



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

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Meetings

Meeting w/ WW Chair

I had a meeting with the Welcome Week Chair to discuss the clubs & societies fair that will be taking place during welcome wee this year.

SEC Meeting

I had my bi-weekly check-ins with the President as well as my SEC meetings with the rest of the executives.

I also had a meeting with the general manager to discuss administrative-related concerns.

Miscellaneous

Clubs & Societies

I finalized the list of active clubs & societies on campus and reached out to them regarding the C&S fair.

I worked on finalizing the information session for the clubs and societies that will be happen through social media this time around and will begin next month.

Lastly, I started planning the C&S executive training.

Campus Trust

I attended a CT Governance Committee meeting though I had to leave early due to work. I helped out a few students with Campus Trust related concerns.

Vice President Education Julia Evans

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Hello all!

I hope you are all enjoying the first few weeks of summer break!

Since starting my role at the beginning of May, the transition has been very smooth with the new executive team. I am so eager to work with my ambitious colleagues to endeavour advocacy initiatives and plan events for STUdents. This summer will entail introductory transition work but also, extensive planning for the upcoming academic year. This report will provide you with clear insight into the daily workings of VP Education.

I look forward to working with all of you and amplifying the student voice over the course of the 2022-2023 academic year!

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at su_vped@stu.ca

Looking forward to working with you all this year!

Kindest regards,

Julia Evans (she/her) STUSU VP Education

Meetings

Policy Brainstorm Session

I met with Alex, the STUSU President, to review and to discuss existing policies and how consider potential updates to bring forth to the Student Representative Council.

Meeting with Trevor Holder, the Minister of Post-Secondary Education Training and Labour (PETL)

As the primary delegate for STU on the New Brunswick Student Alliance, NBSA, Alex and I attended a meeting with Minister Holder alongside our other board members. During this meeting, we brought forth advocacy asks surrounding the recent and sudden cancellation NB-EI Connect. The NBSA asked the government for a year grace period to allow students to adequately prepare for the change, to increase up-front needs-based grants for students, to engage in student consultation before governmental decision-making and moreover, to issue an official statement which explains to students the reasons for the sudden program termination. We are still waiting on follow-up from PETL to hear how the government will respond to student concerns. In the meantime, we are looking to educate students on their available resources across levels of government as they navigate this abrupt change.

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.

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. Anahi and I the VP Student Life have met throughout the month to create and modify a survey as a part of this campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to dismiss the assumption that tuition alone is the source of the majority of post-secondary education expenses. The survey is now completed and will be launched as apart of Phase #1 of the campaign which is titled: "Advocacy Starts with You!"

Alex and I also met to discuss the campaigns next steps throughout the summer and how subsequent phases of the campaign will continue into the academic year.

NB-EI Connect Meeting: MP Jennica Atwin

The NBSA met with MP Jennica Atwin to discuss the impact of NB-EI Connect on post-secondary education students. We spoke with MP Atwin to gain better insight on the federal role and their government's position on the cancellation of the program. MP Atwin affirmed that we have our support and that she will work with us moving forward. Accordingly, we discussed next steps to build solutions that address urgent and long-term student needs.

NB-EI Connect Meeting: MLA David Coon

The NBSA met with MLA David Coon to share the asks that we presented to government and the overall impacts that the termination of NB-EI Connect has had on students. Mr. Coon affirmed his support for students and acknowledged the economic hardships that students are facing. It became evident that the program termination is raising many concerns for opposition parties in the provincial government. We look forward to working with Mr. Coon as a provincial partner to push for affordability and accessibility.

Priorities Overview and Introductory Meeting: MLA David Coon

Alex and I met with MLA Coon to introduce our selves and to provide an overview of the STUSU Priorities Document. We reiterated the student concerns surrounding NB-EI Connect, tuition increases and affordability more generally. We also discussed how to incorporate sustainability efforts on the Union and throughout campus. We look forward to inviting Mr. Coon to campus throughout the academic year to ensure that students have the opportunity to engage in conversation with our local representative.

New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA)

Reports concerning NBSA include:

- **NBSA Policy and Planning Conference:** President Alex and I attended the NBSA Policy and Planning Conference. Alex and I both serve on the Board of Directors. Committees were formed at the conference. 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 conference, we also discussed with the other member institutions/ board members and together, we decided on provincial priorities that will inform our policy development and advocacy for the upcoming year.

Canadian Alliance of Student Association (CASA)

- **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. I will keep everyone updated on this Committee and its work.

Policies: CASA: Alex and I also filled out a document to share with the Board at CASA what our priorities are as an institution and what policy proposals and priorities we would like to see pushed at the federal level.

Miscellaneous

NB-EI Connect Press Release and Survey

To gain feedback from students on the direct impacts of NB-EI Connect, I assisted the President in developing social media tools and a survey to provide an efficient avenue for students to voice their concerns. Alex also consulted me when drafting the Press Release where I voiced the concerns about the program termination that have been conveyed by students since the announcement.

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Meetings

STUSU President- Alex

I had a meeting with Alex to talk about future ideas that we have for students at campus.

Vice President of Student Wellness of UNBSU - Ridhi Sharma

Ridhi and I met to discuss how both of our campuses can work together and host a student-run business fair at campus. We also discussed about Sex week and more events!

Tailwind- Anita Samra:

I met with Anita, where she was able to explain what Tailwind is and how this organization provides mental health services in different campus around Canada.

Campaign Advisor (Shinerama National Leadership Team)- Mullen Boulter:

I met with Mullen to check in with them about our Shine Event at STU and how it was going. They were able to guide me with the activities that we are going to host on campus regarding Shine Day.

Miscellaneous

Shinerama Conference:

I attended the Shinerama Conference this month to learn more about Cystic Fibrosis. The conference also talked about ideas of fundraising, and they also guided us on how to collect funding for them by having different activities at campus.

MayDay:

The STUgenda is being made!

Emergency Bursary:

The Emergency Bursary email was monitored every day to see if we had received any applications. We did not receive any application for the month of July.

Community Food Smart

Through the month of July, I was checking email to look for orders; we received one order for this month.