education

VP Education Action Plans

I have been finalizing my action plans for the upcoming year. These action plans derive from the two pillars I have outlined in STUSU's priorities document and highlight the steps I will be taking to ensure I can effectively conduct and follow through on my priorities.

Meetings

These are the following meetings I have had.

Executive Meetings:

The executive team meets biweekly over the summer to provide updates as well as discuss any upcoming events or matters regarding the union. August's executive meetings have been focused mostly on welcome week and ensuring everything is going smoothly and that everything is ready and prepared. The executive team also conducted interviews and hired folks for Student Representative Council positions as well as Help Desk Manager—congrats to the successful candidates!

Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Academic Accommodations:

The Advisory Committee on Academic Accommodations held their first meeting of the summer to discuss faculty and staff's role in accommodations and how to best implement accommodations and ensure all students are able to succeed.

Protecting Students from Sexual Harassment in Experiential Learning Conference

This month I attended a virtual conference surrounding sexual harassment in experiential learning and its presence and impact on the program. In this conference, student leaders across Canada discussed the statistics of sexual harassment in the program and some

preventative measures to take back to campus. I am hoping to take this information back to the Experiential Learning Committee and see how we can best improve our preventative measures and improve our support for survivors.

Meeting with MLA David Coon & UNBSU VP President of Research & Policy

This month I was able to introduce myself to MLA David Coon and discuss the upcoming academic year ahead. We brainstormed some ideas to bring advocacy and politics closer to students, fostering more open communication within students and our representatives. David Coon has demonstrated an active dedication to listening to the student voice, and we are thrilled to continue to co-host MLA Mondays with UNBSU.

Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA)

The Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA) is a non-partisan, not for profit advocacy organization centered around student advocacy, federal policy, consisting of post-secondary institutions across the country. CASA serves as our federal advocacy partner, and I serve as the primary delegate for the union.

Reports concerning CASA include:

CASA Governance and Internal Review Strategic Plan Consultation

As a member of the Governance and Internal Review Committee (GIRC), I helped conduct the committee's membership consultation to discuss CASA's new strategic plan. This meeting helped to outline membership's priorities for CASA's work and how we can best represent membership in the new strategic plan.

CASA GIRC School Consultations

To best ensure we represent ALL schools no matter the size or distance, GIRC is conducting one on one consultations with schools across the country to follow up with the membership wide consultation and gather feedback. I am currently meeting with membership schools across the province.

CASA Committee Meetings

Currently, I sit on the Governance and Internal Review Committee, and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee for CASA. These committees held meeting this month to discuss the committee action plan for the upcoming year as well as the new strategic plan for CASA.

E-Plenary Federal Policy Committee Consultation

The Federal Policy Committee (FPC) held a virtual consultation with membership to discuss the policies they have been working on and collect any feedback on the policies. The FPC has been working hard to ensure that the policies accurately and effectively reflect membership's concerns and priorities, as well as address relevant issues that are faced by students in PSE.

New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA)

The New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) is a provincial advocacy partner rather than federal consisting of post-secondaries across the province, advocating for NB students. As VP Education, I am the primary delegate for the NBSA and currently serving as the chair of the NBSA, and I am looking forward to working closely with the NBSA for the upcoming year.

Reports concerning NBSA include:

NBSA Policy and Research Internship Interviews

The Vice Chair, the Executive Director, and I conducted interviews for the vacant position of Policy and Research Intern for the upcoming year. Congratulations to the successful candidate!

NBSA Committee Meetings

The NBSA Committees met during the retreat to outline their policy priorities. In NBSA committees we conduct research and draft evidence-based policy to form recommendations to government and guide our advocacy. These committees are open to students and the application for these committees will be circulated during the beginning of the academic term. As chair of the NBSA, I sit in on the meetings and assist any needs from the committee members as they continued to work hard on their policy research and development this month. The NBSA actively and wholeheartedly encourages student involvement in these committees as it is a great way to get involved and becoming a part of the conversation advocating for the improvement of student experience.

NBSA Executive Meetings

The executive team for the NBSA meets biweekly to share updates and discuss any upcoming events and ensure we are on the ball with all things NBSA.

NBSA Funding Meetings

The executive director and I have been meeting throughout the month and will continue to meet regularly to work on funding proposals for grants to help the financial state of the NBSA.

Meeting with the Department of Health

The executive director and I attended a meeting with Bryn Robinson from the department of health to discuss mental health e-resources that are available and accessible to students. We also discussed any feedback we have about the e-resources, and how we can collaborate in the future to address the gaps in mental health support on NB campuses. I would love to hear from STUdents if you have any comments or

suggestions you would like me to bring back to our meetings as well as any problems you have faced with access to mental health support that need to be addressed.

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Meetings

The STUSU Welcome Week Chair.

I met with Grace to discuss STUSU led welcome week events, as well as the expectations of the SEC during welcome week. From this meeting, I continued to plan all events.

STUSU Executive Meeting

The executive team meet to discuss on-going projects and report to each other what we have been working on respectively. Most notably, we have been discussing Welcome Week, Clubs and Societies and possible advocacy campaigns.

Help Desk Manager Hiring:

Alongside the Vice President Administration, the hiring process for a helpdesk manager was done.

Onboarding Help Desk Manager:

I met with Valerie Boorne, Help Desk Manager, to discuss the expectations of the role, ideas, and guidelines for the helpdesk.

Miscellaneous

MayDay:

Agendas were picked up, as well as all the supplies for welcome week events and the clothes of the SEC to wear during welcome week.

Emergency Bursary:

The Emergency Bursary email was monitored every day to see if we had received any applications. We did not receive any applications.

Community Food Smart

Through the month of August, I was checking email to look for orders; we didn't receive any order for this month.

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